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Voting is the privilege and duty of every citizen.

Fifth Bond Goal Barely In Sight

It looks as though Pyote Army Air Field finally got over the hump in the Fifth War Loan drive—but without a single GI bond to spare.

An early, almost complete recapitulation of purchases Wednesday showed a total of \$106,515 worth of bonds bought here. That is just \$1,000 less than the station's quota of \$107,515—or 99.66 per cent.

Additional pay deductions and bond sales from several sections—which were not official at that time, however—were reported and will send the station just barely over the 100 per cent mark when they become official.

A gap of about eight per cent was closed during a whirlwind drive conducted on the base during the last few days. Drive officials expressed their appreciation to all personnel, military and civilian, who purchased bonds and to all who helped in the Fifth War Loan drive.

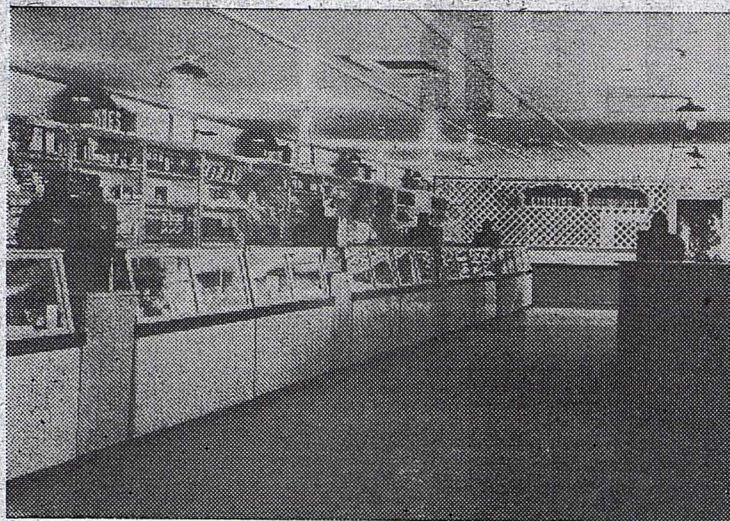
Monahans USO

- Thurs.—Caricature drawing and dancing.
 Fri.—Informal activities.
 Sat.—Dance (Pyote AAF Orchestra); GI Radio Night.
 Sun.—Buffet supper; songfest, dancing.
 Mon.—Movies; songfest; dancing after movies.
 Tues.—Dance class; hobby hour; informal dancing; American Legion meeting.
 Wed.—Better Halves Club luncheon, 12:30; photography class; Catholic discussion group.

The Cover—

When an Army ship crashes anywhere in this vicinity, it is up to the Search and Rescue team of Army-plus-civilians to locate the ship, give first aid to any injured persons and remove them for treatment. Picture shows a practice Search and Rescue maneuver. The men are loading a stretcher case into a light privately owned plane which has landed in the desert. For story on how this group of civilians makes its generous contribution to the military effort, see Pages 8 and 9.

Changes At PX Main Store



Changing the counter arrangement and making other renovations in the interior of the Post Exchange main store has added to the efficiency and attractiveness of the establishment. Here is the main counter as you walk into the building. More complete departmentalization has greatly improved service. Tobacco counter is at right. Not shown is magazine stand (left).

USO To Present 'Big Broadcast', Special Saturday Night Program

Saturday the 5th, during the intermission of the USO dance, Jack Terrell, local man now on USO staff, will present a radio farce, "The Big Broadcast of a Two Watt Station". Edward Palange, local USO director, has the role of program producer, who is being robbed by his agents, and Francis Clark plays "Kathy of Korny Korners", the soap-suds serial heroine, who tries to get a room in Pyote because she is a G.I.'s wife. She is mistreated by Uriah M. Finklebilge, a local rent hog, and with Handsome Harry OPA in the person of G.I. Paul Bartnof you have a slight hint of the goings on Saturday night.

Terrell, who has had considerable radio experience on the West Coast as an actor and radio writer, will put a dummy on his knee and do a ventro act introducing the GI to Dumb Dora, the dummy with the Hex appeal. Featured on the agenda is Albert Hester, talented pianist, who will give out with some real music and a smattering of boogie.

Cornering a platoon of Government Issues the other day, Terrell got a hatful of ideas for the skit, "How to Buck for a Rating." These soldiers pointed out all the ways and means of convincing the powers that be of their worth. This sketch will be done in the style of a quiz program. The GIs themselves will participate in the short program, getting rewards for their getting up and telling all. The Pyote Air Base orchestra will bring its music to the Monahans USO Saturday and also set the atmosphere for the tear-jerker, "Kathy of Korny Korners".

P. S. There will also be commercials on this "radio" show, and if you've ever had the desire to murder an announcer reading a commercial, here's your chance.

THANKS

The hundreds of West Texas citizens who attended "Open House" at Pyote Army Air Field Tuesday were escorted over the base by a group of 24 Wacs.

From the visitors, and from the entire Station personnel, these Wacs are due a vote of thanks for the fine job they did. It was a hot and dusty day to be walking outside all day, but the girls went about their task cheerfully, as was evidenced by the congratulatory comments from the visitors.

Thanks to the Wacs!

RICHMOND, Va. (CNS)—The Richmond Chamber of Commerce received a communication from a lady in Chicago. "It is true," she asked, "that there is a law in Virginia which subjects a person to the death penalty if he fails to attend church on Sunday?" The Chamber's reply was brief: "No."

An accident is any unpleasant occurrence that disturbs the routine of the job, whether or not it results in injury or damage.

Consult the Station Voting Officer, Capt. Maxwell Gronich, Station Intelligence Officer, Headquarters Building, (Phone 6) about voting regulations in your state.

Meeting Is Set For Backers Of Scout Movement

All persons who are interested in the formation of Boy Scout troops for civilian boys on this base are requested to attend a meeting in the Civilian Personnel Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

An effort is being made to have district Scout executive here and assist in the organization of such troops. All boys who are under Army age and all parents of boys are invited to attend.

Several persons on the base, including some officers and their wives, have started plans rolling for this type of work. Pointing to generally widespread sub-par juvenile conditions as sufficient reason for starting the movement, they believe that a good strong Boy Scout movement will do much to counteract this situation.

It is anticipated that regular Scout troops and "Dens" for younger boys will be organized.

Get Your Poems In By Saturday

You have only two days left in which to act, if you want to be a contributor to the Rattler's special "Poetry Edition" next Thursday.

As this sheet does not carry a regular column of verse, we decided to designate a week in which all contributions of poetry will be printed.

To date we have just about enough poetry for two pages. This is to remind you that the deadline is Saturday, Aug. 5, at 1700, if you want your poem printed.

Bring it to the editor, Rattler office, in headquarters building.

There are ten million reasons for buying a bond. And slogans devised by the score . . . The best little argument most of us have Is the service flag on the front door.

—The Casemate, Fort Crockett, Texas

In 1940 there were three billion man-hours lost in the United States due to accidents; in 1942, one and one half billion.

Air Force Started 37 Years Ago With One Officer And Two Men Wright-Built Plane, With Piece Of Twine For Only Instrument, Was First Bought

The Army Air Forces this week had its annual double anniversary of the 37th birthday of the organization and the 35th anniversary of the purchase of the first airplane.

On Tuesday, August 1, 1907, the Division of Aeronautics was created by a War Department Signal Corps order, with one captain and two enlisted men assigned to the office. This organization has grown to an air force with approximately 2,300,000 officers and men and more than 75,000 aircraft, including 34,000 of combat types.

The first airplane, accepted by the Army 35 years ago tomorrow, weighed 740 pounds empty and 1,200 pounds with fuel, water and two passengers. It was powered with a 30-horsepower engine.

Recently, the Army Air Forces put into combat the B-29 bomber, with four engines that deliver a total of 8,800 horsepower, and could power approximately 300 airplanes of the type first used by the Army. The B-29, in addition to its four main power plants, has about 150 other motors to drive generators, bomb-bay doors, retract the landing gear, operate instruments, gun turrets and other equipment. Some of these motors are more powerful than the power plant of the original airplane.

The 1909 airplane had no instruments, nor was there any place for an instrument panel. The Wright brothers, who built it, used a simple but effective device to aid the pilot. It was a piece of cotton twine about eight inches long fastened to the horizontal cross-bar between the front ends of the two landing skids. The twine served as a turn and bank indicator to show whether the airplane was skidding or sliding inward during a turn or to show whether there was a loss of forward speed, with danger of a stall. In lieu of this primitive device, the B-29 carries several hundred instruments of all kinds to assist its crew in the operation of the airplane.

The first military airplane now is in a secret storage place for the duration of the war, having been removed for safekeeping from the Smithsonian Institution.

Thirty-seven years ago today, Brigadier General James Allen, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, established the Aeronautical Division of the Signal Corps "to study the flying machine and the possibility of adapting it to military purposes." Captain Charles deF. Chandler, Signal Corps, was designated the first chief of the division and Corporal Edward Ward and Private First Class Joseph E. Barrett were assigned for duty with the division.

The work of this division resulted two years later in the purchase of the first airplane, which was accepted on August 2, 1909,

after a number of trial flights from the parade ground at Fort Myer, Virginia.

Following acceptance of the first airplane, the Army established its first flying field at College Park, Maryland, the world's first military airdrome. General Henry H. Arnold, Commanding General of the AAF, was the fourteenth student assigned for Army flight training and when the rank of military aviator was established, he became one of the first three officers to earn wings.

Japs See The End, Says Marine Raider

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (CNS)—Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson, famed Marine Raider leader wounded on Saipan, thinks that the Japs know they are licked—but just won't admit it.

"It always has been my opinion that the Japanese high command has not honestly believed it could beat us," Co. Carlson said when interviewed here. "They intended to grab all they could, then hold on to it and, if possible, effect a compromise peace—thus retaining a large share of the areas conquered in the Pacific."

"It is just this move that the American people must avoid," Col. Carlson added. "This would mean just a breathing spell and the Japanese would continue their dreams of world conquest."

Tire Inspection Hours Changed

Tire inspection hours on the base are being changed from afternoon to morning, according to an announcement from the office of Major Harry G. Drapeau, Supervisor of Transportation.

The new hours, effective today, are from 0900 to 1100 (9 to 11 a.m.). The old inspection hours were 1400-1600 daily.

Reason for the change is that the extremely hot weather makes inspections more difficult in the afternoon.

'Gay 90s' Singer



Babs Eastman, who used to do the vocals for Goodman, was a much-appreciated guest star last Thursday on the "Gay Nineties" Program, weekly Service Club feature. The Odessa warbler's torch songs went over with a bang.

Tea-Dance At Officers Club

A tea-dance will be held at the Officers Club Sunday evening, August 6, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Wives and sweethearts of officers stationed at this base are invited to attend. Music will be furnished by Ted Maney and his orchestra.

Army Nurses Acquire Full Military Status

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The entire personnel of the Army Nurse Corps has acquired full military status by the terms of an executive order signed by President Roosevelt.

The effect of the order, which grants 40,000 Army nurses the same pay and prerogatives as other officers, was to make the ANC a true Army complement.



NEWARK, N. J. — Pvt. Frank LaVista's 14-month-old son, Frankie, played a hot joke on the old man the other night. LaVista, an MP on pass, and his son were rolling around on the floor of their home here when Frankie playfully snapped Daddy's handcuffs on Daddy's wrists. La Vista roared with laughter, then summoned his wife to free him. She broke the key off in the lock. Four hours later LaVista finally filed himself free. But by that time, Frankie, Jr., tiring of his little joke, had gone to sleep.

Pyote Flyer Is Dismissed For 'Buzzing' Bus

Pres. Confirms Sentence In Case Of Lieut. Stage

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 3—President Roosevelt has confirmed the dismissal from the Army Air Forces of 2nd Lieut. Rex A. Stage, stationed at Pyote, Texas, Army Air Field, who was found guilty by a general court martial of flying a B-17 so low in the early evening of March 20 that it was in collision with the roof of a loaded bus traveling on the highway near Fort Stockton, Texas.

Lieutenant Stage pleaded guilty at his trial at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas, where the prosecution stated that during the course of a flight over open prairie terrain, the pilot deliberately descended to an approximate altitude of 50 to 100 feet. A bus, enroute from Pecos to San Antonio, Texas, was proceeding down the highway in front of the airplane and traveling in the same direction. The bomber with lowered landing gear, was flown so low that contact was made with the roof of the bus loaded with 28 passengers. None were injured.

The bus driver, Tom H. Oliver of Kerrville, Texas, on examination of the vehicle found two baggage tops torn off and crushed, a baggage cover on the roof and metal panels on the right side of the bus were damaged.

Lieutenant Stage absolved other crew members of blame. A summary of his trial stated the pilot had little to offer in explanation of his misconduct other than that he was prompted by an irrepressible desire to experience the behavior of a B-17 at an extremely low altitude and felt he could clear the bus if he went directly over it. He denied he deliberately struck it. The airplane was neither in process of taking off or landing.

In his defense, superior officer stated Lieut. Stage's past record had been good. He enlisted in June, 1942, and was commissioned a second lieutenant on March 10, 1943. The sentence of the court martial was not only dismissal from the service, but total forfeiture of pay. The sentence to dismissal was confirmed by President Roosevelt and Lt. Stage ceased to be an Officer effective at midnight, July 18, 1944.

STOP ACCIDENTS

In 1943 deaths and injuries due to accidents were 33 times those resulting from battles. The ratio of deaths was four to one.

Legs And Laughs Galore In "OFF LIMITS" G. I. Show

It's Biggest Thing To Hit Here In Ages

When GIs Stranded In Girls' School, Look For Anything!

Those little men muttering strange words are not sweating out section eights. They are the hapless GIs involved in the production of "OFF LIMITS". "OFF LIMITS"—in case you haven't heard—is the biggest thing to hit West Texas since a meteor crashed eight miles from Odessa some million years ago.

A three-act comedy, replete with pretty girls in flimsy costumes, a smooth array of original tunes, and a lithe and legsome dance production, "OFF LIMITS" is opening August 14th in Andrews, as it will attempt to raise \$20,000 for the EM swimming pool.

A cast of twenty—including Wacs, enlisted men, and civilians—is taking part in "OFF LIMITS" which plays Theatre No. 1, for two free performances on Sunday, August 20th.

"OFF LIMITS" marks the first all-Pyote musical comedy ever to play this base. The story is by Pyote's Bad-Boy, Koops; the choreography (dance direction to youse) is by Cpl. Tom Lehman; and the entire production is directed by Pvt. Monty Ash.

The story concerns a bunch of hapless GIs who are sent—by mistake—to an exclusive girls' school. And when a pack of wolf-eyed soldiers sees this luscious array of delectable darlings—well, you'll just have to see the show.

The costumes—if you GIs are interested in fashions—are all on the scanty side, and provide most pleasant atmosphere for such pretty pin-ups.

"OFF LIMITS" is quite a show. It's quite an undertaking, and raising \$20,000 is no small task. That's why those little men are muttering.

"OFF LIMITS" schedule is as follows:

Aug.—14—Andrews.
Aug. 15—Kermit.
Aug. 16—Wink.
Aug. 17—Monahans.
Aug. 18—Fort Stockton.
Aug. 20—Pyote Theatre No. 1 (two performances) and arrangements are being made to present "OFF LIMITS" at various army installations throughout the area.

GI Favorite



So popular is well-upholstered radio singer Joan Edwards with GIs at home and abroad, that she has been invited to sing at the Hyde Park canteen. Joan says she wants to go overseas.

'Starlight Concert' At Club Sunday

Imagine soft starlight over the darkened patio of the Service Club with the haunting strains of favorite melodies from light opera wafted on a cool breeze. That is the setting for the "Starlight Concert" this Sunday evening at 9:00 p.m. at the Service Club.

The Band will be on hand to play the "Student Prince Overture", Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite", and Franck's popular "Symphony in D Minor". Also to be played by popular request is the concert favorite "Intermezzo" from Cavalliera Rusticana.

Corporal Anthony Giovannitti, baritone horn player, will be the guest soloist for the evening—playing the famous "Italian Fantasy" by Goldman. "Tony" is from Cleveland, Ohio, where he was a member of the Municipal Concert Band.

Warrant Officer Irvin E. Zimmerman, Bandmaster, will conduct the evening's music, and Miss Eleanor Crowder, Special Services, will be the hostesses.

Service Club

Thurs.—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, with Deanna Durbin and Gene Kelly. Army-Navy Screen Magazine, Issue No. 31, and Paramount News.

Fri.—SUMMER STORM, with George Sanders, Linda Darnell and Edward Everett Horton. "Boots and Spurs".

Sat.—MINISTREL MAN, with Benny Fields, Gladys George and Alan Dinehart. "Global Air Routes", "Dopey Dope", and "Brother Brat."

Sun. & Mon.—THE CANTERVILLE GHOST, with Charles Laughton, Robert Young, and Margaret O'Brien. "Throwing the Bull", and Paramount News.

Tues.—(Double feature)—THE GIRL WHO DARED, with Lorna Gray and Peter Cookson; and JUNGLE WOMAN, with Evelyn Ankers as Acquanetta, and Carrol Naish.

Wed. & Thurs.—STEP LIVELY, with George Murphy, Gloria De Haven, Frank Sinatra, and Adolph Menjou. "This Is America".

Theater Schedule

Thurs.—EM Wives Luncheon, 12-1 noon; Gay Nineties party (patio), 9-11 p.m.

Fri.—Dance, 9 to 12 p.m.; music by Station Orchestra.

Sat.—Movies, 9 to 10 p.m.

Sun.—Starlight Concert, by 728th Band, 9 p.m.

Mon.—Open.

Tues.—Dance, 9 to 12 p.m.

Wed.—Open.

Rootlight Row Communique

BROADWAY—'Tis heard that "Sensations of 1945" will feature W. C. Fields, whose last two pictures disappointed his fans by an all too brief appearance of The Nose . . . Tallullah Bankhead, whose first screen appearance in years in "Lifeboat" won plaudits, is commencing work on "Czarina" . . . Linda Darnell plays a "bad girl" for a change in "Summer Storm", due here soon . . . "Zeigfeld Follies" will feature Lucille Ball, Lena Horne and Esther Williams. The wolves at Theatre No. 1 will howl loud and long when it gets here . . . That blonde cutie, Marilyn Maxwell, used to be Marvel Maxwell of the Ted Weems band, and prior to that a staff vocalist at WOWO, Ft. Wayne, Indiana . . . Gable's first movie after discharge will be "Strange Adventure", co-starring Myrna Loy—who also is long-time-no-see.

CHICAGO: Charlie Spivak opens at the College Inn this week, with his "sweetest trumpet in the world" . . . Rumor has it that the svelte and sultry Lena Horne is scheduled for a fall date at the Chez Paree . . . Her screen-mate

is currently making a personal appearance at the Oriental Theatre . . . "School for Brides", one of those racy little eye-filling dramas, is closing in Chi and heading for NY and the big-time come August 1st . . . Choo-Choo Johnson, the photog model, is featured in the cast of "A Goose for the Gander" . . . The Civic Opera House is presenting some old musical comedy revivals—with mediocre success . . . Mitzi Green is still growing stronger with audiences, and prettier, too, in her current appearance at the Chez Paree.

CHICAGO (CNS)—A tall stranger, munching a sandwich in a Chicago restraunt, protested when charged 19 cents for the tidbit. After learning who the stranger was the restaurant subsequently cut the sandwich price to its OPA level—a dime. Name of the customer: Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury.

LINCOLN, Neb. (CNS)—A man walked into a lunch wagon and sat on the stool, "Egg sandwich," he said to the counterman. "Make it yourself," the counterman snapped, hitting his customer on the head with an egg. "War nerves," was the diagnosis of doctors at the state sanitarium.

What's Your Question?

(Ed. Note—If you have a question that's bothering you, send it to this department, care of the Rattler, for an authoritative answer. Questions are answered by the Base Administrative Officer, Lt. Bowman.)

Q. Am I required to put dubbin on my shoes?

A. Yes. The use of dubbin is required on all GI shoes by WD Cir. 82, and AR 600-40.

Q. Is it true that the gas mask is supposed to be worn each week?

A. Yes. AAF Regulations 50-1 and 21-9 require a 30-minute training period each week in the use of the gas mask.

Q. What can I do when an officer doesn't return my salute?

A. Ask the officer to show you his identification card and turn his name and organization in to your commanding officer. Action will be taken.

Q. "What is your handbook?"

A. Your handbook is a publication for the use of civilian personnel on an Army base. Each civilian should have one.

Q. Why must I have an "Authorization Card" to prove that I have the right to wear my ribbons?

A. The ribbons represent medals and as such are awarded you by the Army and are part of your uniform. The authorization card is to prevent unauthorized persons from infringing on you by wearing the ribbon without having earned the right to wear it. See 2AF Memorandum 35-30.

SOLDIERS WATCH MOVIES 50 FEET FROM JAPS

BOUGAINVILLE (CNS)—Hollywood has come to Bougainville, which is a long, long way from California.

Soldiers stationed at outposts here now are seeing regularly scheduled motion picture programs, including feature length films and short subjects, sometimes within 50 feet of the fighting.

SNIP THE NIP DEPT.

It was away back in 1931 when the Japs had a taste of Lefty Grove's famous fast ball, but they haven't learned to handle the big league pitching yet. During a baseball tour of the Far East in '31, Grove was sent in to protect a 4-3 lead in the eighth inning. He fanned the last six Nippos on 19 pitched balls.



USO
CAMP SHOWS

This sharp sextet has twelve gorgeous gams and the know-how to use them—the Catherine Behney Girls. They'll be here on Wednesday night, August 16, with "Hold Tight," a stream-

lined, versatile USO Camp Show. The girls have appeared at Fort Meade and other camps, where their act has been warmly received. Their wind-up rendition of the Beer Barrel Polka

will have you wiping off the foam. The dancers are: Ginny Banks, Betty Carroll, Millie Lane, Fay Kegerise, Gloria Keller and Connie Nolan.

Comedy-Spiked Camp Show Is 'Hold Tight', Coming August 16

With accent on comedy the new USO Camp Show's variety hit, "Hold Tight", is coming to Pyote on Wednesday, August 16. It brings a sack o' songs, and a radio charcatar with a line of comedy you could hang your GI socks on. Easy on the eyes are six young line dancers who can tap and sway and do acrobatics with grace and speed.

Joe Lane and Pearl Harper, who have been featured in some of Joe E. Brown's pictures, do a comedy act that is bound to please. They have a timely and topical act designed for "camp consumption." Lane acts as master of ceremonies.

The Catherine Behney Girls, six lovely girls, have a novelty dance routine that runs the gamut from the can-can to "mummy" style. Their windup is a rendition of the Beer Barrel Polka which almost foams with realism.

Pretty Gerry Wright, who's danced her way up and down the West Coast, tosses that whistle right back into the laps of the GIs with her whistling act. Although there is whistling in every number, the audience never sees her lips move, so that puts her in the ventriloquist class, but Gerry would rather dance. The whistling is on the side.

The Nathane Brothers, skilled acrobatics and good comedians, combine their talents into a flash act.

The Keller Sisters, who're particularly well known around Rochester, N. Y., have some smooth-as-honey harmony duos ready for the show.

Sam Hearn, who is better known as "Schlepperman", created his dialect character on the Jack Benny Show. He has just finished making a tour of Camps in the United States and Canada with the entire Jack Benny show.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (CNS)—Here are the results of a four-day cleanup of Cocke County's moonshine liquor stills: 31 stills destroyed, 13,000 gallons of mash pored out, 200 gallons of whiskey destroyed, five persons arrested on moonshining charges.

No More Ties After 1700

No more ties after 1700 on the base—that was the good word that came down through channels this week.

The announcement comes as a welcome respite on the simmering summer evenings when things don't cool off until 'way after dark.

Exceptions to the rule are The Enlisted Men's Service Club, Post Theatres and Officers Club. Neckties must be worn in these places and naturally, off the base.

ALLIED FIRE-POWER 4 TIMES THAT OF FOE

FRANCE (CNS)—Allied fire-power soon will be four times that of the Germans here, according to Robert Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War.

"This tremendous fire-power, Patterson explained, "includes everything—small arms, grenades, mortars, artillery airplane bombs and rockets."

He added that "the figures for the Pacific will be fully as good."



KOOPS' KORNERS

MEMOS ON THE BACK OF A JULY MESS PASS: Week or so ago, we stopped by the Service Club Cafeteria to see if you could still get a milk shake for less than a buck, when a new sign caught our eye. Seems now the girls at the counter are forbidden to hold any superfluous conversation with the customer. Frankly, we think that stinks. Service-with-a-smile is bound to include a bit of chit-chat, and it adds to the air friendliness in any business establishment. We don't like to be dished out sandwiches or ice cream by a waitress as cold as an iceberg.

If that is somebody's well-intended idea for increasing the efficiency of the place, they're starting at the wrong end. That line could move along faster by having the girls work the section of the counter where the business is. For example, at breakfast time, there's no need of having one girl stand back of the soda-fountain when there's a bottleneck of guys waiting for toast and coffee. Or during a dance-intermission, why not open both of the soda fountains.

Of course, it really is no concern of ours. At those prices we can't afford to go there anyway.

One of the boys of Section D is a bit curious to know what gives with their day-room. Inasmuch as this is a 24 hour base, he figures, why not let the day-room remain open till midnight, instead of closing down at 11 or so? In that way, the boys who go to work at midnight have a chance to put a few extra P.S.'s on that letter to Home or Her.

And while they're at it, he says, how about having some buttcans in that day-room. We see what he means. It's tough to have to walk a mile to throw away a Camell!

Back last winter we mentioned something in the column about officers drinking beer at the EM's PX. We said then that—if we remember right—there was a 2AF regulation about that in April or May of '43. Now, one of our informants tells us, there are quite a few commissioned officers having their meals at the PX Cafeteria. Tsk, tsk. May we refer them again, sir, to that regulation?

Several of the boys have queried about the prices at the bowling alley. We checked with the PX officer about that today. At 20c a line, he informs, the bowling alley is still losing money every month. And until such time as the original cost of the construction of the alleys has been paid off, he doubts if any reduction in price could be effected.

The pin-boys get nine cents a line, and that only leaves 11 cents to cover pay-roll, depreciation, and such. We hope, guys, that gives you the reason as to the prices at the bowling alley; and we are sure that as soon as the price can be reduced, it will be.

PYOTE QUOTES: . . . Evesdropping at the Service Club: "Sure that guy takes calisthenics. Why, he's the biggest obstacle the obstacle course has got!" . . . Overheard in Mess Hall No. 5: "When this war is over, I'm gonna lynch every hot dog salesman Coney Island's got!" . . . As relayed from the Friday night dance: "So I says to her, 'Whatever happened to the old-fashioned girl that fainted when you kissed them?' and she says, right back, 'Whatever happened to the boys that made them faint?'" . . . Overheard at Theatre No. 1: "I hear this is a Class P picture. P for P-yewww!" . . . Evesdropped at the Bowling Alley: "There's too many girls here tonight. I'm concentrating on the wrong pins!"

PICTURE OF A MAN SAYING THANKS: As you know by now, there is an effort being made to build a swimming pool for the Enlisted men on the base. In order to make that possible, a bunch of guys and gals have gotten together a show which they intend to play at various towns to get the cash with which to build this pool. Some of these guys are from combat crew detachments who will be heading for a bigger show soon. They won't even see this swimming pool, let alone get to use it. But they're doing all they can to make the show a success, to make that swimming pool an eventuality for the guys that come along after.

That, we think, is a grand gesture. And we want to tip our helmet-liner to every guy and gal in that show. And we think you want to, too. It isn't easy to put on a show; it takes plenty of work—hard

MEET YOUR BUDDIES:

M-Sgt. Michels Liked Heavies; He's Taking Training Here Now

A combat crew trainee with six stripes is about as rare an item as a phone book without any Smiths—but Section I now boasts a master sergeant taking crew training.

L. H. Michels, a soft-spoken young fellow from Vernon, Texas, is believed to be the only master sergeant who has taken training here in some time.

Michels got his last rocker in January of this year at Stockton Field, Calif., and shortly afterwards decided to get into heavy bombardment work. At that time he was a hangar chief at Stockton Field, where he had spent a large part of his four years in Uncle Sam's Army.

He took his gunnery training at Kingman, Arizona, and after graduation was assigned to a Flying Fortress crew for training as an engineer.

It is the kind of stuff he wants, for M-Sgt. Michels has been interested in heavy aircraft for some time. He intends to stay in that line of work after the war, either in the Army or out of it.

M-Sgt. Michels is pretty warm in his praise for this field, "Pyote is a very good school and good field," he says. "The instructors I have had here are really capable, and it is a pleasure to work with them."

He should know, for he has served as flight chief and hangar chief at Stockton for many months, keeping the trainer planes flying for the cadets taking their advanced training.

His training so far with B-17s has been very interesting, according to Michels. The spirit of teamwork which marks all efforts of the Fortress crews impresses him a lot. "These fellows are really pulling together," he says.

Before going into the Army Michels worked as a plumber for his father in Vernon. He is married and has one child, and Mrs. Michels is here now as he completes his training.



M-Sgt. L. H. Michels

Negro Soldiers Set Record On India Apron Job

INDIA (CNS)—A battalion of U. S. Army engineers, comprised of Negro soldiers from southern states, has turned in one of the most remarkable jobs of the war here.

The battalion poured 23,000 cubic yards of concrete into a parking apron in a single month as its contribution to the 20th Bomber Command aerial offensive against Japan.

Previously most of these men had been working for six months on the Ledo road, vital supply route being hacked through the jungles and mountains between India and China.

Fume fever will develop from welding if proper ventilation is not provided.

work; it takes up free time that could be spent much more pleasantly. There's dialogue to learn, and some songs to practice, costumes to sew, and scenery to paint. It's a big, big job.

Entertainment here at Pyote has never been on the frequent side. There's plenty of talent around the field—the Wacs, the GIs, and the civilians—are all contributing to make this show a success. Maybe you can't sing or dance or act. But you can cooperate, too.

When this show plays here—when any show plays here—show those taking part that you like it; that you appreciate their efforts to entertain you. You can cooperate by coming around for these shows, to applaud if you like them, to laugh if you think the jokes are funny, to whistle if you think the girl sare pretty. That's how you can help.

And, that way, we can do everything we can to turn out real, live, entertainment for you as often as possible; if it takes every spare minute we got.

Thanks.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"An' now show me Lana Turner!"

POLICIN' UP

We just can't help admiring the spirit of the folks down in South Texas who elected one of their favorite sons, now in the Army, to the state legislature.

The new representative couldn't be there to accept. But that didn't stop his election. Neither did the fact that he's now a prisoner of war in Germany.

And the legislature convenes next January.

Their super-optimistic spirit is not reflected everywhere, however. We've just scanned an item that says the Quartermaster General has an order for 50 million pounds of turkey to be used on Thanksgiving in Army camps.

Lady (with newspaper in hand): "It says here that a woman in Omaha has just cremated her third husband."

Old Maid: "Isn't that always the way? Some of us can't even get tone, and others have husbands to burn."

When I was out I heard the cry, "Why aintchoo in the army, guy?" Now sergeants weep over PX beer. "Oh, why are dopes like him sent here?"

He: "What a girl! What a night! What a moon! What a combination!"

She: "Goodness! Is that showing too?"

A Scott was engaged in an argument as to whether the fare was 25c or 30c. Finally the disgusted conductor picked up the Scotsman's suitcase and tossed it off the train just as they passed over a bridge. It landed with a splash.

"Mon!" screamed Scotty. "Isn't it enough to try to overcharge me? Now you try to drown my little boy!"

An epitaph to an Army Mule: "In memory of Maggie, an army mule, who in her life kicked one General, four Colonels, two majors, 10 captains, 24 lieutenants, 42 Sergeants, 454 Privates and one bomb."

The Station's Public Relations Officer, Capt. Thomas F. McLaughlin, has been wearing out a hospital bed over in Ward 9 for the past two weeks and two days.

It's grippe, says the doctor. Fortunately, he is getting better and expects to return to the fold shortly.

The purpose of this little piece is to wish him a speedy recovery. We're interested in you, Capt. We hope it isn't serious. We hope you're back in your usual good shape soon. We hope you can soon return to the bosom of your family. We hope you can return to the office soon.

And to your typewriter.

—THE STAFF

EDITORIAL

Pattern For Victory

Among other things which occupy the allegedly superior Teutonic mind these days may be a report of the bombing of their positions in Normandy. With her eastern front crumbling, Germany has put up everything she had to try and stop the Allies from breaching their Western Wall. Her last and only hope was that she could prolong the war and hold out for a peace which would allow her to salvage enough for another try 25 years later.

But air power that really deserves the title, "invincible", is robbing her of this hope. A correspondent wrote from an observation post near Caen:

"I have never seen such a spectacle of titanic airpower and majestic terror as was thrown against the enemy's lines in a blitz which must have given the frightfully awed German in his trenches final and convincing proof that there is only one thing he can expect if he continues this war—death."

The writer watched British bombers open the attack. In a few minutes 300 planes had dropped their bombs around Nazi strong points. Relays of bombers followed in regular procession until over a thousand had loosed their loads. Then came the American heavies in stately order.

"Earth of the battlefield, debris, human remains, wrecks of villages, fumes of smoke bombs—chaos in every sense of the term—spiral aloft. Still the bombers come. Still the bombs fall."

German ack-ack, upon which their ground troops must now rely for defense, goes up but the vast formations are hardly touched by casualties.

The pattern is set for the liberation of France. When the enemy decides to hold firm the air force moves in to blast his positions. There are still bitter, costly battles to be fought. The Germans still have their artillery and ground forces to withstand the infantrymen. But they'll be dug out, with tanks, rifles and bayonets. The tremendous aid superiority of the Allies does not eliminate this tough job. But it does make it easier.

No wonder the Nazi generals complain of the "scientific" way with which the war is being waged against them. In their eyes, power is wrong only when they are not wielding it.

You're Defending It, Why Not Use It?

The Rattler checked the figures in the office of the Station Voting Officer this week, and found that, up to Monday, only 30 men on this base had availed themselves of the opportunity to cast an absentee ballot.

You don't have to be a mathematician to figure that this is a very small percentage. The way the national election goes in November will have an effect on you during the rest of your Army life and for a long time after the duration plus six.

Absentee balloting has been fixed up so that it isn't too much trouble for anyone. You owe it to yourself to exercise this priceless privilege. What are you fighting for, if not the right to vote?

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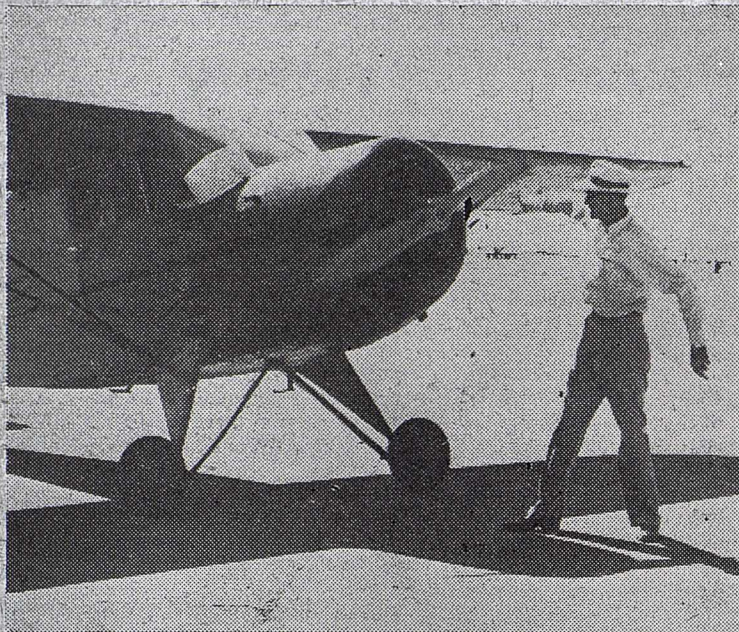
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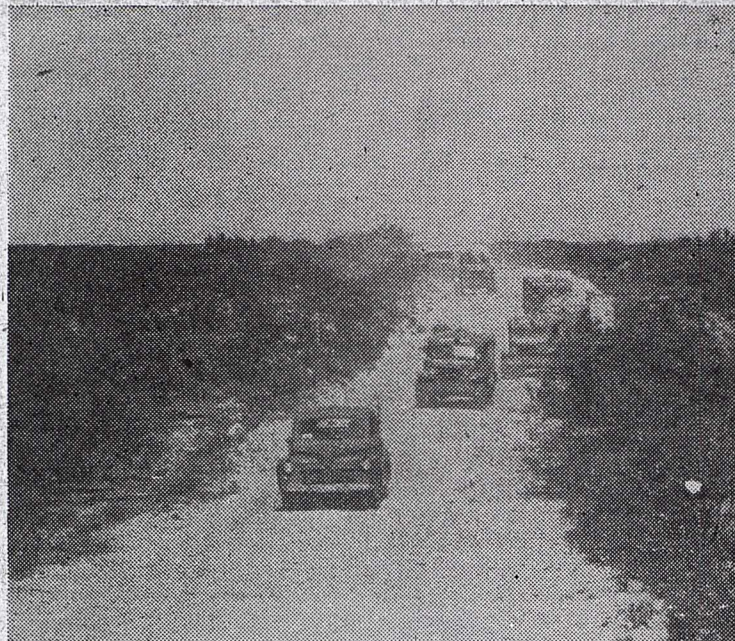
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One of the civilian pilots starts his motor for the take-off. These men fly to do their good turns.



Guided by planes overhead, the convoy wends its dusty way over the prairie road to crash scene.

B-17 CRASH SENDS FAR-REACHING SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANIZATION INTO ACTION

By PVT. MONTY ASH

Sixty miles south of the Pyote base, George Farraday is busily attending to some of the chores around his ranch, when he notices a plane headed straight for earth. He is frozen in his tracks as the plane cracks up, but only momentarily. He races to the telephone and calls the Pyote Army Air Base.

His call is relayed to the dispatchers office, who gets as much information from Mr. Farraday as possible, such as, where the call is coming from, location of accident, number of planes involved, nature of accident, did any one bail out, etc. As soon as the dispatcher has this information the tower is called and the crash alarm is sounded. The crash alarm is a device, which automatically rings in ten different departments at once, and the tower then gives the information of the crash to the Station Commandant, Director of Training, Director of Flying, Station Operations Officer, Search and Rescue Officer, Flight Surgeon, Hospital Dispensary, Air Inspector, M.P.s and Station Intelligence Officer. The information is received by the aforementioned departments at the same time. Immediately things begin to happen. A convoy is formed, consisting of ambulances, crash trucks, fire apparatus and radio jeeps. This convoy meets at operations.

In the meantime, Captain Jack White, the search and rescue officer, calls the Monahans C.A.P. giving them the necessary information on the crash, and these vol-

unteer flyers take off for the base. The moment they arrive, they are briefed and take off in search of the plane.

The convoy then takes off, in the general direction of the crack up.

The entire procedure up until the time of departure of the convoy takes no more than thirty minutes, and all operations are running smoothly.

The moment the plane is discovered by one of the C.A.P. pilots, he circles the scene of the crash and another ship returns to guide the convoy to the plane.

Besides attending to their regular jobs, these pilots from Monahans are on call 24 hours a day. There are eight of these men, who fly these missions voluntarily, asking nothing in return, but the hope that they can find the plane as soon as possible, thus preventing loss of life or what might result in the loss of life. We couldn't help but be impressed by the size of the planes flown by these men. In fact when we saw the first of these "Culvers" coming in we thought it was nothing more or less than a small red balloon coming for an emergency landing. But these flying midgets, have the ability to land and take off practically anywhere, which they do when one of these crack ups occur.

When the convoy arrives at the accident, the medical department is on the job, the photographer takes pictures of every part of the ship, and the M.P.s stand guard, just in case some of the curious

decide to get a little too curious.

A full report is made of the crash, the injured are rushed back to the base, and the M.P.s are left to guard the remains of the plane until it can be towed or carted away.

These seem like a fairly simple procedure, but these C.A.P. pilots really have a tough job until that plane is located. They cover the area sometimes for several hours before a trace of the plane is found and then when it is, they must guide the convoy to that spot. If the convoy is headed in the wrong direction, they dive down at the lead car, and then head off in the right direction and once they are headed the right way they dip or wig-wag their wings, showing them that they are now on the right road.

We feel that the men of the Monahans C.A.P. are doing more than a worthwhile job, and particularly when we consider that they use their own planes, and that they get nothing for their services

Lt. Wm. Pearson, is in command of these men, and is one of the best known men in Monahans. Lt. Pearson has a car agency which is managed by another of the C.A.P. pilots, Gilbert Murray.

Earl Fitch is one of the local trucking contractors and has been working with the C.A.P. for quite some time.

Mr. R. C. Bannon is the Flying Instructor at the AGEY Field in Monahans, and has taught many a G.I. to fly.

Another of the gents of this search and rescue patrol is Mr. Lewis Connor, who, when not flying, is an oil field and tool equipment salesman. Finally we have Mr. C. A. Williams, who has his own garage in Monahans

We saw these men at work, that is, at the job of finding a plane that had been forced down, and without their cooperation it might have been many an hour before the plane would have been found.

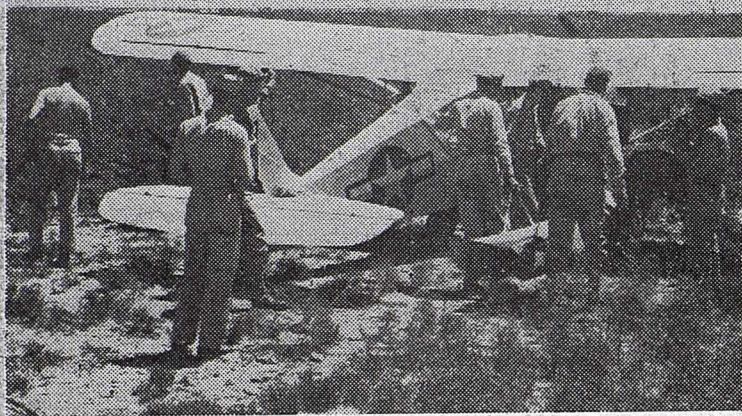
Keep up the good work, gentlemen, you're doing one swell job.

NEWTON, N. C. (CNS)—A 29-year-old man serving a 50 year prison term for murder and a 19-year-old girl were married in the prison yard recently. The bride, who works in a cotton mill nearby, was then permitted to remain with her husband 30 minutes, after which she was returned to town by bus.

YREKA, CAL. (CNS)—"You can't do this to me," howled Jess Clemens while being juggled for a drunkenness count. He thereupon smashed all the plumbing in his cell, flooding the paddy house. Next day, Clemens paid \$15 on the drunkenness charge, \$60 more for wrecking the jail.

A newspaper story of a country wolf-hunt in Kansas says it was a flop because most of the men who usually go out on it are in the Army now.

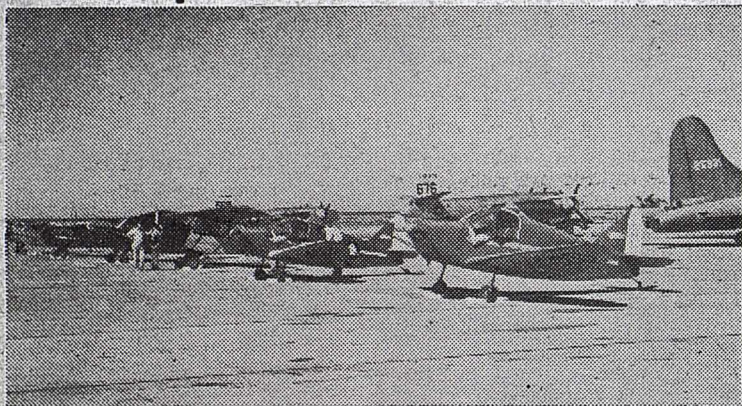
Most of the wolves too, we presume.



Their light planes land almost anywhere. This one was set down smack in the middle of the desert.



In this practice run, Search and Rescue men are giving first aid to a "casualty" at scene.



Planes are lined up before the take-off. Compare size of small craft with tail of B-17 at right.



Civilian pilots and Army officers check their maps and note approximate location of the crash.

SWEET AND SOUR—

BAND NOTES

By Cpl. GLEN BOOTH

After a nice (?) visit in the hospital, yours truly will endeavor to keep putting out news of your band.

The most talked-about topic around the barracks just now is weddings. We have had three recent marriages. Congratulations are in order for:

T-Sgt. Christensen and Mary Jolly of Wink.

Sgt. Bill Ross and Jean Williams of Monahans.

Sgt. George Weil and Pfc. Katherine Lawhorne of the local Wac unit

"Lightning" has again changed hands. This time the sucker is Sgt. Glazier. For your information, "Lightning" is the '30 Chevy sedan that once belonged to Cpl.

Wiles and Sgt. Zerman and then again to Cpl. Wiles.

A mattress is now part of the standard equipment that goes with the dance band. Reason: Cpl. Castagnino's falls will be cushioned.

Thanks, Koops, for your plug in the weekly Korner.

Remember the open air band concerts in Central Park and on the band stands of the old home town? Sunday night will be your chance to recall some memories. There won't be the grass of the city park but the patio of the Service Club will substitute for it. The concert starts at 9 p.m. and the band will be featured playing Greig's "Peer Gynt Suite" and Sigmund Romberg's "Student Prince Overture".

The band has been playing for dances in other outfits for quite a while, and now it is about time we have a dance of our own. The big night is August 7th and the scene of the big

event will be the ballroom of the Odessa Country Club. For once we will be able to listen to the music of another band. It will be that of the Pecos Army Air Field Band under the direction of S-Sgt. L. G. Stunz.

We're now busy with rehearsals for "Off Limits", which has original music composed especially for the show. . . Looks like we'll be all wet, when the new EM swimming pool is completed. . . Seems that Pvt. Elmer Powolski had a hard time staying in bed last Thursday night. I was well informed that the thud during the early part of the night was not a burglar in your footlocker, Elmer. And to think he's from Milwaukee—was his face red! . . . It's hard to believe but Dave Ross has spent nearly two weeks of a hard earned furlough right here in Pyote. Of course his wife and son being here might have something to do with it.



KEY TO CONQUEST . . . Yank occupation of Saipan gives U. S. key to the conquest by air and land of Japan and the Philippines.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

By T-Sgt. Lawrence Shipp

"I'll see you when the sun goes down" is a familiar expression in our 'back yard' as the real heat of the summer beats down on us unmercifully. Now that swimming pool would be just the answer—but NOW and not next Christmas! In the meantime, it looks as if those frequent cold showers will have to suffice.

As far as 15 Medics were concerned there never was a Sec. "S". True, they moved to and from the tent area, but not in spirit. We understand that the tents they occupied were called Sec. "M" Annex. Try and break company spirit like that; it can't be done.

Sgt. Dwyer was returning from the Cafeteria with his "bucket of beer" the other evening when he saw a scene he will never forget. There was Cpl. Joe Solick with a clothes pin bag tied around his waist, clothes-pins in his mouth and gradually making that line look like lower Market Street in Philly. Sgt. Bloom popped around the corner regularly with full baskets of the family laundry. Now fellows, aren't these the last that you'd ever think would turn domestic?

Pfc. Larry Timmons broke all records (also Bonney's "staff of life") the other night when he came through with a full '3 act comedy'. With 12 GI's rolling on the floor with laughter, Timmons' would not give up. The climax was reached when this comedian cut the buttons from 5 good drawers to replace two missing ones. Time:—0200 one morning! That was a "sew job" you'd all enjoy seeing.

M-Sgt. Flitt, who joined our outfit recently and who has spent considerable time in Panama, hasn't been wasting any time. There seems to be a certain "pair of blue eyes" in the mess hall that have been getting plenty attention of late. Observe carefully and the solution will be yours.

Speaking of eyes, Cpl. Mete reports that the opposite sex in Monahans have made such a big adieu over Pfc. George Nassif for that same reason. Now try and talk your way out of that one, George!

Cpl. Hay has unanimously been selected the "best dressed soldier" in the Flyers' Dispensary. Now who was it that was running a close second?

The terrific baseball battle continues as the medical officers continue their tourney. At the pres-

M A L E C A L L

By Milton Caniff



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ent time Mutschmanns' "Tigers" and Reynolds' "Rats" have won one game each and Alleys' "Cats" have lost two. If there's any question as to whose team Capt. Fusco is on, read the daily "Base Ball Slam". You'll find it on all bulletin Boards.

The mystery of the "Fly Chaser" has been solved. For some time we've been wondering where Sgt. Kluczycki has been spending his evenings. It so happened that one evening a group of Medics (you'll never see less than six together) dropped in at the Civilian Cafeteria and there he was. The good Sgt. was sitting at a table alone at 2130 drinking beer. But here's the pay off: he was wearing dark glasses and readin ga funny book! Now who was he trying to fool?

Have you heard of the powerful "Massey Machine"? Its headquarters is in Bks. 1 and Sgt. Fohey and Biondi are its chief supporters. Don't be surprised if this active gang really tries to set the "world on fire" some of these days. Incidentally, Sgt. Massey is not a Southerner; he was born in Philadelphia. If there's any doubt in your mind, YOU ask him!!!



Q. I have been told that it is not permissible for me to wear both my paratrooper and pilot wings at the same time. Is this true?

A. No. Both may be worn on the uniform, as may any other badge you have to takes tests of some sort to qualify for. The exception to this rule is the expert infantryman's badge which may not be worn when the recipient also has won the combat infantry badge.

Q. My wife and I were married when we both were very young. One day she hit me with a chair leg and ran off with the iceman, never to return. Later I was drafted and as soon as I was in the Army my wife started hollering for an allowance. I don't think she deserves it, but I have been told she has a just claim. How about it?

A. As the law now stands, your wife is entitled to a regular Class A allotment. The only way you can stop these pay-

ments is by getting a divorce in which no alimony is granted your wife. Whether you can get one while you're in the service depends upon the law of your home state. Your Legal Assistance Officer can give you the data on the legal channels open to you.

He Didn't Go Back And Apologize, Either

FRANCE (CNS)—Pfc. G. C. Smith, of Tennessee, leading scout for a rifle party, inched himself forward 150 yards at H-Hour. He saw an enemy soldier near a hedge. Smith shot him, then wiped out a German machine gun nest.

Smith looked around, wondering why no American comrades were near, then realized that he was alone in an enemy outpost area. So he inched his way back to his own line and demanded why the rest of the squad hadn't joined in the attack.

"It hasn't started yet," he was told. "You must have got your signals mixed."

Manual and electric tools should be inspected at regular intervals by competent inspectors.

WAC Flak

By SGT. THEORA FRENCH and PVT. BARBARA COLEGROVE

This week a dual celebration of birthdays was observed by—you guessed it—French and Colegrove—and as a gift we received from the Rattler the questionable pleasure of giving forth with the always fascinating Wac news. We anticipate making ourselves unpopular and objects for libel suits, so any complaints, suggestions or legal actions against these writers should be directed, through channels, to Madam DuBarry, Wac Detachment, AAF, Pyote, Texas.

In this, our first opus, we introduce the "Wac personality of the week."

She is the youngest member of the company, yet arrived here with the early birds of over a year ago. Her personality is unsurpassed by any other girl in the company. She's gay, winsome, mischievous and known to all. Very much sought after by the male personnel, she is not too tall, not too short, and her silken black locks are always in place. With those big, brown eyes shining, and that delightful laugh, our "gal of the week" is the athlete of the lot. Very military, she never misses a review, or P. T.—and wouldn't be caught without her dog tags, ever! Guess who. Look us up next week and we'll have the correct answer. In the meantime anyone who supplies the correct name before Wednesday will be awarded a prize bouquet of our own native Yucca.

NEWS NOTES . . . Yes, fellows, Private "Sammy" Samson is back from furlough, as is our own Reames Moore, the best French fry cook in the Army. Speaking of cooks—our own very special appreciation and thanks to some recent newcomers in the mess hall who are doing a swell job. Yes, we mean Privates Effie Montgomery, Evelena Corbin and Elsie Baysinger. Keep your eyes for word of a dance to be given in the Wac dayroom . . . Congratulations to Pfc. Catherine Lawhorne who walked down the aisle to become Mrs. George Weil. Happy future, kids!

We congratulate Pvt. Myrle Sheldon and Cpl. Blanche Lightborne for their undying enthusiasm and stoic labors (on their own time) in a successful attempt to beautify the Wac area. They have painstakingly removed all the native geological specimens around barracks three and four, and replaced them (to our amazement) with beautiful desert flowers which enhance the view no end. Believe it or not, some of the local blossoms are surprisingly attractive. Thanks gals—and how

It Can't Be Wrong



That's what we thought, too, when we first looked at this picture. Thinking we were looking at it the wrong way, we

turned it around. Try it, and you'll decide as we did that there isn't any wrong way to

look at Cathey Downs, lovely New York model. Cathey sends her regards.

about some help on the shovel work from a few others? (Don't look at us—we suffer from a chronic sprained back, sinusitis, rheumatism, pes planus 3rd degree, anemia, myositis, arthritis and Pyotentitis.)

GRIPE OF THE WEEK

How can the gals and guys buy that much needed cake of soap at the PX general store when the establishment is closed during the only free hours? We refer to the boys and girls on late shifts, or those who work in the mess halls. Gripe No. 2—why should the employees of the GI laundry take out their bad tempers on us by jumping up and down on our clean uniforms just before delivery?

UNUSUAL EVENT OF THE WEEK: Our Lt. Haslam hasn't turned her ankle all week.

WE SAY: An open yap is a Jap trap.

GI SAHIBS AID ROMANCE IN INDIA

INDIA (CNS)—Durgas Pasa, native bearer to a couple of GIs stationed at an air depot here, wanted to get married. But he hadn't the money he needed to pay off his prospective father-in-law.

The two GI sahibs came to his rescue. Between them they procured the funds needed, accompanied the happy bridegroom to a neighboring village and stood in on the ceremony.

QM Sees

By PFC. GEORGE MAHANEY

The evening of the 21st, Cpl. Roy Thursby sat on his bunk chewing his nails to the quick. For the past week his cohorts had been haunting the Signal Office so much that the signal employees were beginning to wonder who was Thursby. The boys were trying to cheer Roy up by suggesting he help them partake of a spaghetti dinner, when the harbinger of good news, Bill Friend, burst through the door and announced that Roy was the father of a seven-pound, ten-ounce baby girl.

Thursby let out several whoops of joy, broke open a box of cigars, procured ice, cokes and tumblers, and other ingredients for a celebration which Roy said was the happiest of his life. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Thursby.

The heat is beginning to bear down on Pyote at an early hour as any of the boys who have to stand Saturday morning reviews and stumble over the rocks while the band gives out with its rendition of "Lucky Tiger March" will tell you. They decided one Joe had fainted when he fell flat on his face, but on inspection found he had just gotten tangled with a stake protruding in the line of march.

Benny Barrafato tried to ex-

terminate some of those Monahans roaches by using mouse traps, but the roaches carried off all of Benny's traps. He then acquired what was supposed to be a thoroughbred roach hound to hunt them down. Now, Benny relates that he and his wife were awakened by some loud thumping sounds mingled with low choking whines. Upon investigation they found a large roach with a strangle hold on the dog. Benny tried to separate them, but the roach challenged Benny, and it took him a whole apple pie to pacify the critter.

The story of the creation of the world is told in Genesis in 400 words. The Ten Commandments contain 297 words, Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address 266. The Declaration of Independence required only 1321 words to set up a new concept of freedom. But the OPA uses 2,500 words to announce a reduction in the price of cabbage seed.

We received a letter from Shorty Wilson the other day. He is now stationed at Walker Field, Kansas, and says there are worse places than Pyote. Shorty was a prince of a fellow. His ready wit and willingness to try and do everyone a good turn are missed by all the boys of the QM.

STOP ACCIDENTS

Carelessness and ignorance of the job are the causes of most accidents.

G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS EXPLAINED: GIVES BIG BOOST TO VETERANS

Education Benefits Aid Younger Men; Loans, Unemployment Pay And Job Aid Is Available For All

(Ed. Note—The GI Bill of Rights, now enacted into law, is the biggest thing that has happened on the home front since you got in the Army. It will be affecting you the rest of your life. The following article, reprinted from YANK, the Army weekly, gives the main points of the bill.)

The GI Bill of Rights, now approved by congress and signed by the president, promises more to veterans than any law in U. S. history.

For instance, a lot of ex-GIs may get a post-war job with the help of the Veteran's Placement service the bill authorizes; others may receive unemployment compensation for as long as a year; some may borrow as much as \$2,000 to buy a home, farm or new business, and many may get a free year or more of college.

Here are the main provisions of the bill.

EDUCATION

If you were drafted or enlisted before you were 25 and served for more than 90 days (except for time in the ASTP or Navy college training program), you're eligible for at least some of the educational benefits.

You can go to any college or university or trade school approved by the Veterans' administration, and it looks now as if that will include just about all of them.

You can attend college anywhere in the country, and you can also have your tuition paid for attending school part-time or going to night school for as long as a year.

You'll be able to take any kind of refresher or retaining course you want, and you are entitled to at least a year of training or college study. Then, if your work is satisfactory, you may be eligible for as much as three years more. However, you can't attend school longer than the time you were in the service.

The government will pay up to \$500 a year tuition and subsistence of \$50 a month if you have no dependents and \$75 a month if you have.

In order to get these educational benefits you'll have to start to whatever school you choose within two years after the end of the war or within two years after you get your discharge, whichever is the later. If you wait later than that, the deal is off.

EMPLOYMENT

A Veteran's Replacement service will be set up to cooperate with the U. S. Employment service, and the combination will act

as "an effective counselling and employment placement service for veterans."

In each state, and in many home towns, there will be a veterans' employment representative, himself a veteran. He will work with the Employment service, and it will be his job to supervise the registration of veterans in local employment offices, keep up-to-date dope on available jobs, try to interest employers in hiring veterans and "assist in every possible way in improving working conditions and the advancement of employment of veterans."

LOANS

The Veterans' Administration will guarantee 50 per cent of a loan of not more than \$2,000 at 4 per cent interest or less if it's for a purpose the VA finds "practicable." The VA will also pay the interest for the first year on the part it guarantees. You can borrow the money from a state or federal agency or a private institution.

You can get a loan to be used in buying a house if you plan to live in it or in building a new house for yourself on property you already own. You can also borrow money to repair or alter your home or pay off indebtedness or taxes on the property.

If you're a farmer, you can get a loan to buy land, buildings, livestock, farm equipment and machinery or to repair buildings and equipment on your farm. All you have to show is that there is a "reasonable likelihood that such operations will be successful" and that you're not paying too much for what you get.

Ex-GIs who want to have their own businesses can borrow money for buying "any business, land, building, supplies, equipment, machinery or tools to be used by the applicant in pursuing a gainful occupation (other than farming)." The Veterans' Administration will approve such a loan if you can show that you have the ability and experience to make it "reasonably likely" that the business will succeed and that you're not being overcharged.

Finally, if you can get one loan from a federal agency and need another to apply to the cost of a

home, farm business, new equipment or repairs, the Veterans' Administration will guarantee the full amount of the second loan if it's not more than \$2,000. However the second loan can't total more than 20 percent of the price you're paying, and the interest can't be more than 1 per cent in excess of the first loan.

That means that if you are paying \$5,000 for a house and borrow \$4,000 from the Federal Housing administration, the additional \$1,000 you need will be guaranteed by the VA.

READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES

If you're unemployed after you receive your discharge, you're entitled to as much as \$20 a week for as long as a year if you apply not later than two years after the war or your discharge, whichever is the later date. No allowance will be paid which begins later than five years after the end of the war.

If you also receive any state or federal unemployment compensation, that amount will be subtracted from the veterans' allowance you receive.

You won't get any allowance if you're unemployed because you quit work "without good cause", are fired because of "misconduct in the course of employment", are out of work because of a strike or lock-out or won't apply for a new job to take an available free training course.

But if you have your own business and are making less than \$100 a month, you will still be eligible for some allowances.

HOSPITALIZATION

The Veterans' Administration will take over many army and navy hospitals when they're no longer needed after the war, and 500 million dollars has been appropriated for building new hospitals.

BONUS

If a bonus is paid discharged GIs after the war, the act provides that benefits already paid under the GI Bill of Rights will be deducted from the bonus, and if a veteran has already received a loan under terms of the act, the agency paying the bonus will first pay the unpaid balance and interest on the loan.

Many details affecting the application of the act of specific veterans remain to be worked out by the Veterans' Administration. But there's not much doubt that the GI Bill of Rights is the most significant veterans' legislation ever passed. Just about everybody in uniform will be affected by it.

Particularly For Younger Men, GI Bill 'Good Deal'

The GI Bill of Rights is a "good deal" all the way around, but especially so for younger men who will get their college education practically as a gift—that is the opinion of a dozen persons interviewed this week on the question:

"Will the bill affect you and if so, how?"

Pvt. Carl Lamke, Sec. F, a former school teacher and now clerk in the Physical Training Department, stated: "I don't see how the bill favors a man with college education in any way. However, it is a marvelous opportunity for men in the younger age brackets, mainly 25 years of age."

Pvt. Rose Hussar, Wacs, says, "No, I won't be taking advantage of the bill because I plan on being wed and running a home."

Cpl. J. Hanson, of Los Angeles, Calif., is not worrying about the GI Bill or any other bill—"I've got my job waiting for me when I go back."

Cpl. LaValle, Sec. II, of Long Island, N. Y., says: "Yes. I certainly will take advantage of the bill. I'll now have a chance to get a full college education at the government's expense, and I plan on taking a business or engineering course."

Sgt. Bill Lamar, Sec. II, of Corpus Christi, Texas, says: "From what I've heard so far on the bill, it looks as if I'll be taking advantage of the \$2,000 loan and set up in business with any luck at all I should make good."

Sgt. Al Glennon, Sec. A, New York City, states: "I can't see where this bill will be advantageous to myself or any other college graduate who already has a profession. However it is a great opportunity to get an education or get started in business." Sgt. Glennon is a lawyer.

Capt. Keddington, Sec. A, thinks it is a good bill all the way around. "It is a good chance for young fellows to complete their college education. The unemployment compensation will be a wonderful stabilizer for many during the period of readjustment to civilian life. Many older men will take advantage of the \$2,000 loan clause either to buy a business or a farm. Most servicemen have no home of their own, and after the war many of these will want to make permanent arrangements for homes. The loan will help a great deal in this respect."

S-Sgt. Douglas G. Pilcher, Sec. A, says he intends to start in a shoe store business on the government-sponsored loan plus what he has managed to save. "I now have a chance to do what I've always wanted to do," he says.

"A" Men

By S-Sgt. Robert E. Miller

Well, my friends, if you've recovered from my last column, I'll proceed with this one; if you have not, all that I can say is that I'm sorry, honest! The little parties held weekly at the Servcie Club are strictly OK, to my way of thinking. First of all the proceeds are for a worthy cause, namely, the building of a swimming pool—which in Pyote is a necessity, not a luxury. Then, there's the beer, it's not bad either. Let's give a word of thanks to that man Koops, for his cooperation in acting as MC for the affair.

It seems that Pfc. Walter (Duke) Holm was working rather late the other night when he remembered that it was the day that laundry was returned. Upon returning to the barracks, Duke decides to try to find the bundle in the darkness. After using two books of matches, came the dawn, and in more ways than one. He just realized that he hadn't sent any laundry the week before.

VITAL STATISTICS

More congratulations, this time to Pvt. and Mrs. Paul Mehringer and Pvt. and Mrs. Elvis Exum. It was a boy for the Mehringers, and a girl for the Exums.

Sgts. Bass and Royster, and Cpl. Lloyd have returned to Pyote from well deserved furloughs.

Our congratulations to Cpl. Ted Cisek and Cpl. Joseph Comanitz, for whom the wedding bells did recently toll.

Who was the brave PFC who sang a few numbers at the Service Club the other night and when mid-way through the song, a very effeminate voice shrieked out with a sigh, "Frankie". Later on in the evening, I heard that an MGM talent scout was on his way for an interview with said singer.

A recent communique from Berlin quoted Hitler as saying that the absentee problem was getting serious. Every day a few more factories fail to show up for work.

This is strictly on the QT, but it is said that Lt. Pykosz would like to be the Paratroop Recruiting Officer for this station. He claims that every man in the service should make his last step a long one, so join the Paratroops!

Then there's the bright young GI who remarked that it's so hot here that if he could, he wouldn't even wear an expression. And I don't believe that he was kidding, either.

SORRY FOR MYSELF, DEPT.

Here's one of those proverbs of mine, that just have to turn up, so I'll just say it and get the thing over with. "Happiness consists largely of forgetting the things we can't have," and it certainly applies to Pyote. In order to abide by that, we poor

Name It And It's Yours



Peggy with the Irish last name is a star of Universal's forthcoming melodrama, "The Merry Monahans." We don't even know what the show is about but have already made our reservation. And if you can identify Peggy, shown above, we'll reserve you that nifty 8 by 10-inch pin-up picture. First one to call at the Rattler Office, Station Headquarters, gets the pin-up.

100TH MEDAL OF HONOR A POSTHUMOUS AWARD

AURORA, Ill. (CNS)—The 100th Medal of Honor awarded in World War II was presented here recently to Mrs. Fredericka Trumper, mother of Lt. Walter Trumper, 8th AAF navigator killed in an attempt to save his plane after all others in the crew had bailed out.

STOP ACCIDENTS

Shields should be used with portable outfits to protect the eyesight of fellow workmen.

unfortunates at Pyote, would have to be very forgetful, since we just don't have anything.

This was overheard at one of the Friday night dances at the Service Club. Two young ladies were chatting about matrimony, when one of the sweet young things remarked that she would marry Ralph if he were richer, or taller, or better looking, . . . or if he'd ask her!

We want to say so long to Pvt. Dick Brindle, recently transferred to Camp Rucker, Alabama, and to Cpl. Fred T. Harris, to of all places, Mitchell Field, Long Island, New York. You're a lucky guy, Freddy.

That's it friends; so long until next week. Bear with me, will you?

Lauriello Hits Stride; Cracks 600 Mark Twice

Lou Lauriello, anchor on the fast stepping Hangar No. 1 team on two successive nights, rolled scores of 604 and 630. Bowling in the fast Blue League. Lou, just returned from furlough, has hit the stride expected from him not only pushing his team in a contending spot for honors, but at the same time boosting his average up to 177.4 to grab first place.

Bowling against the fast Aleutian Aces Hangar No. 1 needed Lauriello's 630 series to take the match and three well earned points. The Aleutian Aces didn't do badly themselves, Kearns grabbing 2nd place with a 245 single game while the team went into 3rd as the result of a fine 905 game. The Flashes still lead the Blue circuit but like a pack of howling coyotes are four others on their heels, the Musclemen with 27 points, Aleutian Aces with 24, Consolidated Mess with 23 and Hangar No. 1 with 22. Next Monday night the Musclemen take on Hangar No. 1 and much depends on the outcome of this match.

In the scrappy Red League five teams are likewise battling it out right down to the wire for the coveted first spot. Communications, by virtue of a three-point victory over the Pill Rollers, held on to their top seat by a mere two points. Coming up fast is the five representing Classification and tonight anything can happen when they take on Communications. Another interesting match will be that between the Comets and Medicos, only one point separating these two in league standings. Joe Scully, hard hitting Classification anchor, tossed a 571 series to grab 3rd place in individual honors at the same time helping his team to 2nd place, with a 2380, 3 game series. The Comets still ride the waves for team honors with their 879 single and 2403, 3-game high total.

With five teams trying desperately to knock the league leading Stargazers off their perch, bowling in the White league for the next three weeks should prove more than hectic. Tow Target's Marauders were able to take three points from the Stargazers, thus gaining a tie for 1st spot but they themselves were pushed out of the tie by the 'never say die' spirit of the Quartermaster quintet.

Quite a few changes took place in team honors with the Shutterbugs taking over 1st place with an 814 single and a 2264, 3-game series. Dullanty's 'Fighters' stole in to 2nd spot with an 804 single and 2241 3-game while the Star Gazers slid in to third.

Bowling Standings

BLUE LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	Pts.
Flashes	22	8	29
Musclemen	20	10	27
Aleutian Aces	18	12	24
Cons'l'd. Mess	17	13	23
Hangar No. 1	16	14	22
Section 8's	14	16	17
Section E	7	23	9
Snoops	5	24	8

WHITE LEAGUE

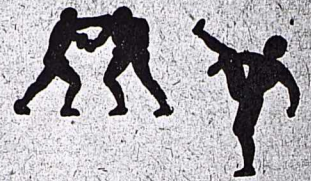
TEAM	W	L	Pts.
Stargazers	21	6	28
Marauders	19	8	26
Fighters	15	12	20
Quartermaster	12	15	16
Shutterbugs	12	15	16
Sawboners	13	14	16
Chairsitters	9	18	12
Bombers	7	20	9

RED LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	Pts.
Communications	18	9	24
Pillrollers	16	11	22
Classification	16	11	21
Comets	15	12	20
Medicos	14	13	19
Russelmen	8	19	10



RATTLER SPORTS



2AF Returns To Gridiron With Tough '44 Schedule

List Of Candidates, Now Down To 50, Will Total 33 For Year's Play

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. AUG. 3—Second Air Force, returning to the gridiron after a lapse of one year, has scheduled half of its games and expects to announce the remainder before Major William B. (Red) Reese, Coach, begins preparations for Fall campaign this month.

The Second Air Force, card to this date:

- September 9, Colorado College at Colorado Springs, Colo.
- September 29, Whitman College at Boise, Idaho
- October 7, Iowa Seahawks at Lincoln, Nebraska
- October 25, Washburn University at Topeka, Kansas
- November 11, Fort Warren at Denver, Colorado
- November 18, University of Washington at Spokane, Washington

Virtually all 40 bases in the Second Air Force have been represented in the screening of football talent for the team. Only 50 remain of approximately 100 candidates who have participated in the preliminary workouts. The screening will continue until the end of the month, and late in August, Maj. Reese will assemble a squad of about 33 and get down to business for a rugged 12-game schedule.

The 2AAF is giving every man in its command, who feels he has sufficient football ability, an opportunity to try out for the team. Maj. Reese, who was at the coaching helm in 1942 when the Bombers capped an unbeaten campaign with a Sun Bowl triumph, says he is starting from scratch and that several unheralded youngsters are making it hot for some of the better-known candidates.

Negotiations are underway for games with other Air Force teams in the country.

FRENCH UNDERGROUND PRAISED FOR SABOTAGE

FRANCE (CNS) — Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, has credited the French "army of the interior" with delaying considerably the movement of German reserves to the Normandy combat zone through widespread sabotage. The French Underground, SHAEF said, has been particularly successful in paralyzing rail and road traffic and telephone communications.

Sports Shots

A bomber carrying Sgt. Joe Louis and Sgt. Billy Conn narrowly averted a crash landing recently in England . . . Lt. Larry French, NL shutout king, was in on the D-Day invasion of France. . . Pvt. Bert Haas, ex-Reds, is playing ball in Italy; Hi Bithorn, Puerto Rico, and Sgt. Tom Gorman, ex-Giants is back in New Jersey after organizing a GI ball league in the Middle East . . . Bill Hulse, U. S. 1,500 meter champ, and Marshall Goldberg, former Pitt and Chicago Cardinals back, have been commissioned ensigns in the Navy . . . Inducted at high noon, Pvt. George Munger, ex-Cardinals, pitched Jefferson Barracks (Mo.) to a 2 to 1 win over Lambert Field at 3 p.m. . . The Great Lakes, (Illinois) ball club has won 27 of 28 this season . . . Inducted: Ray Hamrick, Phils, in the Navy; called by draft board: Ed. Head, Dodgers, Jim Bagby, ex-Boston, ex-Cleveland, ex-Merchant Marine; rejected: Don Black, A's.

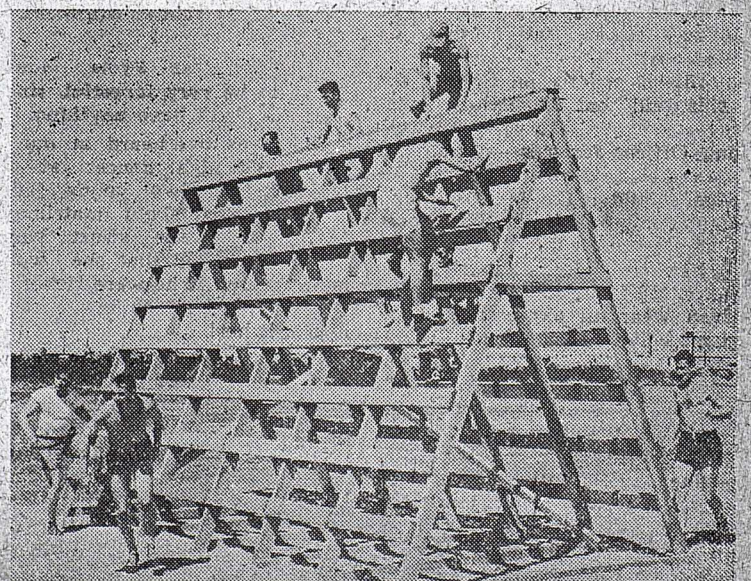
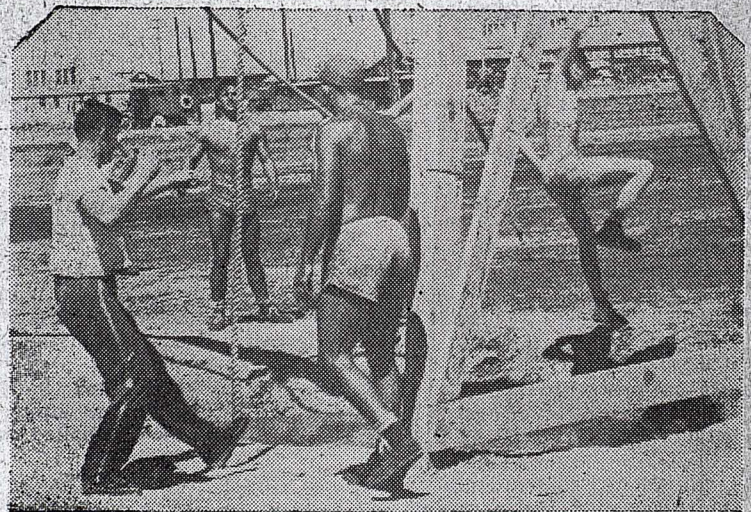
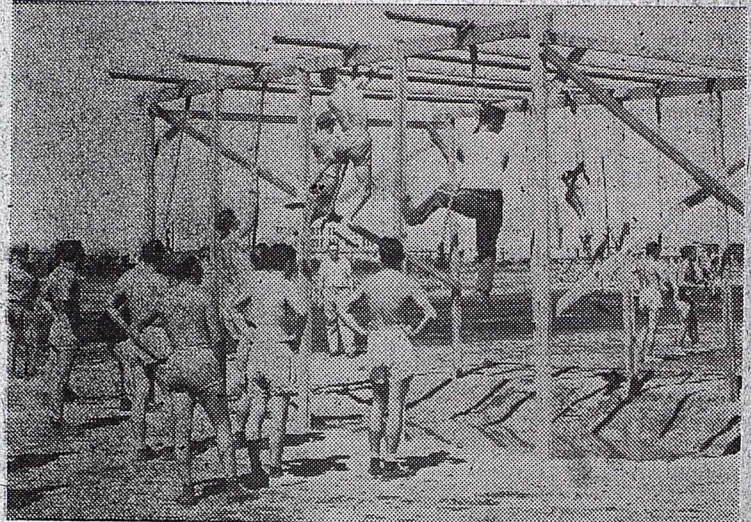
First Men To Hit Obstacle Course

To aid bringing Station personnel to top physical condition, a tough, muscle-building obstacle course has been built and put into operation by the Physical Training Department. These pictures were taken last week as the first groups of men went over the course.

Top, they're walking the pipe across a pit.

Middle, each man must hit the rope just right, grab it firmly, and let go at the right time in order to clear the pit.

Bottom, the object is to get up one side and down the other in the shortest time possible.



Aces Grab Two Wins To Take Quick Lead In Second Half PAAF League

With two decisive victories over the Medics 21-5 and Civilian Personnel 29-5 Section A Aces are on top in the Pyote Army Air Baseball League as the second half got under way. With their ace hurler, Davis, on the hospital list, Civilian personnel was no match for the hard-hitting Aces who clubbed five Texan hurlers for a total of 23 hits, scoring 14 times in a long drawn out 2nd inning.

Prior to this game the Aces slugged their way to a 21-5 win over a tired Medic team. The latter however came back strong in their next game taking Section E over the hurdles 22-7 while hitting to all fields for three home-runs, five triples and doubles and seven singles. Section E, minus their starting pitcher Robinson used four hurlers to little advantage in trying to stop the Medic onslaught.

Section D 'Demons' split two games, taking Section E 24-4 as they scored 20 times in the first three innings. This game made up for a 17-6 loss the Demons suffered at the hands of the Aviation Unit's Royals earlier in the week. The Royals, themselves were fortunate in grabbing a 12-12 tie with Section E Flyers before darkness halted the contest in the 8th inning. Hogan, pitching for the Flyers allowed only 8 hits but misplays in back of him accounted for 6 of the Royals' tally's. The Flyers, using a patched-up team, were forced to come from behind on three occasions to tie up the ball game. With southpaw Hogan drawing most of the starting assignments for the Flyers for the remaining part of the 2nd half of Section F promises to be a mighty tough team to beat.

Diedrichs Dusters got off to a flying start with a 9-2 win over the Medics in a well played ball game. Wynne and Blakney hooked up in a pitchers duel for three innings before the Dusters tore the cover off the ball with a 4th inning four run outburst. They tallied four more in the 6th making every one of their four hits count in the scoring. Wynne, Dusters starting hurler, allowed the Medics a total of six scratch singles.

The final game of the week brought Civilian Personnel against the Section F Flyers, the latter having little trouble in taking their initial win of the first half 17-7. The Texans had difficulty in solving Lefty Hogan's slants, eleven gong down via the strike-out route. The Flyers jumped on Taylor, starting Texan pitcher in the 2nd when Corpening's home-run scored three in front of him. Each man in the Flyer line-up helped himself to at least one hit. The battery of Hogan and Price work-

Moe Moran Hurls 5-Hitter, Dumps Forti Crew, 8-3

Jay 'Moe' Moran finally seems to have worked all the 'kinks' out of that right arm of his, and as a result hung up a fine 8-3 win over the Forti All Stars in an exhibition game played at Dudley Field, El Paso last Thursday night.

Ten of the Forti boys whiffed, looking very little like the All Stars they claim to be. Moe walked only one man, exhibiting almost perfect control and no more than five men faced him in a single inning. Six Rattler errors put Moe in the hole on several occasions but with the strike-out ball working perfectly he got out of trouble.

Scoring four times in a big first inning, the Rattlers went on to win with very little difficulty. Hal Glucksman's opening single, Matalavage's fielder's choice, forcing Hal at second, walks to Masi and Cargile, error on Correia's grounder to short and Wynne's safe hit produced the four tallies—enough to win. Another was picked up in the 2nd on Tom Kleppe's and Masi's singles and an error to short. Kleppe's second hit in the 4th, a sacrifice, walk and ground pushed the sixth across and the and the final two came in the top of the 6th on successive hits by Kleppe, Glucksman and Matalavage, the latter a two base drive

ed well and promises to be a difficult one to beat in the second half.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, August 3, Section A vs Section F at No. 1.

Friday, August 4, Dusters vs Section D at No. 1.

Monday, August 7, Section E vs Section F at No. 1.

Monday, August 7, Dusters vs Avn. Unit Royals at No. 2.

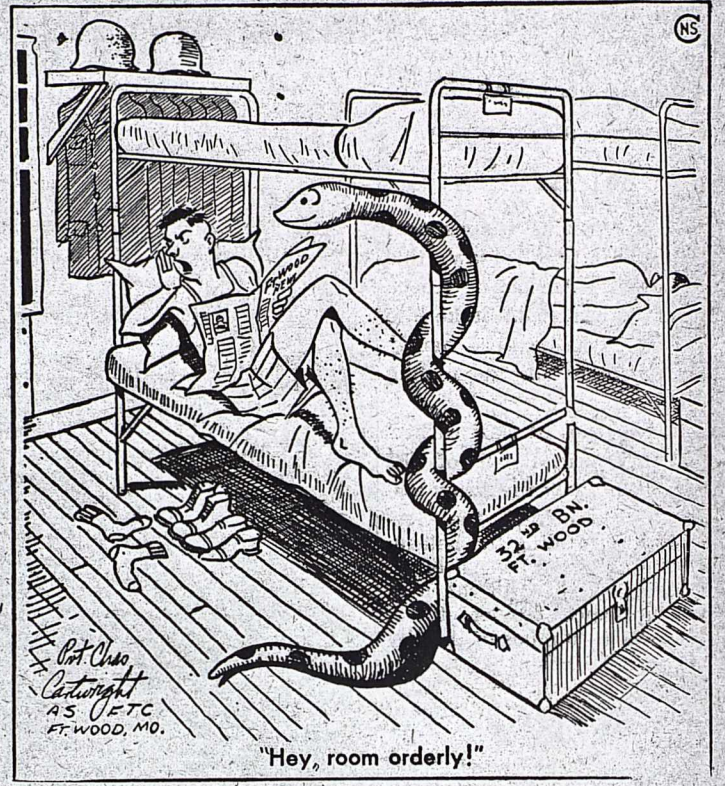
Tuesday, August 8, Section D vs Civilian Personnel at No. 1.

Wednesday, August 9, Dusters vs Section E at No. 1.

2ND HALF STANDING (As of Monday, July 31)

Sec. A Aces	2	0	1000
*Sec. F Flyers	1	0	1000
Sec. D Dusters	1	0	1000
*Aviation Unit	1	0	1000
Sec. D Demons	1	1	500
Medics	1	2	333
Civilian Personnel	10	2	000
Section E	0	2	000

*Avn. Unit & Section F played 12-12 tie darkness; to be played at a later date.



"Hey, room orderly!"

to right field.

Tom Kleppe with three for five led the Rattlers at bat, followed by Wynne, Glucksman and Correia, each with two for four.

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Rattlers Trim Aces 9 To 1

With Leon 'Sleepy' Serraille pitching two hit ball the Rattlers made it two straight over Section A Aces last Sunday by the score of 9-1. Serraille struck out ten while walking eight for his second win of the year. Three hits off the bats of Correia and Matalavage featured the Rattler hitting attack, thirteen hits being garnered off Delmolina, starting Ace hurler. 'Pop' Novogradac showed superb relief pitchng in the final two innings.

The single Section A run came in the 6th on a walk, two infield errors, a hit batsman forcing in the run and with the bases filled and none out Seraille went on to strike out the next two batters, forcing the next man to tap weakly to the box, for the final out.

These two rival teams intend to meet again in the near future.

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Rattlers	110	302	11x	9133

Delmolina, Novogradac & Cannon. Seraille and Masi.

STOP ACCIDENTS

There are four great helps to man: fire, gas, electricity, and gasoline. Improper use of any of these may cause death or serious injury.

'Goodfellows' Play Rattlers This Week-End

At the local diamond this week end, Saturday and Sunday, the 'Goodfellows' from Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, will engage the Rattlers in a series of baseball games.

The visitors dropped two games to the Big Spring Bombers in their last meeting, a feat likewise accomplished by the Rattlers. As a result both games should prove interesting and close.

Starting time for both games has been set for 4:30 p.m.

Pyote Maplers Meet 'Bombers' At Odessa

Tomorrow night at the Odessa Recreation Alleys, Pyote's strong keggers will take on the Bomber Bowls in a three game match. The Bomber Bowls were seen in action last February when Pyote took them two games out of three and lead in the series to date by a total of 80 pins.

The five expected to make the trip to Odessa are Buffamonte, averaging 176.7; Kuck, 175.7; Novogradac, 174.4; Rostick, 168.2; and Scully, 170.0. These five tentatively starting, are capable of hitting the maples for a 1000 game and will be shooting for a high 3000, 3-game series

August 3, 1944

AMERICAN BREAK THROUGH IN NORMANDY

Germans Blast Warsaw Before Soviet Armies

Russia's surging legions beat at the doors of Warsaw this week while American troops on the western front broke into Brittany in an advance hardly less portentous for the reeling Germans.

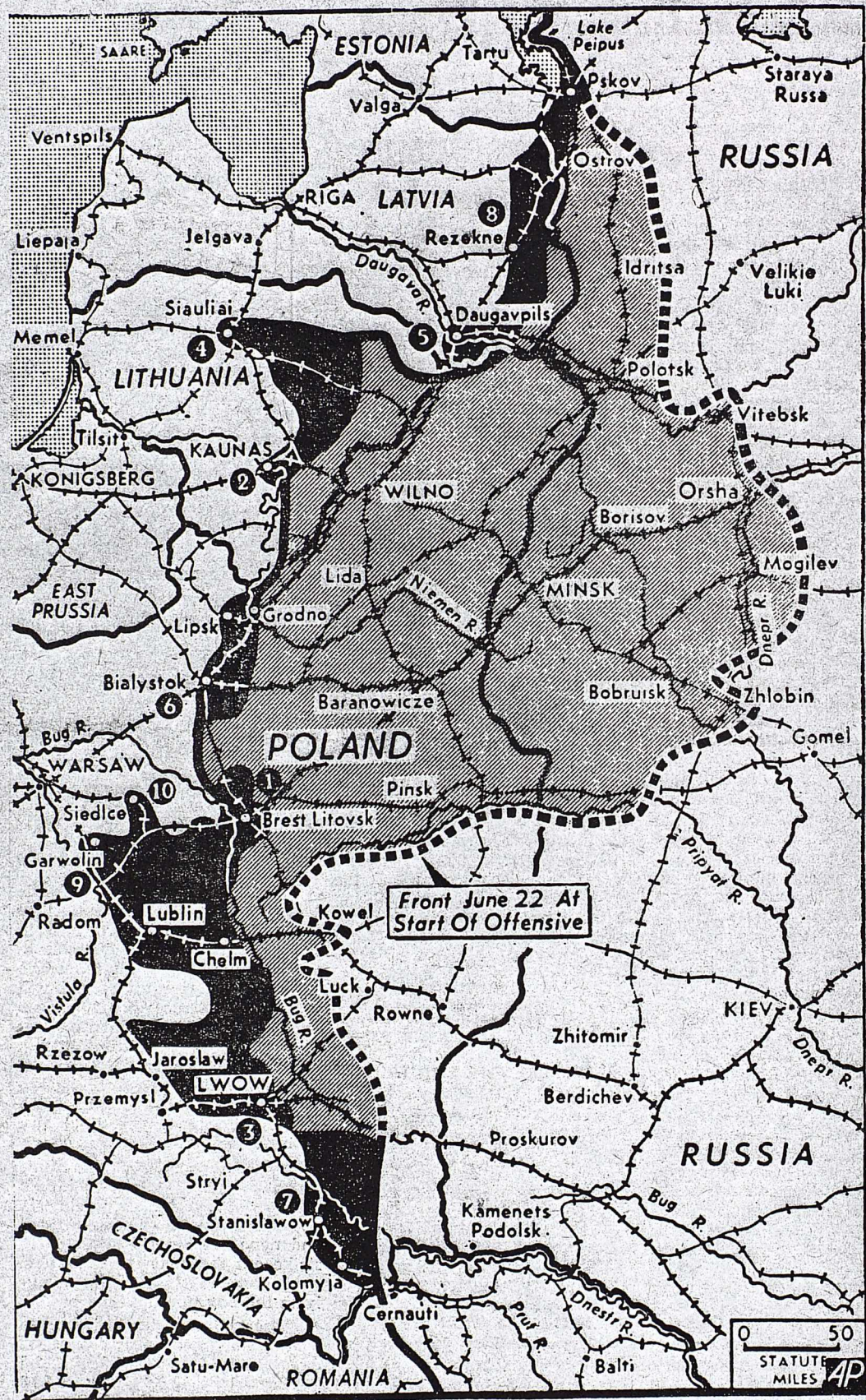
While hordes of Nazi carpet-baggers swarmed out of the city, leaving only the Army and the Gestapo behind, the Germans were blasting the beleaguered Polish capitol in an effort to make it useless to the Russians. Advance Soviet forces were within 10 miles of the city as Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's First White Russian Army tightened its ring of steel around Warsaw.

Another great Russian drive which has apparently caught 20 or more Nazi divisions in a trap is the drive of Baltic forces through Latvia. As many as 300,000 German troops were estimated by the Allies to have been caught in this area; their last rail route of escape disappeared with the fall of Jelgava, leaving them only the sea as a means of escape.

Following a stunning aerial bombardment of German positions around Caen, American soldiers captured Avranches and plunged ahead. Their advance, long anticipated in view of the lengthy stalemate in Normandy, was almost unlimited in military potentialities. Past Avranches and into Brittany the Yanks carried the battle; from their present positions (Tuesday) they might fan out into Brittany or swing eastward toward Paris.

The Allies were on the move all along the Normandy front. Nazi prisoners, doubly depressed over the awesome air attacks and reports of revolt at home, are surrendering in such numbers that counting them is difficult.

The Guam and Tinian Islands campaigns drew near to a close as the U. S. revealed use of a terrific "new weapon" against the Japanese on Tinian. It was not explained. Germany also took the wraps off a new weapon—a rocket-propelled fighter—which according to all reports is capable of terrific speed. One Mustang pilot said he tried but was unable to catch two of the Nazi planes. A Mustang is rated at "better than 400" miles an hour.



SOVIET GAINS . . . Black areas indicate territory captured by Russian armies during last week, with shading indicating other areas taken since June 22 in this map lo-

osing 10 major cities captured by the Russians in the greatest 24-hour gain of the campaign.

Today as the Russians near the outskirts of Warsaw the

Germans are blowing up important points, evidently in belief that they will not be able to hold it. All Nazi civilians have now left the embattled city of Warsaw.