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Radio Show At Club Sunday

"Bombs A' Burstin'", a fun and music packed show, featuring GI talent, will be broadcast from the Enlisted Men's Service Club at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The show will be broadcast over Radio Station KIUN, and will be a regular weekly feature of this station, in cooperation with the Pyote AAF Public Relations Office. Visitors are welcome to attend the show in the Service Club.

Beauty Contest Ends Saturday

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The wedding was GI all the way as S-Sgt. Roby Smith and Pfc. Helen Wagner were married here recently. Sgt. Smith and Pfc. Wagner, now honeymooning in Chicago, are shown racing from Station Chapel amid shower of rice. Their acquaintance started several months ago at Station Theatre, where he is manager and she is cashier. For more particulars on the recent social event linking Fort Worth and Chicago, read Cpl. Edna Collins' column on Page 11.



New Equipment 'Smothers' Fire



There's a new way of fighting small concentrated blazes being used in the Air Forces, and here Station firemen are practicing in its use. Hoses carrying a special mixture of "dry ice" in liquid form are applied to blaze.

'Tons Of Talent' Coming

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Two Days Left In 'Queen Of Pyote' Beauty Contest

**Deadline Saturday;
Winner to be Named
In April 27 Issue**

You have only two more days left, if you're going to try to win fame for your girl friend and a \$50.00 War Bond for yourself.

For the Rattler's "Queen of Pyote" beauty contest is going to close on Saturday, April 22. After a few days of careful reflection the judges will decide on a winner who will be announced in the April 27th issue of this journal.

All entries must be in at the Public Relations Office in Station Headquarters by 1700 (5 p.m.) on Saturday.

The race is still a wide open one and, according to the judges, there is no telling which section of the country is going to produce the "Queen of Pyote." According to the judges, who by now are getting bleary-eyed and haggard from loss of sleep over their vital decision, each part of these United States has a plethora of pulchritudinous women in it. Translated from the judicial vernacular, this means there evidently are beautiful women in every town and hamlet of the 48. Or so the entries would indicate. The judges are keeping things pretty much to themselves but it's a known fact that the entry list is getting quite lengthy and contains more than a few who'd be outstanding contestants in any beauty contest.

The Queen of Pyote is going to be picked on the basis of a picture alone. Photographic technique is not prime point to be considered, but the beauty and winsomeness of the entry is going to decide the issue. The contest is open to all military personnel stationed here, either officers or enlisted men, and you can enter a picture of your wife or girl friend.

First prize will be a \$50.00 war bond, second a \$25.00 bond, and third prize will be \$10.00 in war stamps. The prizes are being given by Special Services.

All pictures will be returned to their owners after the winner is announced.

MAJOR TO BECOME PRIVATE

BOISE, IDA. (CNS)—Maj. John G. Walters, aide to Brig. Gen. M. G. McConnell, Idaho State Guard adjutant general, has passed his pre-induction physical and soon will become a private in the U. S. Army, he says.

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS)—Dr. Carl R. Bailey applied to the OPA for permission to buy a new automobile. "Are you engaged in production of essential materials?" he was asked. "Yes," the doctor replied, "babies." He got the permit.

To Appear Here



Pastine Dancers

Coordination and Compliance Section Is Established

A Coordination and Compliance Section has been set up here to carry out inspections and see that irregularities and discrepancies are complied with, according to Base Memorandum 20-1.

Station Directors, Organization and Detachment Commanders will be responsible for immediate action on all matters arising out of inspection reports, and for expeditious replies to the section, showing all action initiated, followed up and completed.

The Coordination and Compliance Section will also formulate and prepare directives and policies, when necessary, on matters charged to this section.

ITALY, TEX. (CNS) — Charlie Dawson, just turned 18, claims he's the youngest father of three children in the entire Southwest. His third child arrived last week, just before Dawson received his draft call.

Jive Concert At EM Club Tonight

A Jive Band Concert will be presented at 2100 tonight at the Service Club, with members of both bands taking part in a hot-and-sweet session.

T-Sgt. Edward Christensen will direct the following numbers: Don't Cry, Baby; Holiday for Strings, Moonlight Sonata, Jungle Drums, No Love, No Nothing; The Sand Man, Blue and Sentimental, Prelude in C Minor, Jump Steady, Kansas City Moods, Trumpet Blues and Cantabiles, Tune Town Shuffle, Salt Peanuts, and the Two O'Clock Jump.

Cpl. Irving Marder will be vocalist on two numbers.

LONELY YANK PREFERS 100 WOMEN TO GIFT

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (CNS) — A soldier stationed at a base here received a birthday present from 100 women in Connecticut. He wrote back that he didn't want to appear ungrateful but he wished they had kept the gift and sent him the 100 women instead.

'All Is Well', USO Camp Show Here April 25

Appearing at the Recreation Hall on Tuesday night, April 25, will be a new variety show from New York, "All Is Well." It is free to all station personnel.

Surprise and novelty are outstanding qualities of the review, which is appraised as one of the most colorful to come out of Broadway this season. The act is long on laughs and entertainment, mixing songs, dancing and comedy in pleasing proportions. Several acts are being presented for the first time by USO Camp Shows on the current tour.

Johnny Pastine and his two dancing partners have an act that is sure-fire. Their dancing numbers have brought them applause in camps all over the country.

The Three Kayne Sisters, Kansas City Songbirds, who have just finished a tour with Ted Lewis' musicians, are headliners. The Kayne Sisters dance some and throw a few gags, but mostly they sing.

Marty Collins and Harry Peterson, two "Commandos of Comedy," will appear as double masters of ceremonies. They were the first comedy act to work with Rudy Vallee over NBC and have appeared frequently in pictures.

Betty Lee, an acrobatic dancer who performs with the ease of a veteran entertainer although just out of high school, is slated to present a fast-moving act that includes a "snake roll" entrance.

New Summer Uniform Authorized for WACs

Summer styles for WACs will be a uniform of khaki tropical worsted, according to a War Department announcement received at this station from 2nd AF Headquarters.

The new uniform is similar to the summer uniform now worn by WAC officers, the only difference being that the enlisted uniform does not have khaki braid on the sleeve cuff. There is no change in enlisted WAC insignia.

Enlisted women will continue to wear the khaki cotton twill uniform while on duty, the announcement stated, and the new tropical worsted is authorized for wear at other times. WACs will change to summer uniform on the same date as other military personnel.



Mitchell Field, L. I.—Two sergeants were seated in the gym lockerroom here when they were approached by a recent inductee. "May I come in?" he asked meekly. "Sure," said the sergeants. "But," the kid said, "the sign says 'Enlisted Men' and I'm only a draftee."

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Get Your Furlough Card Punched Now! New Ruling Is Out

That loud moan that you probably heard from Station Headquarters Monday was just the GIs response to the new furlough regulation. The loud cry went up when the meaning soaked into those sad sacks who had been (notice the past tense: had been) sweating out furloughs between now and July 1st.

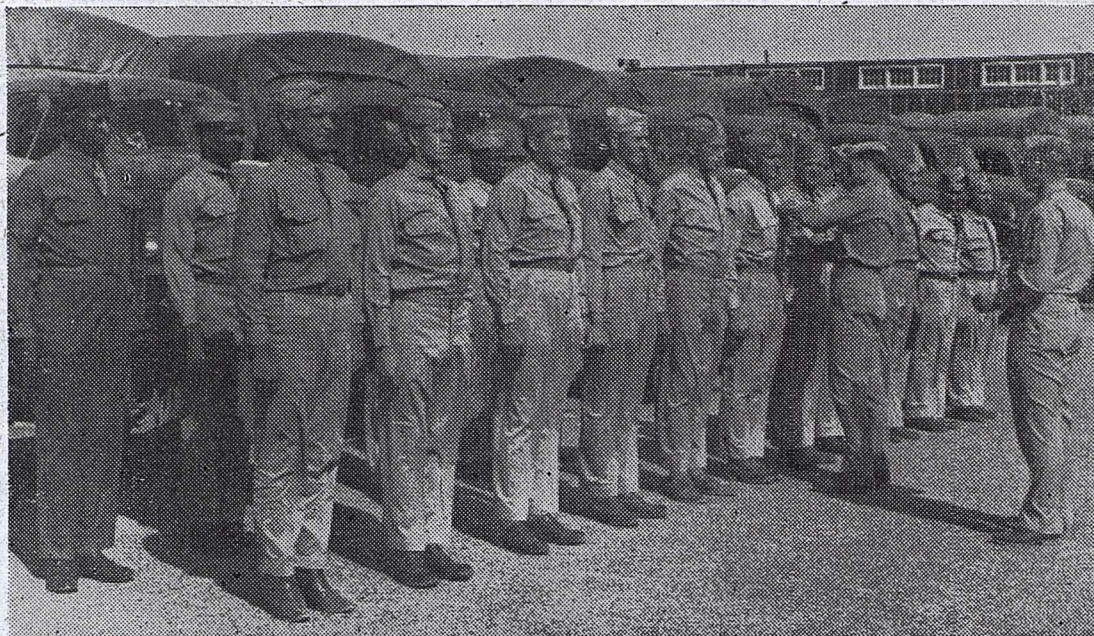
As we understand it, enlisted men are now to be granted 15 days a year plus traveling time. If you've had 15-plus-travel during this fiscal year (between July 1, 1943, and June 30, 1944) you will not be eligible for another furlough until July 1 or after. During the next fiscal year EM are to be granted 15 days plus travel, according to present regulations. If you had less than 15 days during the present fiscal year, you can possibly get the difference between what you had and 15, travel time to be added. This is not, however, an official interpretation, so don't take anything for granted.

Emcees Show



Pop Jacobs, who has emceed many programs at the Service Club during the past several weeks, will announce the acts and introduce the talent in the forthcoming all-GI production. The show is slated to go on at 8:30 p. m. at the Recreation Hall on Wednesday, April 26.

Motor Pool Drivers Get Awards



Awarded Motor Vehicle Driver's Award, for safe driving in last three months on this Base . . . award presented by Lt. Robert F. Bruns with S-Sgt. George M. Moran standing in foreground.

From left to right, Pfc. Willie Windon, Pvt. Nathaniel Beas-

ley, Pfc. Harold B. Green, Pvt. Clarence E. Avery (hidden behind Avery, Pvt. Joseph Merriwether) Pfc. Sammie J. Hunter, Pfc. John A. Krafinski, Pfc. Robert N. Barton, Cpl. Joseph Holcombe, Pfc. Beverly M. Reese, Cpl. Carl H. Petree, (hidden

behind Lt. Bruns is Pfc. Willie H. Belton, Pvt. Dowain H. Whipple, Pfc. Ben Chilblot and Cpl. Clinton W. Harrison). Others who received awards but are not in the picture include Sgt. Roscoe Simmons, Pfc. Cleophus Watkins.

Softball Loop Holds Openers

With a minimum of fanfare and plenty of action, both hot and cold, the opening games of the Rattlesnake Softball League were reeled off last night under the direction of the Rattlesnake Softball Training Department. Two games a night will be played in this practice league which will hold the center of attention until June 12th when the regular league competition will open.

According to the P. T. department, first and second place winners in the regular league will be awarded prizes.

This practice league was devised in order to give each club ample opportunity to try out its respective candidates.

No prizes will be awarded for the team copping the title in this competition.

All games are to be played in the old 19th Group athletic field, opposite the Station Hospital on Monday through Friday, starting time—6:30 p.m.

Twelve teams have already entered. They are Shutterbugs from the Photo Lab; Cyclones out of the Weather Section; Brown Bombers, Section C; Hot Licks, Section A; Buzzers, Officers, Static Chasers, Control Tower; Star Gazers, C. N. T.; Medics, Guards, Canadian Clubbers, Officers; Crippled Commandos, Section E and the Quartermaster.

Major Nelson Gets His Silver Leaves

It's Lt.-Col. John B. Nelson now. The Director of Ground Training has received notice of his promotion from Major to that grade, and has been passing out the cigars for the past few days. Lt.-Col. Nelson has occupied key posts in the Pyote training program, and his promotion is recognition of the substantial contributions he has made in various assignments.

Thanks for the stogie, Lt.-Col. Nelson.

Catholic Mission Slated Next Week

Next Sunday, April 23rd, will mark the opening of a one-week Mission at the Station Chapel, Pyote Army Air Field.

Father E. A. Baxter, a Dominican Missionary from Houston, will conduct the Mission. Father Baxter was an Army chaplain during the last war.

The schedule of Mission exercises will be as follows: Mission Opening Sunday at the three Masses, 0800, 1615, and 1745; Mass every morning of the week at 0700; Sermon and Benediction every noon at 1210; Mass, Sermon, and Benediction every evening at 1730. Confessions will be heard at every service of the Mission.



FLAMES SMOTHERED . . . Spouting from the large overhead boom on a tank truck, a new fire-fighting fluid has enveloped a demonstration blaze, literally "smothering" it to death. Demonstrations conducted here recently have proven the effectiveness of the new method and have initiated Pyote foremen in use of the equipment.



GEORGIA PEACH . . . We know that is hardly original but what else can you say about a lovely girl like Barbara Ann Hudson, who hails from Hawkinsville, Ga.? Miss Hudson's picture is entered in the "Queen of Pyote" Beauty Contest by Pvt. Howard M. Martin, of Section D.



MISSOURI . . . From St. Louis comes this picture of Margaret Youngman, resident of that city. The picture was entered by Pvt. Gerald Garrison, of Union City, Tenn.

'Best Barracks'

In the weekly "Best Barracks" contest for the Combat Crew Detachment, Barracks 604, with T-Sgt. T. A. Matternich as barracks chief, rung up 91.3 percent to take first place. Barracks 626 and Barracks 607 were tied with 86 points for second place.

"Best All-Around Section" was claimed by Section I with 77.4 percent. Section II was not far behind with 74.5. Section III chalked up 71 points for third place.

SAYS ESQUIRE—

Flight Engineer Boss On Bomber When Chips Down

The man who sees that America's big bombers get back to base when the odds are 10-to-1 against it . . . the man who nurses the last precious flying minutes out of a crippled ship . . . the man who drops his wrench to become top-gunner on a Fortress when another sort of trouble strikes . . . that's the flight engineer, the boss of the bomber. According to Sig-mund Sameth's article BOSS OF THE BOMBER, in ESQUIRE.

Official records are full of the work of the flight engineer . . . though he may not always be mentioned by name. Sometimes his work isn't even mentioned. But without a good flight engineer, a certain Liberator with 2,100 bullet holes in it probably never could have returned safely to its base. Nor would one Fortress have made it, wheezing in with only ounces of oil left in its lubricating system.

But they did make it. And others continue to make it, every day, because they have on board a flight engineer who knows inch by inch the miles of electrical, hydraulic, oxygen, fuel and oil systems. Mr. Fixit, as he's called, understands 200-odd aircraft instruments, inside and out; he must be familiar with the complex web of control cables . . . pneumatic equipment . . . landing gears . . . de-icers and anti-icers. He must understand the ticking of the engines better than the beating of his own heart. He must be ready to cope with every quirk of the gremlins. He is responsible for every fixture of the ship from wing-tip lights to the lock-nut on the bomb shackles in her belly, says ESQUIRE.

Although he wears the silver wings which are the badge of all flying personnel, the flight engineer is an enlisted man, usually a technical sergeant. His chevrons are outranked by an officer's bars, yet at certain times, he can and does tell his superiors what to do. Fellow crew-members from lieutenant colonels on down follow his recommendations willingly.

Mechanical aptitude tests are given to every new recruit to help locate prospective flight engineers. These men are drilled for solid months in Aerial Mechanical Engineering. They learn to wipe and wipe every nook and cranny on the most inaccessible engine and fuselage surfaces. In time, an apprentice mechanic wipes his way up to be a ground crew chief, but before he can become a flight engineer, he has further hurdles to pass, says ESQUIRE.

Not only must he be in tip-top



STEP-SAVER . . . Footsore Infantrymen won't be any happier to hear about this, but Sgt. Bill Hargrove, CCD Supply Sergeant, has figured out a way to save men in his squadron a few steps. No more do they trudge the long, hard distance from barracks to supply room weekly for their laundry. Instead their bundles are wheeled to the barracks door and left for distribution. Sgt. Hargrove is shown above checking a pile of bedding. If they only had him for a KP pusher.

CCD Supply Man Saves Leather: Delivers Laundry To Barracks

Sgt. Bill Hargrove is a pretty well-liked guy around the Combat Crew Detachment at the present writing. Reason: He has a fleet of two-wheeled carts at his command and every Thursday the laundry bundles of the C. C. D. are delivered to each barracks instead of the men "sweating out" a line.

This innovation has avoided a lot of mixed up bundles in a mad scramble each week for laundry. More than 500 bundles a week pour into the enlisted men's laundry and seeing that each man gets his belongings back consumes a good part of Hargrove's time. In addition to laundry, blankets, pillows, mattresses and covers are issued to all incoming G. I.s in the CCD. Baggage is stored for

all G. I.s who are on furlough or go to the hospital.

Attention is called to the fact that 30 pieces is the limit on laundry and the laundry roster must be signed between the 18th and the 24th of each month for the month coming up. Under the supervision of Lt. H. Z. Moore charges are made and turned over to the payroll section each month.

Further facts wangled from Hargrove: That G. I.s are widely travelled is attested by the number of towels sent in marked "Pullman", "Hotel", etc! Also, out of curiosity, Hargrove added up all the bedding items issued to members of the CCD, and found that "sack time" materials is valued at approximately \$42.

Sgt. Hargrove is from Temple, Texas, and has been in the Air Corps since Sept. 26, 1942.

He has been at Pyote for 17 months, and helped set up his present supply department when it was the old 435th.

If you want to see him start jumping around just cut loose with a guitar solo, preferably "Steel Guitar Rag"! He likes his music on the corny side and makes no bones of it. Before he started wearing high topped shoes he played some with Bob Wills and over a regular program for KTEM, Temple, Tex.

Detail work is right down Hargrove's alley as he was employed as a book-keeper in civilian life.

physical shape, but he must be immune to that unfortunate malady known as airsickness. With his large share of responsibility, it would be disastrous if he should fold up and turn green when things bounce around a bit, says ESQUIRE. He must be a Deadeye Dick with the caliber 50's for he acts as top gunner during battle. Behind a machine-gun, as well as a monkey wrench, Mr. Fixit does a man-sized job. He's the guy who chalks up those terrific records . . . a guy who manages the magic that keeps our bombers in the air long after their crews, by every rule in the book, should have hit the silk.

In Short, Here's Dope On Voting For Servicemen

WASHINGTON — The Servicemen's Voting Bill draws sharp distinction between the use of the Federal (short ballot) and the full state ballots. Service members stationed in the United States are restricted, with a few stated exceptions wherein the states cannot provide their own, to the use of the state ballot and are required to apply for it on application forms furnished by the armed services. Armed forces overseas may use the Federal ballot, but only under prescribed conditions.

An overseas voter, as in the case of one serving in this country, must apply for a home state ballot not later than Sept. 1. If he has not received his state ballot by Oct. 1, he may vote by Federal ballot, provided that by July 15 the governor of his state of voting residence has certified that the Federal ballot is authorized by the laws of the state. Without such action by the governor, that state's service citizens would lose the use of the short ballot.

Free air mail service is provided for all ballots, Federal and state in primaries, general and special elections where used by service personnel.

It is stipulated, however, that the transportation of applications and ballots shall be guaranteed only to the extent consistent with unhampered movement of military and naval personnel and supplies.

Voting privileges are extended, in this country, beyond the armed services to the United States Merchant Marine. Abroad, they are given also to members of units of the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, United Service Organizations (the USO) and the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots.

In a state which has no absentee balloting law, the Federal ballot is extended to its citizens in service here and abroad, but only if the governor can certify that the short ballot will be acceptable under state statute.

Ballot Commission Created

The new law establishes a United States War Ballot Commission, consisting of the Secretaries of War and Navy and the Administrator of the War Shipping Administration, to coordinate and facilitate the handling of applications for ballots and the ballots themselves.

The commission is directed to get applications for ballots in the hands of all service personnel in the United States by Sept. 15 and those overseas by Aug. 15. Prior sending of the application cards is provided for primary and special elections. (For some primaries, cards sent out under the 1942

HOW TO VOTE IN 11 STATES HOLDING PRIMARIES IN JUNE AND JULY

| NAME OF STATE | DATE OF ELECTION | HOW TO APPLY FOR STATE ABSENTEE BALLOTS | Earliest Date State Will Receive Application for Ballot | Earliest Date State Will Forward Ballot to Applicant* | Final Date Executed Ballot Must Be Back To Be Eligible To Be Counted | SPECIAL STATE PROVISIONS |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| GEORGIA | 4 July | a) In accordance with Georgia law, or b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Atlanta, Ga. | Any time | 15 Apr. | 4 July | Servicemen 18 years of age and over on 7 Nov. 1944 are eligible to apply to vote in the primary. |
| IDAHO | 13 June | a) In accordance with Idaho law, or b) By mailing to the Secretary of State, Boise, Idaho, the WD post card on which the serviceman has written that he wishes it treated as an application for State Absentee Ballot. | Any time | 1 June | 13 June | Note that the serviceman must write on the WD post card that he wishes it treated as an application for a State Absentee Ballot. Note that there are only 13 days between the time the state will mail the ballots and the time they must be received back in the state to be eligible to be counted. |
| IOWA | 5 June | By mailing a special application form furnished by Iowa. Servicemen can request this application form (1) by writing to the Secretary of State, Des Moines, Iowa, or to the appropriate local election officials, if known, or (2) by mailing to the Secretary of State the WD post card on which the serviceman has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for a State Absentee Ballot. | Any time | 11 Apr. | 4 June | Note that serviceman must request an application for a ballot, which can be done either by letter or by WD post card on which he has written he wishes it treated as a request for an application for a State Absentee Ballot. The request should be made at the earliest possible date. |
| MAINE | 19 June | By mailing a special application form furnished by Maine. Servicemen can request this application form (1) by writing to the Secretary of State, Augusta, Maine, or to the appropriate local election officials, if known, or (2) by mailing to the Secretary of State the WD post card on which the serviceman has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for a State Absentee Ballot. | Any time | 10 May | 19 June | Note that serviceman must request an application for a ballot, which can be done either by letter or by WD post card on which he has written he wishes it treated as a request for an application for a State Absentee Ballot. This information is on the basis of existing state law. The Maine Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions. |
| MICHIGAN | 11 July | a) In accordance with Michigan law, or b) By sending a WD post card to the Secretary of State, Lansing, Mich. | Any time | 12 June | 11 July | |
| MINNESOTA | 10 July | a) In accordance with Minnesota law, or b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, St. Paul, Minn. | Any time | 10 May | 10 July | |
| MISSISSIPPI (First primary) | 4 July | a) In accordance with Mississippi law, or b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Jackson, Miss. | 4 May | 4 May | 4 July | Note that this is the first Mississippi primary. There will be a run-off primary on 29 Aug. 1944. |
| NEW MEXICO | 6 June | There is no provision for absentee voting in the primary. Soldiers may vote only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. | | | | Note that New Mexico does not provide for any method of absentee voting in the primary. Servicemen to vote must appear in person at the proper local election polling place. |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 27 June | a) In accordance with North Dakota law, or b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Bismarck, N. D. | Any time | 1 May | 27 June | This information is on the basis of existing state law. The North Dakota Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions. |
| OKLAHOMA | 11 July | a) In accordance with Oklahoma law, or b) By using the WD post card, addressed to the Secretary of the County Election Board of the county of the soldier's residence. The soldier should change both the front and the back of the WD post card from "Secretary of State" to "Secretary of the County Election Board." Application can be made at any time. | Any time | 1 July | 11 July | Note that WD post cards must be addressed, front and back, to the Secretary of the County Election Board of the county of the soldier's residence, not to the Secretary of State. Note that there are only 11 days between the time the state will mail the ballots and the time they must be received back in the state to be eligible to be counted. This information is on the basis of existing state law. The Oklahoma Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions. |
| WASHINGTON | 11 July | a) In accordance with Washington law, or b) By sending the WD post card to the Secretary of State, Olympia, Wash. | Any time | 27 May | Ballot must be marked and mailed on or before 11 July and received by 5 Aug. | |

*Application should reach officials on, or as soon after as possible, the date the state starts sending out ballots.



This table, provided by YANK, The Army Weekly, shows you how you can vote in primary elections between June 1 and July 11. All of these states provide for voting in their primaries only by state absentee ballots covering Federal, State and local officials. The WD post card referred to in the table is WD AGO Form 560 which has been used in elections since 1942. Your CO should be able to give

you this form, but if you can't get it, you may write a letter using the same wordage that is on Form 560. Don't forget to put your party affiliation on your application for a state absentee ballot as primary elections are for party candidates only. Remember, also, to print your name and serial number under your signature because some state officials have complained that they are unable

to read signatures. With the exception of Georgia, which last year lowered its voting age to 18, all servicemen in these states must be at least 21 at the time of the election to be eligible to vote. Some states require absentee voters to take steps in addition to filing a ballot application, so if you're not sure of your eligibility to vote, you had better write to your secretary of state.

Soldier Voting Law have been going out for months, thus enabling members of the armed forces to take part in primaries and special elections already held and scheduled.)

When the service voter makes out his application for a state ballot, he will mail it, not to the Federal Commission, but to the Secretary of State of his home state. The new law recommends that the Secretary of State, upon receipt of such applications, forward them promptly to the appropriate county, city or other election official or officials who would send the ballots out to qualified voters.

The envelope in which the ballot is sent to the voter will also contain one for the return of the

ballot, direct to the proper polling place. The act recommends state legislative action to provide ample time for the transmissions of applications and ballots before election day.

Federal Ballot a Supplement

As a pure supplement, the Federal ballot (official Federal War ballot), would be prepared by the commission. It provides six places where the voter may write in the name of his choice for President (which also includes a vote for the Vice Presidential nominee of the same party); United States Senator; United States Senator, unexpired term; Representative in Congress from the voter's home district; and Representative-at-large.

No ballot, under the law, will

be declared invalid by reason of mistake or omission in writing in the name of the candidate, where the candidate intended by the voter was plainly identifiable. Where, because of any defect in marking, a ballot were held invalid as to any particular candidate, it would remain valid as to the other candidates.

The law declares that all service personnel voting under its terms shall have an opportunity to mark the ballot secretly, providing that the voter shall place it in the official "inner envelope" to be furnished, and seal it securely, fill in and subscribe the oath printed on the inner envelope and then prepare the other envelope, enclose the ballot, seal it and deliver it to the proper authority.

'Tons Of Talent', All-GI Show, Will Be Presented Wednesday

"Tons of Talent," a show which has just what the title says, will be presented at 2015 at the Recreation Hall on Wednesday, April 26. Admission is free.

If you crowded all the figures who'll take part in this all-GI show on one set of scales, they would rattle the Fairbanks at a figure considerably in excess of the standard 2,000 pounds. And, according to the directors, the quality is just as good as the quantity. What started out a few weeks ago as an impromptu evening of voluntary entertainment has grown into an auspicious assemblage of diverse and tuneful talent.

It will be mostly musical—except for the six couples who are slated to perform a synchronized jitterbugging act.

The talent is all of the home-grown variety, including soldiers stationed here who have taken their time off in the evenings to whip up the affair and present it for your entertainment.

A band octet featuring Marty Masters and Dutch Werthamer will be presented.

Sgt. Miley Crabtree and PFC. Mickey Cupito, the Harmonica Kings of Pyote, will show what can be done with a couple of the French harps in the hands of experts.

A male quartet will present some vocal numbers, and Pvt. Charles Lotito will be soloist.

Leonard (Pop) Jacobs will act as emcee.

A waltz number featuring Miss Jean Hearne and PFC. Bruno has been scheduled.



DISPATCHER . . . S-Sgt. George J. Perniciaro, shown here in a comparatively quiet moment, is in charge of sending Motor Pool vehicles out when station units request transportation.

A Few Pounds From 'Tons Of Talent'



This quartet will give with the vocals in the GI show, "Tons of Talent." Left to right: Robert Hinz, Marvin Nusbaum, Jimmy Green, and Charlie Lotito.



Two of the hottest harmonicas in these parts belong to S-Sgt. Miley Crabtree and Sgt. Mickey Cupito, shown giving the reeds a workout in preparation for "Tons of Talent."

MEET YOUR BUDDIES:

Dispatcher Juggles Cars, Drivers To Answer Station-Wide Requests

Remember that gentle, courteous individual with the soft, mellow voice who was always flagging you down and asking where the fire was? Usually he wound up shoving a ticket at you for burning too much rubber. Can anybody remember when they had any rubber to burn?

George Perniciaro is an Illinois (Calumet City) lad who used to be the key figure in such incidents. For George was a traffic officer back in Calumet City, before he became embroiled with the Selective Service people. He hopped on a motorcycle just about as soon as he left high school and has been working somewhere in the transportation game ever since.

Now, due to some wierd combination of circumstances which happen every so often (scientists say about once in 327 times), George is—that's right, working at the Station Motor Pool.

Furthermore, Perniciaro has been in Motor Pool work during all of his 18 months in the Army. He is now a staff sergeant in Uncle Sam's Air Corps and holds down one of the most vital jobs on the base—he's the chief dispatcher for the station.

If you say it in a hurry and forget about it, "chief dispatcher" doesn't sound like much. You might think it's one of those routine jobs that any good office boy could handle . . . in which case you would be absolutely wrong. The job is one that calls

for plenty of judgment and knowledge which can be gained only by experience. He's the boy behind the desk, who puts on a harrassed and worried expression on his face upon entering, and checks it at the door when he leaves.

All requests for transportation flow across his desk. He keeps tab on about 400 vehicles and around 75 drivers, some of whom are on duty at all hours. He must determine which transportation is to go where when the telephone wires start getting hot. His men and machines must be juggled around so that everybody will get what they want (or think they need), his cars and trucks will be kept in repair, and the drivers won't have to put in too many hours.

His job has more angles than a geometry textbook, but so far S-Sgt. Perniciaro has come up with the right answers.

After the war he'll probably get back on his little motorcycle and go riding over the Illinois countryside . . . "All right, bud, where's the fire?"

He: Smoke?
 She: No, thank you.
 He: Drink?
 She: Nope
 He: Neck?
 She: Oh, no.
 He: What in hell do you do?
 She: (Coily) I tell lies.

NCCS To Observe Civilian Employees First Here To Join WACs 3rd Anniversary

The National Catholic Community Service, which operates a program in the USO Club at Monahans, Texas will observe its third anniversary on April 21, it was announced today by Edward A. Palange, local NCCS director. Popularly known as NCCS, it is one of the six member agencies of the USO, and in this capacity operates more than 500 clubs and extensions for servicemen, servicewomen and war workers, regardless of race, color or creed.

Throughout the clubs and extensions, located in every state of the union as well as the nation's capital, individual club celebrations will be held commemorating the anniversary. One of the largest celebrations will take place in Washington, D. C., when prominent leaders of the press and clergy will be guests at a special anniversary observance. Special radio broadcasts will mark the event throughout the nation.

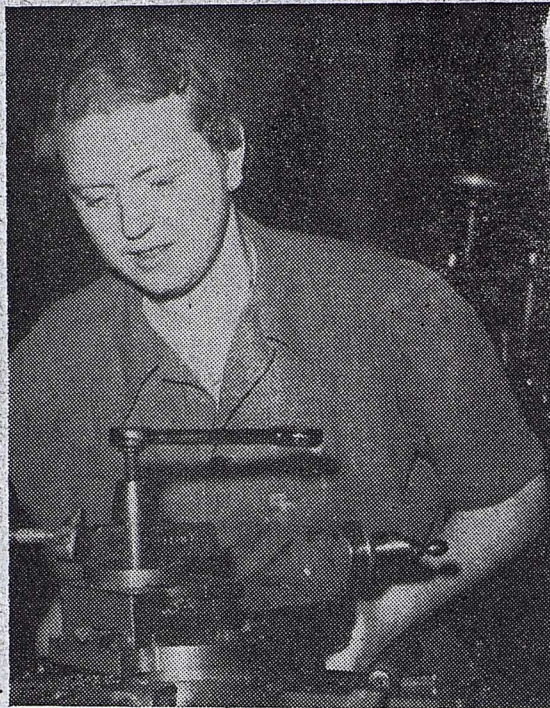
Approximately 7,000,000 servicemen, women in the armed forces, and workers in crowded industrial centers visit the NCCS operated clubs monthly, where a wide variety of services are offered. Under the guidance of 700 trained professional workers, assisted by more than 300,000 volunteers, NCCS runs a program of cultural and social activities in the total USO aim to provide a "home away from home."

Each club features dances, movies, sports events and other activities designed to fill happily the leisure hours of NCCS activities designed to fill happily the leisure hours of NCCS guests. Special services, including instruction in crafts and other subjects are offered. Through its Room Registry Service, the NCCS assists in finding comfortable living quarters for those visiting servicemen and women and their families in Army and Navy areas, and for war workers in overburdened communities.

Francis P. Matthews is chairman of the NCCS Executive Committee and James J. Norris, executive director. Co-workers with the NCCS in carrying out the extensive USO activities for the millions of men and women in the war effort, are the Young Men's Christian Associations, the Young Women's Christian Associations, the Salvation Army, the National Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers' Aid Association.

Excited female at a revival meeting: "Last night I was in the arms of the devil. Tonight I'm in the arms of the Lord."

Voice from the rear of the hall; "What are you doing tomorrow night, baby?"



Mary Locke has been making a considerable contribution to the war effort for the past two years. During that time she has worked as a machinist and has purchased more than \$3,000 worth of war bonds. Recently, though, the Pyote Army Air Field employee decided she wasn't doing enough. She gave up a job that paid her around \$2,100 a year in the Sub Depot Machine Shop and enlisted in the Women's Army Corps. "I have a friend who's been overseas for eight months and I'm going to do everything in my power to bring him home as quickly as possible," she said. After her basic training, if she is allowed her choice of station, she said she would ask to come back to Pyote, but would be willing "to go anywhere they send me."



Jean Henry has been pounding a typewriter at the Officers Mess at Pyote, but when her friend Mary Locke decided to join the WACs, Jean was swiftly persuaded. The two will leave together to report for basic training on May 1st. Before reporting they will spend several days in Pennsylvania. Here Miss Henry is shown slaving away at her Underwood on the day before she left. Said that she "likes Pyote fine"—Texas is her home—but decided she might help to cut a day or two off the war's duration by entering active service. "I'd like to help get it over with so we can go back to living the way we used to," said Miss Henry. The two are the first civilian employees of this station to join the WACs.

At Service Club

Wed., April 19—Art Class, 2000 at Courts and Boards; Record Hour, 2030-2130; Hostesses in Club from Kermit and Wink.

Thurs., Apr. 20—E. M. Wives luncheon, 1200-1300; German class at 2100 at Courts and Boards; Jive Band Concert, 2100.

Fri., Apr. 21—Dance sponsored by Wacs, 2200.

Sat., Apr. 22—Dance at USO in Monahans.

Sun., Apr. 23—Coffee and doughnuts served in patio from 1500-1600; Radio Hour, 1700-1800.

Mon., Apr. 24—Shorthand class, 2000, at Courts and Boards office; Movies, 2100.

Tues., Apr. 25—Mending, 1130-1730; French class, 2000 at Courts and Boards office; USO Show, "All Is Well," at Theater.

Wed., Apr. 26—Art class, 2000 at Courts and Boards office; "Tons of Talent," soldier show, at Recreation Hall.



Thurs., Apr. 20—"Shine On, Harvest Moon," with Ann Sheridan and Dennis Morgan.

Fri., Apr. 21—"You Can't Ration Love," with Betty Rhodes and Johnny Johnston.

Sat., Apr. 22—"The Young in Heart," with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Paulette Goddard.

Sun. and Mon., Apr. 23-24—"Buffalo Bill," with Joel McCrea, Maureen O'Hara and Linda Darnell.

Tues., Apr. 25—"The Falcon Out West," with Tom Conway and Barbara Hale.

Wed. and Thurs., Apr. 26-27—"Four Jills in a Jeep," with Kay Frances and Carole Landis.

Monahans USO

Thurs.—Hobby Hour, 8:00 P. M.; Mrs. M. L. H. Baze; April birthday party.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—Pan-American Dance, 8:00, Pyote Air Field Band.

Sun.—Coffee Hour, 11:00 A.M.; Buffet Supper, 6:00 P.M.; Songfest, 7:30 P.M.

Mon.—Movies: "Upper Cutlets," "The Foxy Fox," and "Treasure Island No. 1."

Tues.—Game night (bingo).

Wed.—Better Halves Club Luncheon, 12:00; Catholic discussion Group, led by Chaplain Gannon, 8:30 P. M.

First Old Maid: What in the world were you dreaming about, Matilda? You made such a fuss last night that I couldn't sleep.

Second Old Maid: Oh, I had an awful nightmare. Clark Gable was chasing me and he couldn't catch me.—Grit.

Melody In 'F'

DISHWASHER'S DIARY: After spending the first of three days involved in standing over a hot sink (no "t", printer, please), I am now prepared to delve into this week's column as only a weary Kaypee can delve into anything. Took time out from heading a mop brigade to note last week's Rattler office got scooped by one of its own columnists. Cpl. Edna Collins of "Wac Flak" rates the nod for mentioning the planning merge between PFC. Helen Wagner and S-Sgt. Roby Smith. Page 6 of the same Rattler, shows pictures of both, but cuts no cupidistic capers. Tsk, tsk.

Sudden thawt while dusting tables: What ever happened to the Section's weekly award to best barracks? Nothing happened on that in our Section after the first week.

Overheard in the chow line: From one boy who obviously had a large evening and was due to work early the next morning: "Work is the curse of the drinking people."

The Marvelous GI: He'll dodge into any building or shelter to avoid the retreat but will stand for hours watchng a windy breeze play hopscotch with a short skirt.

Recommended Reading: Take the trouble to read last week's Life magazine. It's editorial, pointing up the gap between civilians and soldiers, is

French And German Languages Taught

In an effort to give personnel stationed here a knowledge of the fundamental phrases and sentences of a few of the foreign tongues they may encounter in their travels, the Special Services Office has set up a teaching program for French and German.

A course in conversational German is being held each Thursday night; T-Sgt. Carl E. Spring is instructor.

A French Class, with records and texts provided, is held each Tuesday evening. Lt. Gaston Roumas and Cpl. Ed Craig are instructors.

In addition to these language classes, there is a shorthand class held each Monday night. It is taught by Mrs. Marshall, material and textbooks are provided.

An art class is held each Wednesday evening.

These classes are open to enlisted men, civilians, and officers. They are held at the Enlisted Men's Service Club at 2000 on the designated evenings.

a 4-bell smash. It should be a MUST for every GI and every civilian.

We hang our head in shame for not mentioning last week that T-Sgt. Paris (he flies the four motored ship) made the big leap and got married. Congrats, Paris. We wish you the best.

Okay, so we'll get back to pots and pans, pusher—don't push.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

By Cpl. Gregory J. Dwyer

And so, dear reader, and I do mean YOU! For the next three weeks, this column will be under the guidance of the incapable and editorially immature hands of yours truly. WHY? Due to the fact that our dearly beloved editor for this column had to threaten, then bribe (Insufficient Funds), and finally in utter desperation start throwing his rank to get this column edited. It seems that Sgt. Shipp finally got a furlough. Or should we say another furlough. After diligently applying himself over a hot desk and keeping the morale of the detachment at an unparalleled peak for month upon month he finally stole away into the night. Cowboy Jack took with him his boots, his serape, sombrero and last but not least "Daisy" his cow.

Cpl. Maleski and Cpl. McTigue took leave of Pyote and it is rumored that they stopped off at Big Spring. Seems that Maleski was hungry and a loaf of bread took an awful beating before it was devoured. McTigue seems to have gone in for a little "interior decorating". He did a little plastering on the home trip.

Poor Tony Nigro came back from furlough and all he said to his friends Cpls. Doherty and Moore, from New York City to Pyote was "all right." Resigned to his fate he carries on at the Hospital Post Office and "Jim Farley Mannion" breathes deep sighs of relief to see his little chum back on the job.

During our last dust storm, which by the way caused PFC. Timmons more work than worry. (Timmy contends that he didn't sweep Texas dust out of the halls around here. "That's Arizona dirt if AH EVAH SAW IT"), M-Sgt. Villa and T-Sgt. Swain went around the hospital with their sun-tan hats on. Old lady rumor started going the rounds again. Rumor No. (1) Villa and Swain are going to England; Rumor No. (2) Villa and Swain are getting CDD's; Rumor No. (3) They're going to be transferred to Headquarters. The real reason for their hat-wearing was "Didn't want the dust to get in our hair."

Cpl. Moore quoted himself as saying that he came back from furlough a single man, BUT in doing so he forgot the mailman. How come, Arnold, you received a little card from someone signed "Your little wifey." Come on kid, cigars can be purchased very reasonably at the Hospital P.X.

Male Call



Tubbs Hall has finally come through with a real live orchestra for Wednesday nite dancing. Thirteen pieces! Word comes from our Flyer's Dispensary that Capt. Pettis is now conversing in a foreign tongue, or at least when there are any young ladies within hearing distance. In case anyone is interested in getting their nails manicured, for a slight stipend, just see Cpl. Kronenberg at Medical Supply. She really does a very fancy job, you should take a look at rose pink tinge to Ike's fingernails. Station Theater is now blessed with a new ticket-taker, none other than our own "Politician Abel." Sorta wonder if he stops everyone at the door and asks how they are this evening and if they think tomorrow is going to be a good day. We pause for a moment to welcome two new additions to our Slap-happy House of Good Cheer, two lovely young ladies who have traded frills and fancies for olive-drab and sun-tan. Pvt. Sonya Pregozen, "Windy City's loss and Pyote's gain, and Pvt. Florence Eisenstadt from Minneapolis, Minn., the lass who wanted to get away from it all, very successfully done if you take Pyote for comparison. She really did get away from it all. Local 237 has moved to Bigger and better surroundings. A wild, a wooly and a big time was had by all. Our Sgt. Major seemed to be more than enjoying himself with a cute little red-head. And so kiddies we draw to a close another column, eyes dim from dust and sand.

SURPRISE!

NEW YORK (CNS) — While walking back to his ship, Harry Bailey, a British Royal Navy seaman and a stranger in New York, noticed an interesting looking box with a knob on it. He pulled the knob just to see what would happen. What happened was that Bailey wound up in jail, charged with turning in a false alarm.



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Forecastle Armor



Behind the 8 Ball

By ED RAFTERY

Via the grapevine the other day we learned of a little reunion that took place at the party in Grand Falls. Here's the story as we get it. Cpl. "Curly" Bell had just taken one of the new WACs under his wing and was treating her to a coke. He had made a couple of points for himself and was striving for more when Cpl. Dee Semones entered upon the scene. Dee just took over without asking any questions and "Curly" was left out in the cold. It seems that Dee hails from Portsmouth, Ohio and before entering the service he used to date a little old gal named Billie Lewis, and, take our word for it, he was astonished when he found "Curly" treating his old gal. Neither knew that the other was stationed at Pyote and we can imagine how they both felt over the meeting. It must be sheer joy to run into an old gal friend down here and best of all, have her stationed on the same base with you. Dee, you can consider yourself a lucky fellow and our informer tells that you are quite elated over the fact. Who wouldn't be?

Our congratulations are extended to S-Sgt. Logan Brown on his recent wedding to Pvt. Larson on his recent trip to the alter rail. Our best wishes to all four of you.

Cpl. Tommy Gallagher just received word that his wife gave birth to a daughter and he's all excited. Pvt. Peeling had better luck though, his wife presented him with a boy. Both you boys can collect the same for the kids though from your Uncle Sammy. One is as good as another to him.

There seems to be a heated argument all around us right now about why the wind blows and where it comes from so, before this becomes more nonsensical than it is already we'll say 30 again for this week.

Aviation Unit

By J. C. WILLIAMS

Barracks 1 is full of pep in the AM with Cpl. Daries Morris tackling Pvt. Marshall Bell, PFC Hardie Bryant challenging PT instructor George Brown and PFC. George Spriggs squaring off at your editor—one happy family, with Sgt. F. F. Smith roaming up and down the aisle taking on all comers.

The soldier that blows the trumpet in the early morn had better beware, men have been shot for less than that. It's a promise.

The following Rough Riders received their medals for safe driving: Sammie J. Hunter, Nathaniel Beasley, Ernest Briggs, Joseph Merriwether, Cleophus Watkins, C. W. Welch and Willie Windon. Under the guiding hand of Cpl. Morris these men have compiled an enviable record that we are proud of.

Sgt. F. F. Smith and Pvt. George W. Brown, PT instructors, are doing a swell job.

What's happened to the PX? It looks like a morgue, nothing in it. Maybe the windstorm blew everything away.

The following men are in training for future boxing tournaments: Thomas Sophus, Isaiah Robinson, George Brown, Ben Hughes, Richard Smith and John H. Williams, under the capable tutelage of Pvt. Edward Phillips, former pro of New York City and a member of this Unit.

Boys, if you wear the piano out now we won't have it for the opening of the club.

Have you seen the new pool table? Oh Boy!

Pvts. James Hamton, George Brown, J. C. Williams and PFC. George Spriggs had a torrid game the other nite. We wonder who won?

You wouldn't know who was involved in that shower episode one night this week—should we say

April Showers and forget it. Don't let the 1st Sgt. catch you or extra duty. Ha! Ha!—Stool Pigeon.

Speaking of pictures, did you see the one of the boys bidding Sgt. Suggs good bye; it is good. See you next week.

3rd Echelon

By SELMA LANE

Welcoming Mr. Frank Williams back with us. We hope you will find us a cooperative gang. Every one is glad to see you and hope you remain with us.

Congratulating Mr. Norcross on being the father of a new baby girl. All is well including the father. Juanita has been trying to find the typical American father, so how about entering the contest, Mr. Norcross?

Everywhere you see a huddle of girls, looks as though they are trying to kiss their elbows, but they are only examining each others vaccinations. Sylvia rubbed her face with the arm (where vaccinated) causing another vaccination (she thinks) on her face, and now she has it covered.

Wedding bells have tolled for Miss Anita Pinney, now being Mrs. Milton Siegel. We knew it would happen sooner or later. Her husband is an assistant to the Flight Surgeon at the Station Hospital.

Some what ifs . . . What if: Arthur were a woman instead of a MANN?

Joe were a Royal instead of an UNDERWOOD?

Margaret were an old-ton instead of a NEWTON?

Selma were a street instead of a LANE?

Sylvia were a mermaid instead of a MIRMAN?

Florence were a spinner instead of a WEAVER?

Lee were a Corporal instead of a SARGEANT?

Peter were a woodchuck instead of a BEAVER?

Finally, what if "Tony's Little

The Civvies

Big News! The dance at Community Center will be sponsored by Civilian Personnel on April 20th. Yes, we are really going to have one this week. Admission is free; all civilian personnel and their guests are welcome.

Major Sewares is absent for a few days this week on a business trip to Dallas. We miss him very much.

Mary Jane Youngholm has gone home to Chicago, Ill. on a furlough. She plans to get some of this Pyote dust out of her hair. Here's wishing her a lovely time.

"Oh, my arm is sore! . . . Mine itches . . . I'm sick . . ." Heard around here the past week as a result of the smallpox vaccination program.

Florence Allen has a method all her own for exterminating red ants. It seems that the ants are in another world now—but Oh, that lingering aroma of Gulf spray.

Our glamour girl Presslar is gone home for a week-end vacation to San Angelo, Texas.

Lt. Fuller has been seen lately carrying a large box of Kleenex and lamenting West Texas dust storms. We wish her a speedy recovery.

All Olivia does these days is check the mail and inquire how long it takes a letter to reach Pyote from Mississippi. Hurry back, Jimmy.

Evelyn has gone to Eunice to check up. Payroll is a busy place these days.

Little Mary (in wee hours): "Gee, Mummy, I can't sleep. Please tell me a story."

Mummy: "Just wait a bit, dear, and that sergeant father of yours will come home and tell us both one."

Livery Stable' were a Motor Pool?

THE CHAPLAIN SAYS

Vitamin B is one of the most important of all the vitamin family. There are several Vitamin B's that a good soldier must have in his life in order to carry on his work. Here are a few of them:

BE ALERT! There is a war going on, and this is no time to sit and dream. Keep on the job and wide-awake if you would help in the great training program that has as its purpose the supplying of fighting men for the battle fronts of the world.

BE CHEERFUL! A pleasant smile, a cheerful greeting, will do a world of good. Some days are sure to be dark and gloomy, but if we can keep smiling, we can do better in keeping 'em flying.

BE CO-OPERATIVE! Winning the war requires team work. Each of us is part of one great team, and must do his part or the whole team will suffer. Don't try to be the one that carries the ball. The blocking back and the tackle who prepare the way for the ball-carrier are just as important as the man who makes the touchdown.

BE HEALTHY! We can't do our work well if we are just "dragging around." Exercise regularly. (Calajumpics aren't so bad.) Use your spare time for rest and recreation.

BE FRIENDLY! Your buddy sometimes needs a friend just as much as you do. Be a real friend, not just a fair-weather one. If you can help one man over a tough spot of home-sickness, you have made a fine contribution toward the war effort. Don't become so absorbed in your own problems that you have no time to give another fellow a friendly greeting and a smile.

BE A CHRISTIAN! The job we have to do is too big for any of us to do with only our own human strength. We have a Partner who will help us carry the load. The best soldiers are the Christian soldiers. They are the ones who seem to be able to find time for others; they are the ones who can be cheerful in the face of trials; they are the ones who have more time for their work because burdens don't get them down. Men, try this business of being Christian not merely in name, but in daily, active living. It will pay dividends in terms of happiness, and in terms of usefulness to your country as well.

—Chaplain Edwin W. Norton

"To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved."

—George MacDonald



Q. Although my wife receives an allotment from my Army pay each month she is not dependent on me, having other sources of income. In the event of my death will she be eligible for a widow's pension?

A. Yes, a widow does not have to prove need. Payments to them are automatic by the Veterans' Administration and in case of the death of their servicemen husbands, they will receive widows' pensions even though they may have other income.

Q. My wife gave birth to a blue-eyed baby boy the 13th of last month. Am I entitled to receive \$30 for the baby for the entire month or do I just get a part of the \$30 in the form of an allotment?

A. Your new son will be happy to know that he gets the full \$30. No matter what date in the month a child is born on it gets the full payment for the entire month. All the parents have to do is file a copy of the birth certificate with the ODB to start the payments rolling in.

Q. My wife receives a Class X allotment from me every month. I'm going overseas now and wonder what will happen to her if

Fifth Column

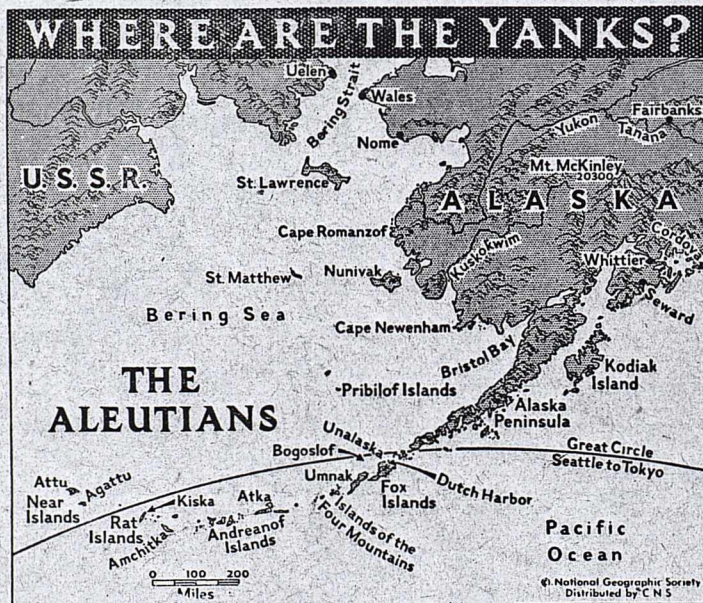
By WARD HOWELL

Reminiscing over the Maintenance safari at Grandfalls, bet most of you missed out on the deep sea diving taking place as Mary (Georgia Peach) McClure made her way across the lake in a row boat—oar power generated by Capt. Diedrichs and Lt. Hoffman. Seems there was some extra water coughed up somewhere along the line. Husband Russell of the same name seemed to get quite a bang out of it all.

Cpl. Murray (God's gift to women) Greenfield has broken Cpl. Ruth Tucker's heart by deserting Personnel for Coordination and Compliance Office . . . Pfc. Austin Seaman, New Yorker, who is strictly hep to the jive, says his life is like a tree—all root. Base Files would undoubtedly fold up without him as he really digs the beat in there . . . S-Sgt. Clifford Haughbaugh and

my ship goes down and I'm reported missing in action. Will she still receive the allotment?

A. Yes. The Secretary of War has the authority to authorize the pay of a soldier who is reported missing, missing in action, beleaguered, besieged, captured or interned whenever these payments are considered essential for the protection of the soldier's dependents.



The fog-bound, mist-hung Aleutian Islands string out a thousand miles across the north Pacific from the coast of Alaska to Asia. Attu, the last whistle stop on the line, is farther west of Portland, Ore., than Portland, Ore., is west of Portland, Me. The Japanese, who early in the war seized Attu, Agattu and Kiska, have been driven away and the Aleutians once again are occupied by the U. S. A., providing stepping stones in the essential United Nations supply routes across the Pacific to Soviet Russia. Yanks returning from these outposts of ours to the north will remember the islands of freakish weather, mists, and fog, where the winter nights were long and cold and the spring was all too bleak and short.

Pvt. Alden Klein are out of the Hospital and back on the trolley again . . . Newcomers to S-1 are Pvts. Bob Anderson and Paul Botte, from Missouri and Pennsylvania respectively. Welcome, welcome! . . . Nominee for Man About Pyote—Sgt. Klien Ingalsbee; Beau Brummell—T-Sgt. Joseph Giannetta; Biggest Cut-Up—Sgt. Danny Pittman; Most Typical GI—S-Sgt. Henry Lis; Most Devoted Father—Sgt. Russell Jurd; Most Likely to Succeed—Sgt. Judge Bagby.

What's wrong with Cpl. Ralph Bass's sex-appeal? The little number in San Francisco isn't giving out with the sugar reports any more . . . Rumor hath it that T-Sgt. Joseph Tober has one size 10 on the well beaten path to the altar and the other on a banana peeling . . . Blondy Johansen is letting Miss Crowder down. Seems card-shark Jo can cook up funds in larger quantities by playing with the "foot locker society" than by exercising his vocal chords at rehearsals across the Avenue.

Sgt. Pete Urban, adventurer deluxe, likes to entertain the boys in Barracks 1 with his tall tales of sailing around the Horn on the good old Clipper ships back in 1898 . . . It's a well known fact that Sgt. James is considerably younger than Sgt. Urban as Sgt. David has a lot more hair than Sgt. Pete. By actual count, Sgt. Urban has five more teeth than Sgt. James.

The boys at Headquarters are saving their pennies to buy a drool cup which they will take turns using while watching the lovies go by. Newly organized softball team, "Hot-Licks" by name, has been entered in the Station League representing Section "A". Players will be: Paul Novogradac, Leonard Sims, Anthony Piskorski, Dominic Rossano, Joseph Dispart, Harvey Bunchanan, Freddy Johansen, Otto Rotzal, Howard Gamble, Morris Taylor, Buford Potter, Charles Finnel, Beverly Reese, Alec Messing and Douglas Pilcher. Go to it, fellas.

Thought for Today:
United we face the foe,
Without distress or fuss,
A little less of you and me—
A little more of US.

NORWALK, CONN. (CNS) — There was a hot time in Norwalk the other night when 60,000 quarts of distilled spirits, including bonded 100 proof whiskies, were placed on sale to satisfy a Treasury claim against a local distilling firm for unpaid taxes. At the conclusion of the sale there wasn't a bottle of rye, bourbon or scotch or even a dry cork left on the shelves and thirsty Norwalkers were headed home loaded down with the ingredients for the happiest weekend they had enjoyed since the spirit shortage started.

WAC Flak

By CPL. EDNA COLLINS

It's an ill-wind that blows no good, so they say—and to prove it you can ask Pvt. Esther Friedman how she feels about it. During the horrid dust storm we had recently she was thrown down and received two skinned elbows. Could it have been one of those days when you "feel like a feather in the breeze," Esther?

We had a GI wedding in every respect on Tuesday, April 11th. The principals were PFC. Helen Wagner and S-Sgt. Roby Smith. It was announced last week but full particulars were not given. It took place at the Station Chapel with Chaplain Norton officiating. PFC. Edwina Mazzie and T-Sgt. Joseph Topor were bridesmaid and best man, and our C.O., Lt. Haslam, gave the bride away. Sgt. Virginia Duncan played the wedding march and Pvt. Helen Kazacoff sang. Strictly G.I. Now instead of saying "the bride wore white," the styles have changed and OD is the color for the duration.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Smith and Sgt. and Mrs. Brown (who are also newlyweds) left for furlough by car to Chicago. Names sound a bit fictitious but it's true, by gosh.

New girls, new girls, and more new girls. This week we have the following new names to add to our roster:

Dorothy Charles, New Hampshire, Vt.; Amanda Guggenheimer, Chicago, Ill.; Wilma Hughes, Houston, Texas; Lorena Jeter, W. Va.; Lovera Kane, Los Angeles; Lucille La Marr, San Morrocco, Cal.; Billie Lewis, Portsmouth, Ohio; Sarah Pierce, Los Angeles; Nadean Sherman, Flint, Mich.; Anna Slusser, Canton, Ohio; and Hannah K. White, Grantown, W. Va. They are all privates.

My, my, Lt. Haslam, your brood is growing. It used to be that GI and Madame Du Barry were having the additions down our way, but now it's you who are to be congratulated. You are doing a good job, Ma'am, keeping us intact, and we hope it won't be long before you get some assistance. It is quite an assignment being "mother" to some hundred-odd girls, and not everyone can brag about that.

Yum, yum. Sgt. Bobby Eisestein, our baker, is back from furlough. Bobby spent part of her furlough at Salt Lake City visiting a certain sergeant she knows there. That lemon meringue pie you baked on your first day back proved that you haven't lost your knack. By the way, it proves

Name It And It's Yours



The picture, that is. First one to guess this starlet's name will get a snazzy pin-up of same. The first name is Joyce and the last name starts with R, so you can take it from there. Submit your guess to Public Relations Office, Station Headquarters, with request for picture.

that a hundred girls can't be wrong in saying that you are the best little GI baker going.

What is this we hear about Cpl. Melba Yost doing some sewing one night in the barracks? In this case it was a set of T-Sgt. Joyce's blouse. We know it was just friendship that prompted it, Melba; but could it have been the beginning of a beautiful one as they say in the books?

If a vote should be taken as to who is the most G.I. WAC we are sure the award would be given to Cpl. Ruth Tucker. That girl is strictly on the beam at all times and can't be beat. Have you ever noticed how her shoes just sparkle all the time. She is never late in getting up for reveille and is always there willing to give someone a hand. Yours truly should know as she used to have the bed next to hers. To you, Ruth, goes the crown of Miss G.I. Let's hope that we all can take a lesson and fashion our Army career after you.

Section 'E' Commandos

By THE SULTAN

Hi fellows. Wednesday night the Commando baseball team trounced the 3rd Echelon Civilians by the score of 23 to 11. They promised to beat 'em and dood it. That's keeping their word.

A hearty welcome is accorded to Major J. Foy, our new C. O. We all look forward to a long and pleasant relationship.

News about this and that:

We hear from good sources that Pvt. Jim Barron does all the K.P. at his house. What a wonderful man.

Questions to S-Sgt. Phil Eonta; who was that pretty girl you had to the picnic? What happened to your "sister's" picture? Say Phil, how about rationing out some of those telephone numbers in your little black book?

Cpl. Bob Frantz is taking geography lessons in motor pool. He has the country divided into

Motor Pool

What with all the pictures being taken around here, seems there should be a little writing to keep them company. So, now with Capt. Thacker and Lt. Bruns behind the Motor Pool, we're getting things to clicking and making news for the Pyote Tattler. We have also a capable man in S-Sgt. George Moran, our truckmaster; he has many worries but probably the biggest one is that the government will start rationing headache powders.

We can always tell when summer is drawing near 'cause all the sections suddenly decide that they won't need "all those big trucks and carry-alls... but a jeep would do nicely!"

**A soldier named Elmer Snide
Took his vehicle out for a ride;
Each corner he'd turn
Much rubber he'd burn.**

A bicycle he now has to ride.

Now who would have ever thought that Pvt. Maurice Shanahan would still be single after meeting that girl from K. C.?

Cpl. Morris and his "Range Riders" are really building up a nice record for driving, but I can understand it, if he talks to the boys the way he talks to a deck of cards when there's 16 to hit!

Cpl. Barabas the other day tried to run down four trucks at once, and all of them were going in the same direction.

Buying war bonds is a wonderful thing, and I'm for it 100 per cent, but—what good is it to buy an \$18.75 bond and then tear up a piece of equipment worth thirty bucks?

John (Here-I-Am-A-PFC) Krafinski is wondering if his civilian suit is going to last for the duration, or whether his brother is going to wear it out.

Thursday the 6th was the big day for the Motor Pool boys! Everybody knows it was the day of the Maintenance Unit party. Lt. Bruns was convoy commander of the 57 vehicles in the convoy that transported the men to and from Grandfalls in orderly manner. This was the largest convoy to leave the Pyote Air Field and return without a breakdown. All the men were on the ball at the party. When a fire broke out and was working its way toward the trucks, the fellows fought fire as if it were an everyday job; soon everything was under control.

four sections. And as for Pyote, well just ask him.

S-Sgt. Victor Kraswoski says that bay window of his is solid muscle. Oh yeah! T-Sgt. Norman Vonash's physique is the envy of all his buddies.

So long—gang—as the microscope said to the germ, "I'll be seeing you."

EDITORIAL

Ike's Boys In England

One of the minor joys of life for the khaki-clad fraternity is the slipping of the scornful repartee to those persons who for one reason or another make remarks that reflect on the military. Those persons who allow their imagination and their tongues free rein with the behavior of soldiers in general have just taken a squelching by the announcement coming from England which states that American soldiers stationed there have generally behaved in a manner calculated to bring admiration for their native land.

It is with a certain amount of personal satisfaction as well as fraternal pride that we read this announcement. There is a standing joke about the Yankee soldier who looked at a delapidated machine as it came rolling down Picadilly Circus and asked an Englishman, "Say, Bud, you know what we would do with a wreck like that if we saw it coming down Fifth Avenue?" And, according to the story, "Well, judging by your past actions I imagine you'd either try to drink it or kiss it!" said the native.

The English, it seems, are only kidding, and although it may come as quite a shock to some persons the Americans over there have deported themselves with admirable courtesy and politeness.

In their contacts with the English people, in their training program carried on abroad and in their appearances in public, the American soldier has, for the most part, deported himself in an admirable manner. This does not mean that every soldier abroad has been a little Lord Fauntleroy at all times—for an Army like that could hardly hope to do any good—but considering the numbers and the conditions under which they have lived their conduct has been good.

How Serious Are You?

At times past this journal has carried remarks regarding the soldier vote proposition, which is currently a matter of considerable interest—academic, political, sentimental and otherwise.

Most of these remarks were violently "pro" in their attitude, indicating the soldier has a deathless interest in the ballot box. But, when it comes to taking the time and trouble to secure a ballot and cast an intelligent vote, it seems to be another thing. In other words, the ballot box is sort of like high school used to be—it isn't the vote, it's the principle of the thing. A quick inquiry indicates that a very small percentage of the soldiers will cast votes. In another part of this paper is carried a page of information concerning voting. If you are really serious about it and not flapping your gums, read it and act accordingly.

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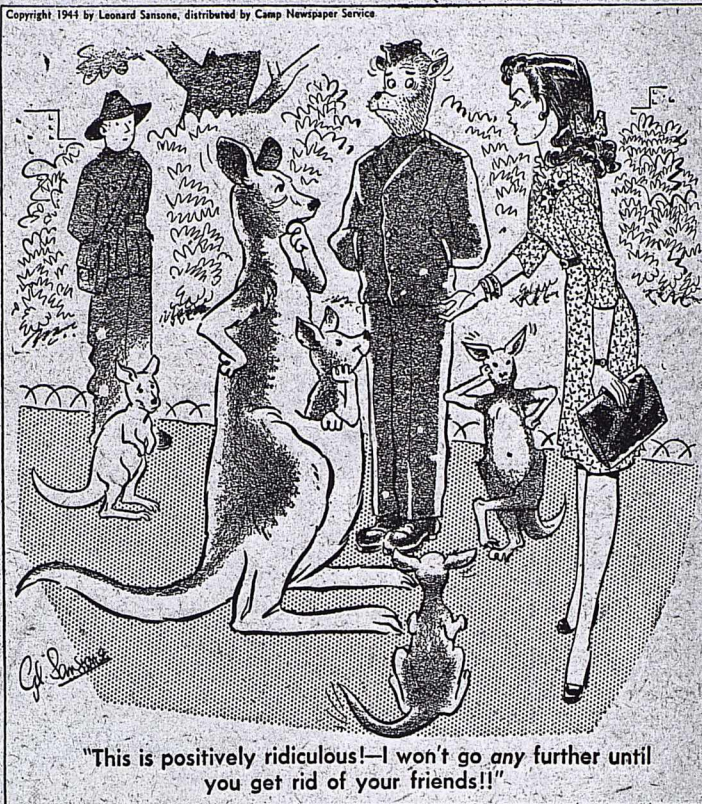
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The Wolf

by Sansone



THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

The failure of the Allies to open the Second front before now has had the strange left-handed effect of balling up higher German strategy and, odd though it may sound, has directly assisted the Russian successes in the East.

It was certainly the desire of the German High Command that Allied intentions in the West be clarified while the Russians were still behind their own frontiers. Pending the opening of the second front, it has been necessary for the Germans to stretch their forces over a wide area in western Europe in order to be able to meet the Allies wherever they might land. Northern Norway, Central Norway, Southern Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Northern France, the Bay of Biscay and Southern France all have to be guarded. Necessitating a highly uneconomical distribution of the limited divisions that the Germans have available.

Once the Allies have made their initial landings and the Germans have been able to account for all the forces that they think we have available, they will be able to concentrate troops in areas where they are needed, switch forces from spots where they obviously are not active and in general achieve a far more economical arrangement of their total forces.

Until we strike, a good sound plan for the best possible use of their forces in both the West and

the East will be impossible.

The Germans hoped, until it was too late, that we would make our position clear to them in time for them to perfect a grand plan involving the establishment of an Eastern defense line to the east and north of the lines the Russians now hold. Then if they were successful in containing our beachheads they might have shifted stray divisions from the west to hold that eastern defense line.

There is definitely a point in the east beyond which the Germans cannot retire without rising complete disaster and that point is rapidly being reached. It is certain, for example, that they cannot allow the Russians to pass the line stretching from Riga to Warsaw, to Premysl, to the north of the Danube without the gravest consequences. To prevent them from doing so the Germans clearly will have to summon all hands, scrape the bottom of their manpower cupboard, and in view of the more immediate danger in the east, take a chance on grave, but still unseen dangers in the west.

The moment will arrive at which Allied action in the west will be of more importance than threat, which is now being exercised with such effect. At that moment, which is now rapidly approaching, threat will become reality.

—William H. Stoneman,
War correspondent, reviewing the strategic situation in Europe.

SWEET AND SOUR—
BAND NOTES

By CPL. GLEN BOOTH

After 15 days back in good Ohio, I am supposed to come back to Pyote and write some sort of a cheerful pillar of information from the band. Is someone kidding?

We have three new boys with us. They are T-5 Mickey Solomon, Pvt. Paul Simes and Pvt. George Annis. They are from New York, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Pvt. Annis has just recently left the Jan Garber band.

Marty Master got a letter from the girl back home and she said she had missed the band column. I felt flattered until he finished his story. She said it is one place she can usually see his name in print. At least it is proof that someone is reading this article.

Having been absent for awhile I'm not quite up on the current gossip of the band. I do know, however, that I missed quite a party out at Grandfalls lake. Some of the boys are still cleaning sand from their instruments, not to mention the cobwebs from their minds.

For the benefit of those inquisitive people who have so often asked, "What does the band do?", here is a typical week-end. On Thursday (today) there will be a super 17-piece jive band at the Service Club, playing the sweet and hot you want to hear. On the following day one band is at the regular EM dance and the other will be at the Junior and Senior Prom at Kermit High School. On Saturday night there will be a combo at the Odessa County Auditorium. One band will be at the USO dance and the other will be at the Officer's club. Then on Sunday there is that big radio broadcast you have been hearing so much about. It will be in the Service Club so here is your chance to attend a real live studio presentation. I hope this puts a little light on the subject as to, "What does the band do?"

This week's birds-eye biography is of S-Sgt. Frank Stone, better known to the band boys as "Stonie." Stonie is from New York and has quite a musical background. He is a graduate of Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and has played with the Philadelphia Symphony, Philadelphia Grand Opera, The Dallas Symphony and several others. Some world famous conductors such as Stowkowski, Iturbi, Rödzenski have been his former maestros. His main likes are music by Shostakovitch and he has a hobby of writing novels. Frank's basic dislike is lack of furloughs. After Frank returns to civilian life he is going to make his home on the West Coast and carry on his writing and musical career.

Most Famous Pair In World



There are only two like 'em in the world, and here they are—Marlene Dietrich's famous legs. In her newest film that old meanie, Orson Welles, plays the part of the magician who saws Marlene in half. The show is "Follow the Boys."



By SGTS. JURD & McDONALD

Two candidates: M-Sgt. Paul Ellis and PFC. Thomas Floyd were chosen from our squadron to participate in courses offered by the new Military Police Training School originating at Barksdale Field, La.

We speak with pride of this newly designed school as our own Provost Marshal, Major Samuel C. Williams was a determining factor in designing and outlining this condensed four weeks schedule which has normally embraced a three months period.

It is the desire of this command to send candidates from this Squadron periodically to this school for brushing up and to keep abreast of current ideas pertinent to our duties.

Squadron War Room

Well, it's not an official war room of course, just a side interest of our men. There are probably more maps all marked and lined to show war engagements and progress than you would find in the office of the General Staff in Washington.

Many important decisions and strategic war policies come out of this room. We hesitate to announce that the 'War Room' is the office of the Transportation Department and certainly don't wish to detract from the importance of that function. The vehicles are kept in A-1 shape, so we assume that the war conference and current map spotting is done in off duty hours.

Speaking of Transportation. It has been brought to our attention that our four MP jeep patrols together travel monthly a distance equal to a trip from Pyote to England and return. One vehicle is in service for War Dogs, the dogs being accustomed to this one truck as they are to working with a man, present a problem to the Transportation Department in servicing this carrier, maintenance of this vehicle is done between posting of shifts. Strict routine of dogs is important.

Patrol cars keep constant contact with the M.P. office by radio, as protectors of the field the slogan is 'first there to serve.'

Base ball season: In reading other columns we find several teams offering challenges. Give our gang two more weeks and the 'Galloping Guard' will be ready.

ALBANY, N. Y. (CNS)—Prison inmates prefer travel literature to almost any other kind of reading, according to a recent report of the New York State Library Association.

Sub-Depot Supply

By "CATTY CHATTY"

Tally ho, whata you know? No one would give with the news this week so this is going to be short and sweet. . . After visiting warehouse Two I believe that I have seen everything. . . Guess what they have down there now? Of all things, goldfish, and flowers! Wonder if they are trying to show some of the guys that they could be domestic?

Violet Strickler has decided to sign up to become a Cadet Nurse. Lots of luck to you, Buckwheat, we'll sure be missing you.

Ask Wooten Tooten if she had a good time at the picnic. From all I heard she was dancing barefooted. . . But what a time was had by all.

Another bride and groom—Donald and John Stanley. Congratulations and best wishes.

Catalogs are to be seen all around here lately, with everyone planning to set up housekeeping in the new apartments. . . When can I come to dinner?

'Bye for now.

AAF TO RELEASE 36,000 FROM FLIGHT TRAINING

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Because the Army Air Forces are approaching "complete supremacy" in every theater of operations, the AAF soon will release 36,000 Ground and Service Forces personnel who originally were scheduled for service in the air, Gen H. H. Arnold has declared.

According to Gen. Arnold, the men affected are Ground and Service Forces personnel who volunteered as pilots, navigators and bombardiers, but who did not start flying training. They will be returned by the AAF to their original branches.

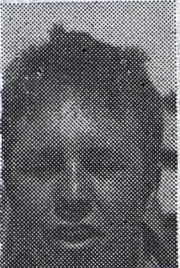
"The general shortage of trained personnel, throughout the Army, due to the cumulative shortages since July which have developed in the Selective Service, has made it necessary to utilize every available soldier to meet the current demands for pending operations," the War Dept. explained.

A woman flees from temptation, but a man just crawls away in hopes that it may overtake him.

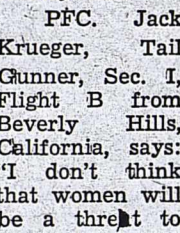
'Will Women Want to Keep Jobs?' GIs Voice Opinions On Possible Future Rivals

In this week's roving poll, Combat Crew Gunners were urged to give forth on the question, "What part will women play in post-war jobs?" The general trend was that the male is still the superior sex and the little woman's place is in the home. With millions of women engaged in men's work now, this poses an interesting situation. The answers follow:

Sgt. F. A. Tesarck, Engineer-Gunner, Sec. III, Flight C, from Trenton, N. J. avows: "A woman's place is in the home, and in the majority of jobs, employers prefer men. Most of this is all defense work—where they are using women, I mean, and when the war is over I think the women will want to quit and find a husband—if they can."



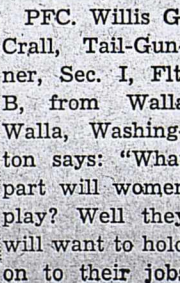
PFC. Jack Krueger, Tail Gunner, Sec. I, Flight B from Beverly Hills, California, says: "I don't think that women will be a threat to men—that is, actually make it tough and take a lot of jobs. Most of them will quit voluntarily to keep a home or get married. I think that they are good at jobs but not as good as men—especially highly skilled jobs. They are better than men at typing and clerical work and I believe they will work along the same lines as before."



Sgt. W. O. Zabel, Armorer-Gunner, Sec. III, Flight C, from Long Island, N. Y. says: "I think that the majority of women took jobs just to help the war effort and to have something to do, as well as make a living while their husbands are in the war. But it is true that a lot of them will want to keep these jobs. I think there will be some sort of legislation to compensate women for giving up these jobs to men who really need them . . . if necessary."



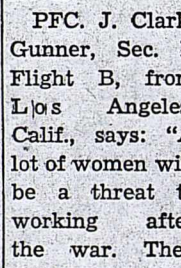
PFC. Willis G. Crall, Tail-Gunner, Sec. I, Flt. B, from Walla Walla, Washington says: "What part will women play? Well they will want to hold on to their jobs



but the men will get the jobs back. I don't think the women will squawk much about it. They don't like to work anyway—who does? They are helping a lot in defense work—we couldn't get along without them, but when we get back to normal times most of them will quit or be let out, because they will not be necessary any longer—and there will be skilled men who will need the jobs."



Sgt. Victor Martyn Radio-Gunner, Sec. III, Flight C, from Buffalo, N. Y. says: "A lot of women will quit work and go the war. There back home after the war. There will always be a lot of women who work to support themselves or because they like it. They are better at some types of work than men, especially detail work—but the opportunities after the war will be so great that more men and women will be working, for better pay, than ever before and I don't think the competition for jobs between men and women will get so keen that they start fighting among themselves."



PFC. J. Clark, Gunner, Sec. I, Flight B, from Los Angeles, Calif., says: "A lot of women will be a threat to working after the war. They think more of money and clothes now than they do a home. They are more Independent—because of so many jobs opening up due to the man-power shortage, and it will create a lot of career-girls who will want to hold good jobs and receive good pay. I don't think that women are as good at 95 per cent of the jobs as men but they will get more jobs after the war. They have one advantage over men—they can walk up to some hard-boiled employer, roll their eyes around and smile a few times, and they are in like a burglar."

Derby Or Darby—Soon Here Rattler Gives Latest On Gees

By SGT. AL GLENNON

King Horse will once again come into his own on May 6, 1944, with the running of the Kentucky Derby, the American racing classic. This race run at Churchill Downs, Lexington, Kentucky in the heart of the Poa pratensis (Kentucky blue-grass to you) country, is the outstanding test for three-year-olds in this country. Run over the route of a mile and a quarter it is a supreme test for horses who were outstanding as 2-year-olds, and who will be in the running for the rich stake races like the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes.

It is expected that, facing the starter on Derby Day, will be from 12 to 15 of the better two year olds of 1943 led by horses like Pukka Gin, Platter, Occupy, Stirrup, and Pensive. None of these horses has been outstanding as a two year old but each has shown a touch of class during 1943. There is no Count Fleet in the field this year, which stood head and shoulders above all contestants last year, winning such rich prizes as the Wood Memorial, Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Withers and Belmont Stakes.

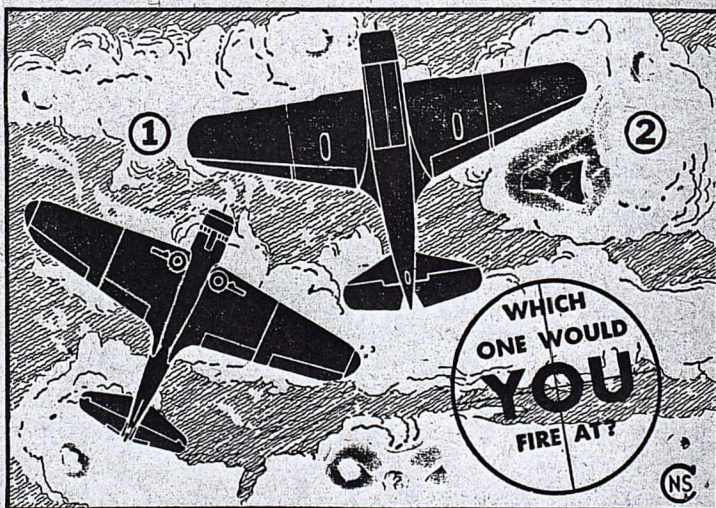
The Derby is a wide open race and at this writing it would be difficult to decide what horses will face the starter. However, if you have any sporting blood in your veins you will want to have a two dollar note on one of the gee-gees on Derby Day. If you are going to bet here are some of the things you should be looking for in the next two weeks.

Note the Derby horses running

between now and Derby Day who are closing fast in the last quarter mile of a 6 furlong or longer race. Keep a sharp lookout for the Wood Memorial, a mile and a sixteenth test at Jamaica racetrack in N. Y. for three year olds. This race is run April 29, 1944, one week before the Derby and some of the outstanding contestants for the Derby are entered. It is a prep race and the winner will be one of the favorites for the Derby. The mile and sixteenth of the Wood is just 1/4 mile shorter than the Derby distance and by horse-men is considered a tightener for Derby candidates.

For final advice on the Derby you of course would like to know the winner. Well here it is. Watch out for the horse that Eddie Arcaro rides in the Derby. Eddie is the best judge of pace in the country and if he has a "live" horse under him he is a hard man to beat. Arcaro won the richest purses during the Florida meet, and he can really boot them in when the chips are down. If you want to get a real run for your money put your two bucks on the nose of the King Booter of them all in distance races, Arcaro.

NEW YORK (CNS)—The U. S. Coast Guard has developed a new ten man jeep for use in shore patrol duties. The new troop-carrying jeep is bigger, faster and even tougher than its famous Army counterpart, the Coast Guard claims.

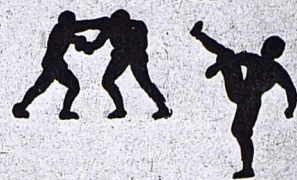


FIRE AT NO. 1 . . . It's "Kate," one of the Japs' low wing, single engine torpedo bombers. Both edges of the wings taper to curved tips. The tailplane is tapered to rounded tips with a single fin and rudder.

NOT AT NO. 2! . . . It's the U. S. Navy's "Devastator," a low-wing, single engine torpedo bomber. The trailing edge of the wings is swept forward to rounded tips while the leading edge is straight. The tailplane is tapered to rounded tips.

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SPORTS



WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

When Tom Killifer was a kid his old man, Red Killifer, taught him how to pitch. Red was a good teacher, too, having pitched in the majors himself, coached the St. Louis Cardinals and managed several Pacific Coast League teams. But somehow Tom never learned how to control his fast one. It always broke early and sailed neck-high—or higher—over the plate.

Back in 1937 Tom went to the mound one day when Stanford University was playing Waseda University of Tokyo. Tom bore down on the first pitch, his high, hard one. It broke too soon as usual and knocked the Jap batter cold. The next Jap stepped warily up to the dish and Killifer wound up, unleashed his fast one, and dusted him too.

Today, however, Tom's control is pretty good. He's a naval lieutenant, flying a Corsair with the Skull and Crossbones Squadron in the South Pacific. He has shot down four Zeros over Rabaul and Bougainville and has assisted on several other kills. And that, says the Navy, is good pitching.

Max Schmeling gets his name in the papers more often than any other fighter, with the possible exception of Joe Palooka. This time he is supposed to be in Rome, training for a fight with a young Nazi paratrooper now stationed on the Cassino front. Previous intelligence on Der Schlager reported him dead, wounded, a prisoner of war, and a permanent KP in Odessa.

Big League Draft Boxscore

Accepted by Navy: Clyde Shoun, Cincinnati; Rip Radcliff, Athletics; Joe Glenn, Yankees. Passed pre-induction physical: Lon Warneke, Cubs; Ernie Bonham, Yankees. Classified 1A: Nick Etten and Johnny Lindell, Yankees; Whitlow Wyatt and Luis Olmo, Dodgers. Rejected: Vernon Stephens, Browns, because of a bum knee; Oscar Grimes, Yankees, on account of "joint mice" in his knee, and Leo Durocher, Dodgers, for "acorns" in his elbow.

Baseball Loop Organized Among 2nd Air Force Stations; Pyote Enters

The Second Army Air Force will have baseball teams this spring on all major installations with the Air Force, divided geographically into leagues. The winner of each area league will meet for the sectional championship. This will be followed by a Second Army Air Force title play-off.

Second Army Air Force today announced plans for a Northern and Southern section. Each section will be further divided into areas bringing all the bases in each area into direct competition. This will facilitate travel among competing teams and increase area interest. When each area champion is determined, the semi-finals will determine the Second Army Air Force champion.

The season is scheduled to open April 29 with area winners to be determined on or before July 23. Semi-finals are to be played in the Northern and Southern sections between July 23 and August 12. These latter will be best two games out of three.

At a central point to be selected, section winners will play a 2AAF "World Series" between August 12 and September 1.

The Northern section is split into the following areas with local supervision. Area officers will arrange schedules.

Area I—Boise, Mountain Home and Pocatello, Idaho, and Wendover, Utah; Lt. Albert Poffenroth, AAB, Pocatello.

Area II—Sioux City, Iowa; Casper, Wyoming, Rapid City, S. Dak., and Grand Island, Neb.; Lt. Milton J. Grimsrud, AAB, Rapid City.

Area III—Lincoln, Fairmon, Bruning, Kearney, Harvard, and McCook, Nebraska; Captain Victor Spadaccini, AAB, Kearney.

Area IV—Topeka, Herington, Salina, Walker, Great Bend, and Pratt, Kansas; Lt. Marion M. Stevens, AAB, Great Bend.

Southern Section—Area V—Dalhart, Texas, Pueblo, Peterson Field, and Headquarters, 2AAF, Colorado; Lt. James L. Ward, AAB, Pueblo.

Area VI—Harding Field and Alexandria, Louisiana; Galveston and Abilene, Texas; and Ardmore, Oklahoma; Lt. Sam Andrews, AAB, Alexandria.

Area VII—Tucson, Arizona; Alamogordo and Clovis, New Mexico; El Paso and Pyote, Texas;

Lt. Frank E. Walker, AAB, El Paso.

Several bases have been excluded because of insufficient personnel or travel difficulties. Those in charge of the league are making every effort to insure the personnel of the latter bases have sports in keeping with their situation.

This is the most ambitious sports program ever undertaken by Second Army Air Force. Physical fitness officers will supervise the baseball teams, but in no case will they play on a team if it interferes with the physical fitness program of the base.

Pyote's 'nine' is in the process of formation and by the time the schedule has been definitely organized a team of former college, semi-pro and pro ball players will be ready to take the field. With such players as Vergez, cousin of Johnny Vergez, former National Leaguer, Goss of the Valley League, Wynne of the Piedmont, Paullinsky of the Middle Atlantic, Faret of the North Shore and Sundquist of the Northern League, it is expected a team of excellent caliber will be formed.

Practice will be held nightly on the Civilian Personnel diamond and players with experience still have an opportunity to report.

Sec. D Mechanics Trounce Aviation Unit Club, 16-1

The Air-craft Mechanics of Section D routed the Aviation Unit in a practice baseball game last Sunday, April 16th on the Civilian diamond by the score of 16-1.

For four innings, Sarraille, ace Mechanic hurler, tossed hitless and runless ball, striking out seven without giving base on balls. Moran, second Mechanic pitcher, gave up the only Aviation Unit run when with two out in the 6th Hatchell singled and scored on Taylor's double. In the three innings he hurled Moran struck out six.

The Mechanics sewed up the ball-game as early as the 3rd inning when with seven hits, a walk, and a hit batsman they pushed over eight runs. Sarraille opened with a triple to right and scored on Paret's home-run, a terrific clout over the left-fielder's head. A walk, three successive singles, and a hit batsman netted two more. With the bases loaded, Hatchell, Aviation Unit pitcher got by the next two men but Sarraille making his second trip to the plate in the inning slammed out another triple emptying the sacks. He in turn scored on Paret's single thru short for the final run of the inning.

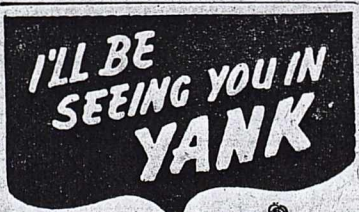
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Batteries:—Hatchell, Brown (5th) and Windan, Farmer, Sarraille, Moran (5th) and Lombardi.



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Nine Teams Entered In Softball League

Two officers teams and seven composed of enlisted men are entered in the current Rattlesnake Softball League championship chase which opened April 13th. The following outfits are battling away for the diadem:

Weather Department—Cyclones; Quartermaster—Pacers; CNT—Star Gazers; Lt. Hummel—Buzzers; Lt. Gibson—Canadian Clubbers; Flight Control—Static Chasers; Section 2, Flight C—Robins; Section C—Brown Bombers; Section E—Crippled Commandos.

US, Russian Air Forces Join Blows At Balkans

Pressure Put On Bulgaria To Get Out While Able

An ultimatum from the skies poured down on Rumania this week, as Russian bombers struck at the Danube River port of Galati, pivot of the main Romanian defense lines shielding the Ploesti oil fields and Bucharest.

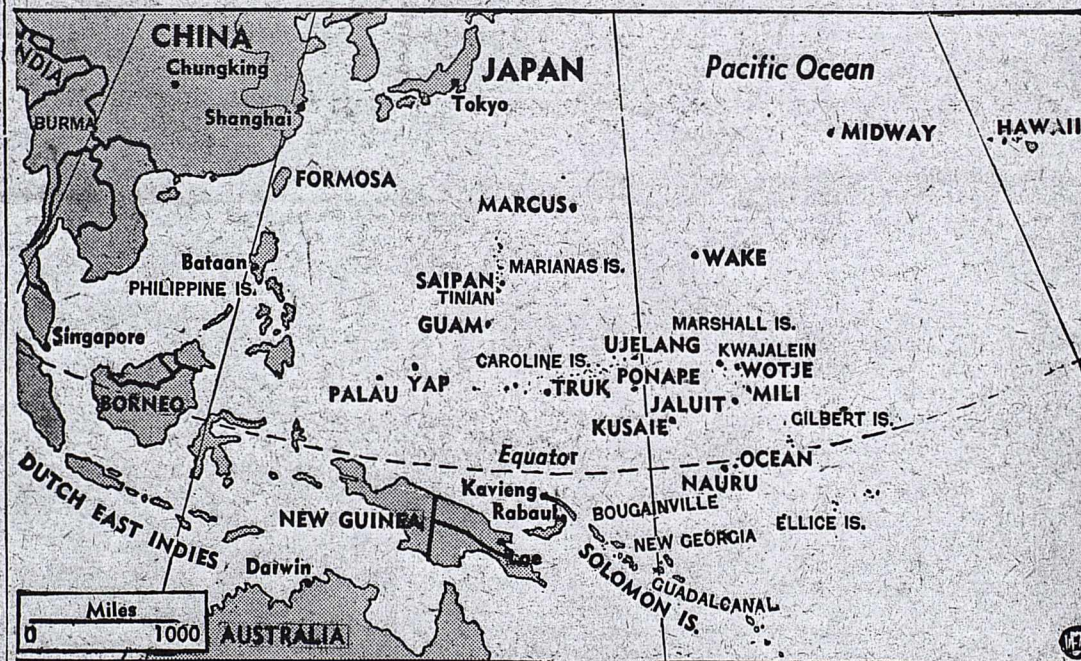
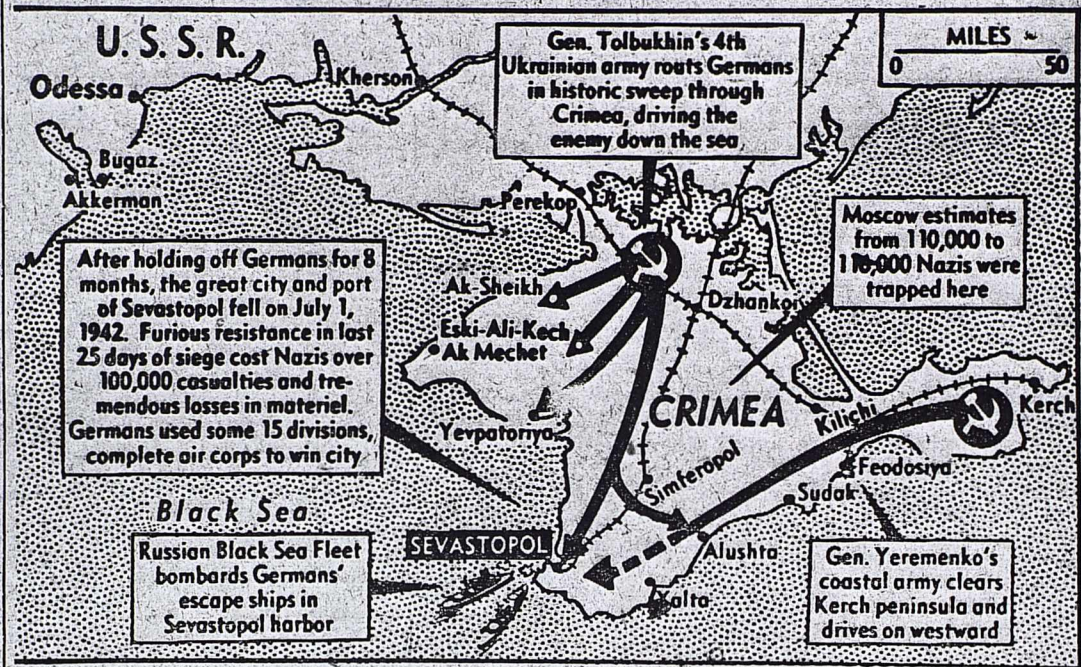
The bombings, coupled with United States air action, Russian advances on the ground and uneasiness in the German High Command, seem to indicate a belief in United Nations councils that some of the Balkans might be crowded out of the Axis lineup by combined politico-military pressure.

Lt.-Gen. Kurt Dittmar, authorized spokesman for the German High Command, vigorously challenged what appear to be rumors in Germany that Rumania and Bulgaria are to be left to their fate.

Russian bombers striking so close to Bulgaria tended to serve notice to that nation that Russian-Bulgarian peace in the midst of war is on the slimmest footing possible. Dittmar's reference to Bulgaria is the first time it has been mentioned by any German authority in weeks. His reassurance that Bulgaria will not be left to its fate by the Nazis indicates the Germans recognize the possibility of a possible Bulgarian retreat from the war to avoid a clash with Russia if nothing else.

American airmen, combining their blows with those of the Russians, pounded Belgrade and Sofia, hitting rail facilities and aircraft factories. The attacks by Italy-based planes seem to be part of a well-concerted plan to put as much pressure on the Germans in the east as possible before the imminent eruption on the western front. Red Army troops were converging on Sevastopol, capturing towns and road junctions on the way and squeezing thousands of German and Romanian troops into a narrowing 85-square-mile death trap around the stricken Crimean stronghold.

Reds Crush Germans In Crimea



Japanese invasion forces that cut the important Allied supply road between Kohima and Dimapur in eastern India last week have been thrown back from important positions and dealt "very heavy" losses by counterattacking British and Indian troops.

The Allied defenders of Kohima have gone on the offensive trying to wipe out the road blocks established by the Japanese at points where the highway passes through the

5,000-foot Naga Hills north and northwest of Kohima.

The British government, drawing the veil of secrecy about her in preparation for D-Day and H-Hour, clamped a tight lid of censorship on all information transmitted to and from Britain by diplomats of all nations except the United States, Russia and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Censorship was imposed last week on internal postal and telegraphic communications of

a non-official nature "in view of the increasing operational importance" of India in the war picture.

The long squabble over French leadership appeared at an end as Gen. Henri Honore Giraud was shelved as French commander-in-chief by the French committee of national liberation. The action leaves undivided authority in the hands of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, over French armed forces.