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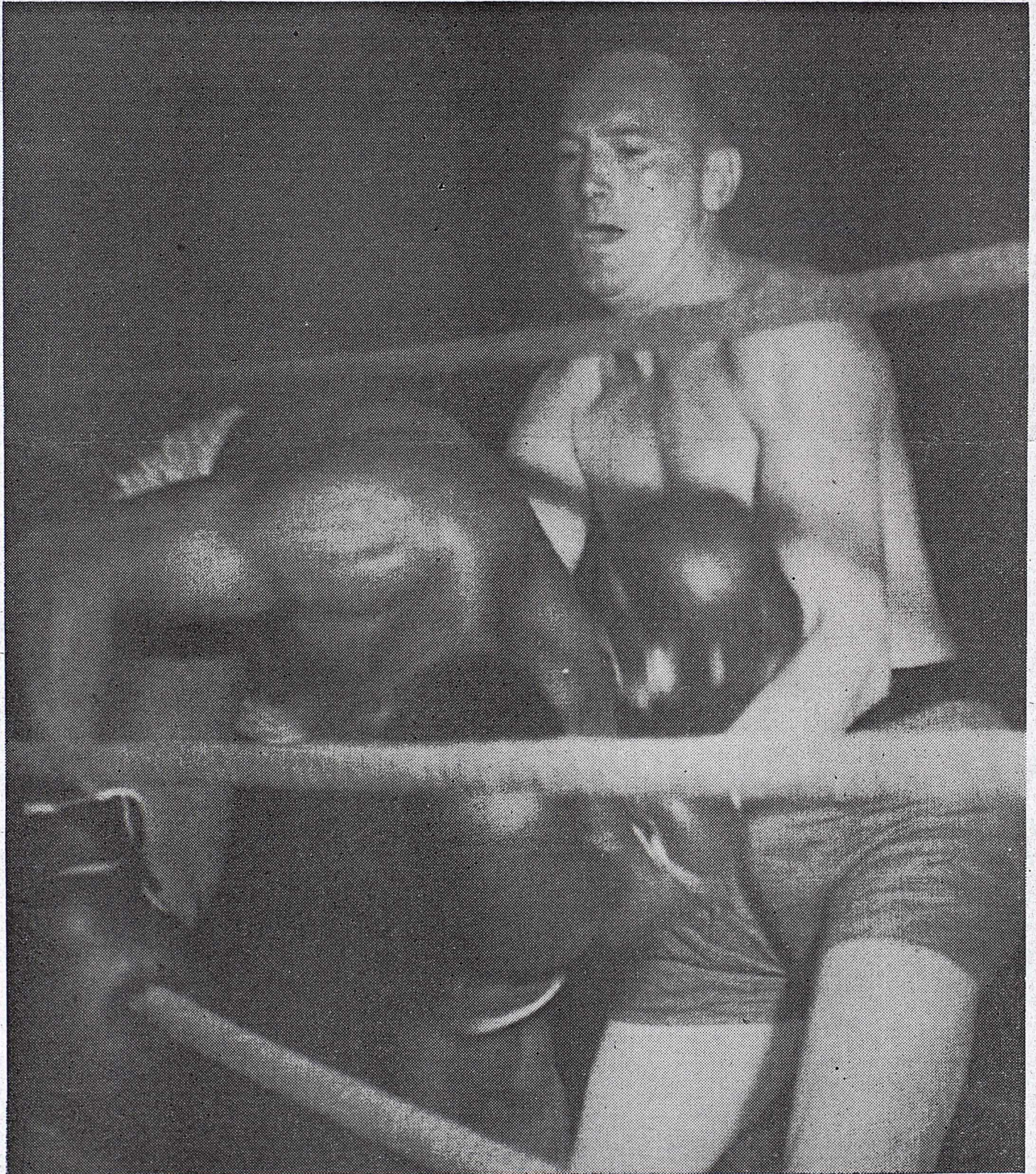
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EDITORIAL

Pyote Isn't Half Bad

Perhaps some of our GIs-come-lately have been looking down their noses at Pyote. Fellows from St. Paul (pop. 288,736), San Francisco (pop. 634,536), or Jersey City (pop. 301,173), are apt to be a mite forlorn when they hit Pyote (pop. 201). We know. We felt that same way when we got off the train here for the first time.

But we realize now that we've seen something pretty fine here at Pyote. We've seen a bunch of GIs toss in their spare time, roll up their sleeves, and set out to make Pyote Army Air Field a swell base.

And having put in sufficient time here to give us that "veteran" feeling, we find ourselves resenting the smart gags and wise-cracks about the place. To us, and most of the old timers, this field is sort of an adopted home to us. We've seen something come from nothing out here. And though the roof may leak in spots and it may not have a 15-room garage, home is home. And we don't like to knock it.

Pyote is no main stop between Broadway and Hollywood. So the boys and girls have been putting on shows of their own. And if the audience's reaction to "Off Limits" or "Cactus Capers" is any reaction—they have been hits. And we've got to take our hat off to a bunch of GIs that can whip up a 3-act musical comedy with original story and music.

Or take the band, for example. Its come a long ways since first organized. And we'll spot the Pyote jivesters against any orchestra in these parts.

Or the athletic program, for example. Tennis courts, archery, miniature golf course, bowling alleys—are all available, because some GIs pitched in to make them available.

Frankly, we think that's something to write home about—the Pyote spirit. The guys and gals who got tired of moaning about not being stationed in the environs of Chi., N. Y., or L. A., and DID something about it.

Pyote, like anything else in this man's army, is what you make it. So, attend the shows, and applaud if you think the entertainment's good, take in the dances, the boxing matches, the sports leagues.

And you know—maybe you'll discover (as we have) that Pyote isn't half-bad.

Voting Is The Privilege And Duty Of
Every Citizen.

MARINES RAID BABELTHAUP, MAIN ISLAND OF PALAU CHAIN

In the 149th week of the U. S. at War, this was the news:

THE WESTERN FRONT: After a two-week lull in fighting, the United States First Army started the biggest offensive of the invasion. Its objective was—Cologne. Starting Monday, the juggernaut smashed its way a few miles into the Siegfried line on a six-mile front.

Air and artillery paved the way for the onslaught by Gen. Hodges' First. Two thousand bombers attacked rail and industrial centers in western Germany. German fighter squadrons sighted the ships but avoided combat. The loss of Allied planes was less than one percent of strength.

After a fortnights' lull, the First Army had mustered strength for the blow at the German solar plexus—the Siegfried line.

THE BALKAN FRONT: The Yugoslav 14th Patriot army of Marshal Tito linked with Russian troops on the march to Belgrade, as the Red Army continued its advance to clean out the Balkans.

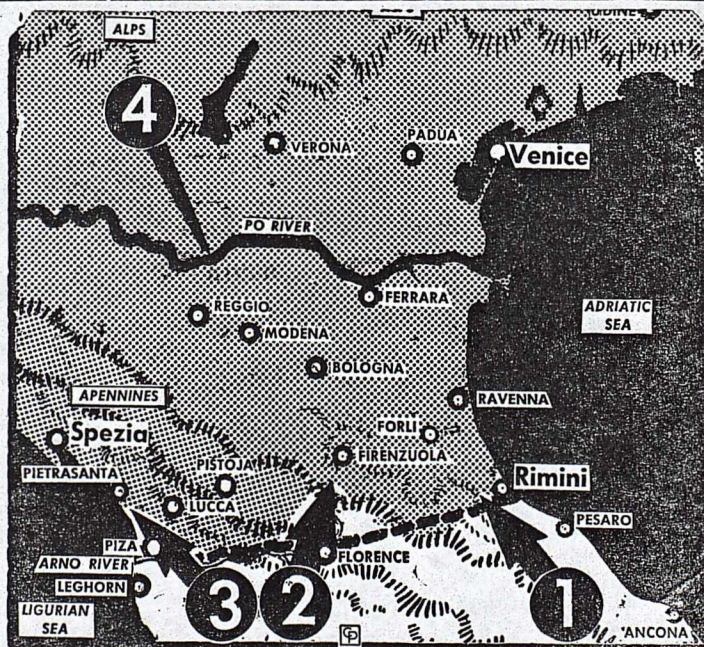
On the diplomatic front, Secretary of State Cordell Hull urged Bulgaria to clear its troops out of Greece and Yugoslavia. Such action, Hull implied, might prove Bulgaria's sincerity in breaking with the Axis.

THE SOUTHERN FRONT: German resistance stiffened in Italy and stopped the Allied advance on the Po River valley's mountain rim. The final resistance by the Nazis in Italy might be the talisman for the eventual withdrawal from all of northern Italy.

THE PACIFIC FRONT: Admiral Nimitz announced a raid by Marine fighter pilots on Babelthaup. This unpronounceable island is the main isle of the Palau group. While Marines were still mopping-up token resistance on the southern end of the Palau chain, this air raid brought the Allies another step toward final vanquishment. Meanwhile, other Marine fighters threw more sound, fury, and hell out of the skies on Truk, once-strong Jap Pacific fortress.

THE HOME FRONT: Army Air Forces announced that the training program for pilots would be extended five weeks, claiming that sufficient reserve of pilots had been built up to take care of any military exigency. The normal training program was 40 weeks.

Supplies of civilian beef will be less than the demand, food authorities announced. Army plans call for more beef and that means less for the folks at home.



On the Italian front, the 5th and 8th Armies continued their push northward. (1) Greek troops of the 8th fought to within a mile of the port of Rimini while (2) Clark's 5th widened their breach in the Gothic line. Other units of the 5th (3) approached the outskirts of Pietrasanta as the Po River (4) became the last chance for a Nazi defense stand before retiring to the Alps and the Brenner Pass.

FILM HEADLINERS TO PLAY FIELD

Hollywood Show Comes Sunday Noon

Sunday, October 8th, is a big day in the life of Pyote!

Hollywood is moving in and taking over with a super-duper two and one-half hour show. The time is 6:30 p.m., Sunday only, and the place is the outdoor stage built especially for this show on the parade grounds. If weather will not permit the showing there, the all-star revue will go on at the Sub-Depot hangar.

The show, comprising 30 people, 40 musical numbers, and 19 acts, is billed as the "North Hollywood Marching and Chowder Club and Clambake Society". Numerous Hollywood names are featured in the cast, including many a shapely film lovely.

The MGM Chorus line will be on hand to round out the musical numbers, and they should "round it out" most symmetrically.

Authorities are accommodating representative guests from surrounding towns by invitation only, realizing that the anticipated crowd will be so large that those in the rear would not be able to view the show. Therefore, except for the representative guests invited, the show will be open to GIs, their guests, and base civilians only.

The entire show is made possible by the Crosby Entertainment Enterprises, under the direction of Larry Crosby, older brother and business manager for the crooning Bing. Larry also emcees the Hollywood Headliner show at Pyote—Bing being on an entertainment tour in the European Theater.

An escort system has been arranged which will permit some hundred or more GIs from Pyote to accompany the many luscious lasses on their tour of the base.

The caravan should arrive from Pecos in time for the noon meal. And the stars will be allocated to all mess halls on the field, includ-

THE COVER

The camera catches a hectic moment in the first boxing card of the fall season.

Thirty-two-year-old Al Hayes tries to catch Richard Smith, 19, with a walloping left, but the wary, agile Smith ducks the follow-thru.

Smith outpointed the older Hayes in the final before a crowd of 1,500. (See details on sports page.)

YANK FIRST AID MEN SEARCH BREST FOR INJURED



CPL. C. A. CAPAZZOLA, rear, Utica, N. Y., and Pfc. Fred Meyers, Flatonia, Tex., search through the debris that clutters the streets of Brest, France, for injured. Signal Corps photo. (International)

ing the PX cafeteria and the EM Service Club. They'll also take their evening meal at the mess halls at 4:30 p.m.

The big show goes on at 6:30 in the evening, and the seat policy is strictly "first come, first served". Plans originally called for the show to play Pyote earlier in the season, but motion picture commitments by many of the cast made it impossible.

Following the super show, with a multitude of gals and gags and terrific cinema acts (and costumes courtesy Paramount Pictures), the cast will be guests at the Officers' Club dance.

The entire show is made possible by the Crosby Entertainment Enterprises, and is paid for from sales receipts on Bing's recordings of "Silent Night". The country's top vocalist asked that all funds derived from the sale of the Christmas records be allotted to present top-notch entertainment for the GIs.

OD UNIFORMS OPTIONAL

Good news to the boys and girls that were getting ducky-bumps under their suntans is the official news that OD uniforms are now optional.

Effective the first of the month, the GIs could don either the OD winter-uniform or stick with the summer khaki.

GIs Throng to Hi-Grid Games As King Football Takes Over

A packed stadium, crowded with GIs in suntans and ODs, attended the Monahans-Pecos football game last Friday night at Monahans.

In the belief that GIs like a football game—whether it be Notre Dame, Slippery Rock Teachers, the Big Ten or the West Texas high school league—Special Services has arranged to facilitate GI attendance at local games.

A special price to enlisted men is in effect for all games in the area, allowing GIs to see the games for half-price. Truck convoys have been scheduled to transport the rabid football fans to Monahans for local games there.

Last week arrangements were made to provide a special bus to Kermit or Wink when those town's elevens played at home. Previously, the last base bus to Wink or Kermit was at 6:15. On football nights, however, an additional run has been scheduled

—at 7:15, thus allowing the men to reach Wink or Kermit in time for the opening kick-off.

The large GI attendance at Monahans game last week-end proved the truth of one soldier's statement: "Of course it ain't big time football. But it's football!"

Arrangements for conveyance and admission prices being made, the field is taking an increased interest in the surrounding area's football league.

Consult the Station Voting Officer, Capt. Charles J. Harnett, Extension 168, Station Personal Affairs Officer, about voting regulations in your state. The Personal Affairs Section is located in building No. T-640, directly behind the Station Library.



KOOPS' KORNER

MEMOS ON THE BACK OF A SEPTEMBER MESS PASS . . .

We hear there is a good possibility of the field holding a pool shark tournament. So chalk up the cues, you poor man's Hoppes, and get set. Details in a week or so. . . . From a highly unofficial source we hear a highly unofficial rumor that maybe, just maybe, Grace Moore may put in an appearance at Pyote. . . . We like this closing line one Pote GI used on a love-letter to his gal back home: "It may be round-up time in Texas, but without you, honey, it's GLOOM that's on the sage." . . . Did you meet the Rattle Snake Charmer? There'll be a Pyote pin-up every week on Page 9. Stick THAT inside your footlocker. . . . GIs who squawk because of the lack of entertainment here are still squawking. Seems the Hollywood Headliner show plays the field the same day that the movie "Since You Went Away" is booked. Some joes haint never satisfied! . . . Thanks to Special Service for picking us up on the World Series broadcast suggestion. . . . Football dopesters can show off their pigskin knowledge in The Rattler contest. See sports page for details. . . . Pyote has no exclusive on rattlesnakes. Seems 46 baby rattlers were born at New York Zoological garden in, of all places, the Bronx! . . . It may be fixed by the time you read this, but some of the guys are complaining about the theater's cooling system. They think it oughta be shut off when the heat wears off at Pyote. Seems all the wolves can pick up at the theater is—a cold! . . . Speaking of the movies, one outfit has the idea of posting the theater schedule from The Rattler on their barracks bulletin board. Saves a lot of asking: "What's on at the show? . . . 'Jever hear about the latrine orderly who complained that he'd been in and out of so many latrines he was beginning to think he was Flush Gordon? . . . And the one about the draftee who claimed exemption on the grounds of bad eyesight. He brought his wife along as evidence! . . .

They told a good gag at the lager-party at the Service Club a couple weeks ago. In case you missed it, we'll pass it along. Seems there was a girl who woke up one morning, slipped on her robe, stepped into her slippers, walked into the kitchen, turned on the gas, put on the coffee pot, raised the shade, and took the cover off the parrot's cage. Just then the phone rang. It was her sailor boy-friend, home after 20 months at sea. He said he'd be right up to see her. So, the girl walked into the kitchen, turned off the gas, put away the coffee pot, lowered the shade, put the cover back on the parrot's cage, walked into the bedroom, stepped out of her slippers, slipped off her robe—when she heard the parrot say: "Kee-rist! That was a short day!"

In last week's Rattler, in the Letter to The Editor column, a fella wrote: "Recently, a man was told he could not get his furlough papers until 8 p.m. preceding the midnight it started. How about that? . . . With 15 days furlough time a year, every hour at home is precious." We turned the thing over to the Administrative Inspector's office, and got a reply that you'll like.

"Furloughs," said Lt. Charles Robinson, "can be picked up in the orderly room in time to get that 7 p.m. eastbound train."

Thank you, sir.

For the benefit of the newcomers to the Korner, this is what it is. It's sort of a popping-off place for the bouquets and brickbats. So, if you have a gripe or a question, drop a line to The Rattler, or just stop in and see us.

Er—maybe you've heard this one before, but we still like it. Heard it first from a Wac up in Flight Control, who says: "L.S.-M.F.T.—T.S.-P.F.C."

P.S.: Here's good news for you GIs. The Post Exchange is re-opening the photo studio on the 10th of the month. And your picture might make a good gift suggestion what with Christmas within shout-ing distance.

Also a watch repair shop will be opened at the PX on Saturday. So if the tick-tock tocks when it should tick—thar's the place to take it.

Theater Schedule

(Unless otherwise indicated, show times are: Theater No. 1—1:30, 6 and 8 p.m.; Theater No. 2—7 and 9 p.m.)

Thurs.—GREENWICH VILLAGE with Don Ameche, Carmen Miranda, and William Bendix. (Fun loving Bohemians in a Technicolor musical.) Also "Unusual Occupations", Donald Duck cartoon, and Paramount News.

Fri. and Sat.—SWEET AND LOWDOWN with Linda Darnell, Jack Oakie, and B. Goodman's Orchestra. (Music and slap-stick on the bandstand.) Also Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Little Lulu cartoon.

Sun. and Mon.—SINCE YOU WENT AWAY with Claudette Colbert, Shirley Temple, Jennifer Jones, etc. (Tears on the home front.) Playing time: 3 hours. For show times see story on Page 5.

Tues.—HEAVENLY DAYS with Fibber McGee and Molly. (The Wistful Vista tenant gets into politics.) Also Musical Movieland, Rhythm on Wheels, and cartoon.

Wed. and Thurs.—CASANOVA BROWN with Gary Cooper and Theresa Wright. (Mr. Deeds goes to town with wives and a stolen baby.) Also "Bear Raid Warden" and Paramount News.

Service Club

Thurs.—EM Wives Luncheon, 12:00-1:00; Talent Show, Dixieland Jive, 9:00-11:00 p.m.

Fri.—Open.

Sat.—Open.

Sun.—Open. (Hollywood Headliner show on Base).

Mon.—Open.

Tues.—Birthday party; formal dance and celebration, 9-12 p.m.

Wed.—GI Movies, 8:30. (Army-Navy Screen Magazine with Lena Horn and Rochester. Also "Cloud Chasers", "Flicker Flashbacks" and Community Sing.) Recorded Symphony Hour, 8:15.

Monahans USO

Thurs.—Ping-Pong Tourney in Recreation room. Protestant discussion in Quiet room. Refreshments served.

Fri.—First 50 GIs at USO by 7 p.m. will receive free tickets to the Wink-Monahans game. Informal activities at the club.

Sat.—Dance 9:00 p.m. Refreshments served.

Sun.—11 a.m., Coffee Hour; 6:30 p.m., Buffet Supper; 7:30 p.m., Song Fest; 8:30 p.m., Movies.

Mon.—7:30 p.m., Song Fest; 8:30 p.m., Movies.

Tues.—Arts and Crafts program, 8:30 p.m.

Wed.—12:30 p.m., Better Halves Club Luncheon; 8:30 p.m., Catholic Discussion group in Quiet room; Spanish class.

Band Concert --

The Station band has arranged a concert to be presented at the Service Club next Thursday, October 12th, at 8:30 p.m.

This concert will open the autumn season of musical programs, arranged and conducted by W.-O. Irvin E. Zimmerman.

Called "a streamlined concert", modern arrangements of favorite concert selections will include "Dance Macabre", "In a Monastery Garden", "Embracable You", "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers", and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes".

Football Ousts Friday Dances

Friday night dances will be discontinued at the Service Club, Miss Crowder, hostess, announced this week.

Football games in the vicinity conflict with the week-end dance, and so the Friday night "swingin' under the stars" will be curtailed.

They will be resumed, however, at the close of the football season. The Tuesday night dances, meanwhile, continue unabated, with dancing from 9 to midnight at the EM Service Club.

EM Club Celebrates First Birthday Tuesday Evening

Tuesday, October 10th, is a red-letter day at Pyote. The date marks the occasion of the first anniversary of the Enlisted Men's Service Club.

Plans are underway for a super-special dance to mark the occasion. George Annis and his orchestra will preside over three hours of dancing, with guest-hostesses from Mcnahans, Wink, Kermit, Odessa, and Ft. Stockton.

The dance will be formal, it was announced today, and a floor show will be presented during the intermission, featuring a 40-minute array of songs and comedy.

To mark the birthday, a huge cake will be cut, and decorations will carry out the "One Year Old" motif.

So, dated or stag-ing, make a date in your book to be at the EM Service Club next Tuesday night for the Birthday Party.

Jive, Talent On Tap Tonight At Service Club

Hot licks, new faces, and cold lager can all be dug tonight at the Service Club.

Weather permitting, the two-hour show will be held in the patio, starting at 9 p.m.

Last week's talent hunt uncovered a lot of talented GIs—with boogie-woogie piano and some fine new vocalists. Another such show is in the offing tonight, with those who want to take part to register at the Service Club by 8:30. Prizes will be awarded to the three top features, as selected by the audience's applause. Last week's winners will make a return engagement.

The winners of each weekly contest will vie for the top prizes at the conclusion of the series. The top prizes will be guest tickets to the NTAC-Superbomber game at Odessa.

A jive combo will also be on hand for the evening's festivities. George Annis on the licorice stick and 88, Bill Castagnino hot-lipping the horn, and Marty Masters at the skins. This combo is rated as solid by every Jack and Wac from Fond du Lac to Hackensack, Mac.

The Service Club lagers, presents, and jumps at 9 p.m. tonight!

FREE TICKETS

The first 50 GIs on hand at the Monahans USO tomorrow evening, Friday, will receive free guest tickets to the football game between the Wink Wildcats and the Monahans Green Wave.

RENO (CNS)—Gypsy Rose Lee, author and strip tease artiste, has arrived in Reno with three projects in mind. They are (1) to have a baby, (2) to get a divorce, (3) to write a novel.

'Easy Does It', 3-Act Farce, 'Shapes' Up

What happens to "E.Z." shouldn't happen to a dog-tag! That's the consensus of opinion of those who have seen "Easy Does It" in rehearsal.

"Easy Does It", is the naughty-but-nice story of what happens when a fella tries to recover a certain key from a couple of deicers. And women hide things in the darndest places!

Currently in the rehearsal stage, "Easy Does It" will hit the boards for the local audiences the end of the month at Theater No. 1. It's a 3-act farce-comedy with plenty of sugars and plenty of spice.

The girls in the cast—Bobbie Tubbs, Glynnie Parrish, Helen "Mike" Auberlin, and Terry Tubbs—are well-known to the local theater-wolves for their shapely work in past productions.

The mauled males in the cast include F-Sgt. "Chuck" Rudolph, Pvt. John Parrish, and Pfc. Ed Koops. These poor fellows actually have to appear on the stage and SMOOCH with that quartet of delectables.

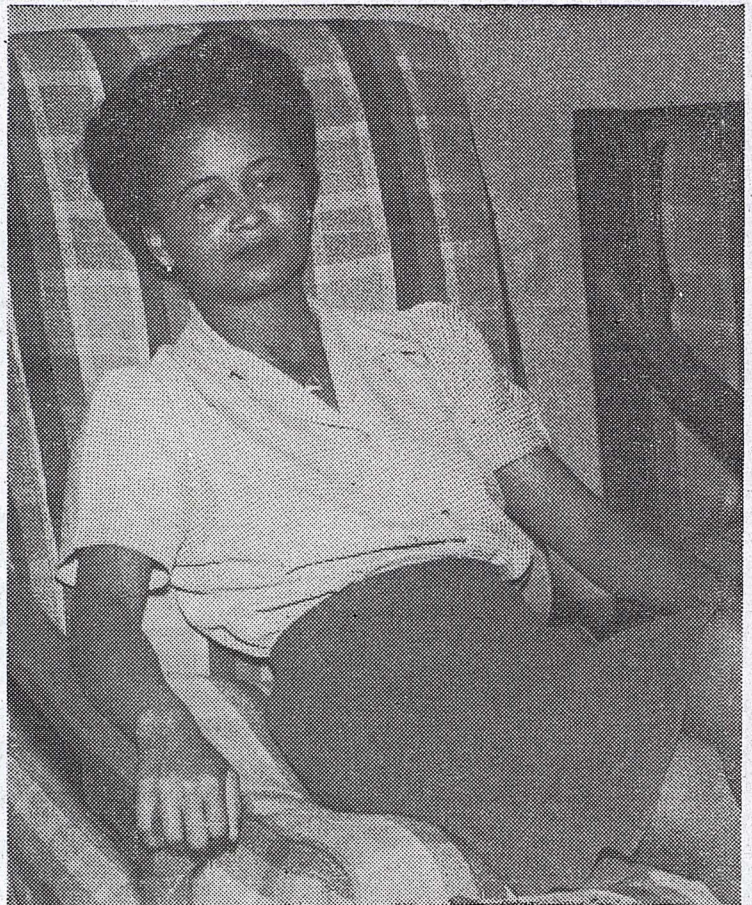
Exact show-times have not yet been announced, but the cast is in rehearsal, and "Easy Does It" is tentatively set for Monday, October 30th. Admission, of course, is free and the show is strictly GI in honeys and humor.

STAR DUST—

(A record of what's new and who's who in the realms of stage, screen, radio, night-club, and the band beats.)

Artie Shaw, ex-navy tooter, is forming a new band with no strings attached . . . Ella Mae Morse (who popularized the "Cow-Cow Boogie") got unhitched from her spouse last week . . . Dinah Shore—the gal who starts fires by rubbing two notes together—is currently entertaining troops on the European front; is hoping for a personal appearance at the Berlin Opera House, under allied management . . . From the Windy City comes news that Lena Horne, the

C BREEZE LOVELY



Section C Plans Musical Revue

The hum of activity around Section C stems from the boys at work on shaping up an all-colored revue that should stand Pyote audiences on their ears.

Long a gleam in the eye of the Field's entertainment directors, a Section C musical revue should be just what the doctor ordered.

The show, labeled "C-Breezes", features sketches, songs, dances, music, and rhythm, and will be presented at Theater No. 1 on the 23rd of October.

Highlighted among the acts will be the winners of the weekly jitterbug contests held at the Sections' dances. Pvt. Cornell Ridley, Section C, is scripting the show's skits and sketches.

Mrs. Ridley, chin-up girl of Section C, (and you can see why from the above picture) is handling the dance direction.

The show is presented under the auspices of the Special Service Office, with Cpl. George Kahn of that department, in charge.

sultry sepi, broke all records at the Chez Paree . . . Also from Chi., 'tis heard that Duke Ellington will open at the new Downtown Theater this month. The Downtown, for the benefit of nostalgic GIs, is the old Rialto grind-and-bump palace . . .

Special Times For Long Film

Due to the lengthy running time of "Since You Went Away", S-Sgt. "Roby" Smith, Theater Non-com, announced that special times have been arranged for the showing of this—one of the greater films of the past few years.

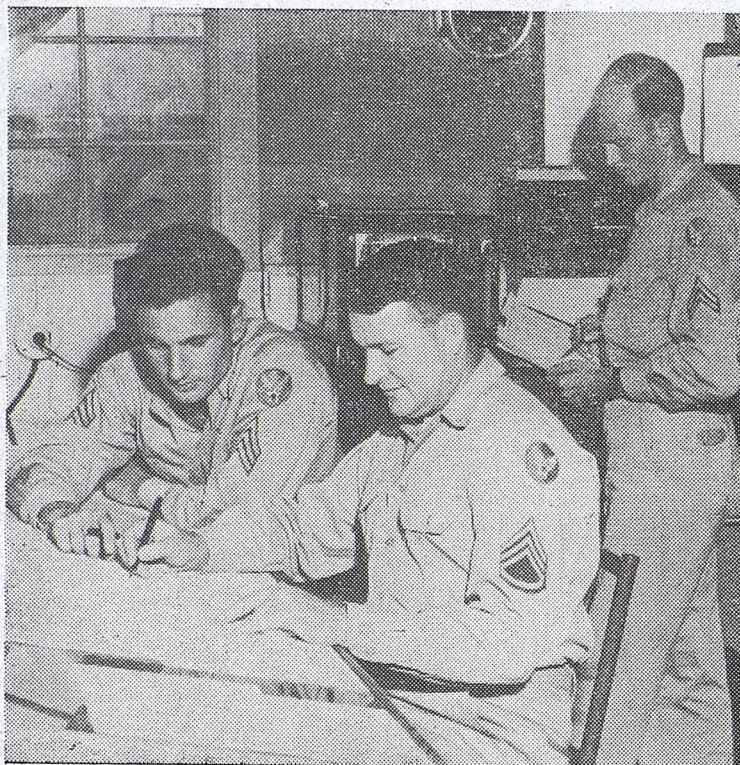
With a cast that reads like a Hollywood Who's Who, "Since You Went Away" is winning rave notices from coast to coast. Shirley Temple, Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones, Monty Woolley, Joseph Cotten, Robert Walker, Lionel Barrymore, Nazimova, and Keenan Wynn headline the artists.

Due to the Hollywood Headliner show on the base Sunday evening, only one performance of "Since You Went Away" will be shown—at Theater No. 1, Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, at Theater No. 1, the three-hour film will be shown at 1:30, 6:00, and 9:00 p.m.

Theater No. 2 will show the film at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

MARK TWAIN WAS WRONG!



"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it!", was the once sage comment of Mark Twain. But at the Pyote AAF Base Weather Office, things are being done about the weather 24 hours a day. In the above picture of the staff at work, Sgt. Robert Miller and S-Sgt. Laurence Mayfield plot synoptic maps to aid weather forecasting, while Cpl. Dave Lunceford takes an observation of local weather conditions. Aside from charting weather conditions for cross-country and transit ships, this department also takes local weather readings to raise morale of the soldiers who appreciate harvest moons for autumn dates.

Base Weather Informs GIs
If Stars Are Big 'n Bright

Weather observations are not always concentrated on weather conditions for flying pilots. Women sometimes call the Pyote weather office to inquire if conditions are good for washing, or cleaning wind-downs. GIs who are going out on dates want to be sure the Texas stars are big and bright.

That's just a small part of the job being done at the Pyote AAF Base Weather office

For it's not just up at the skies and over the vast Texas plains that these observers look for their information on weather. Theirs' is a 24-hour job taking observations every hour; transmitting them on a teletype to all other weather stations in the U. S. In turn, hourly reports from every part of the country are teletyped to the base. Reports from Canada and Mexico come in every six hours.

These weather observers work eight hour shifts, starting at midnight and work around the clock two days each shift, until they work six shifts, after which they get a day off.

They call the Base Tower every half-hour and give the weather velocity, direction, and altimeter setting. Pilots coming in to land get the surface wind and altimeter setting immediately.

"Sometimes we have a sudden storm," S-Sgt. Laurence Mayfield, senior observer, pointed out, "and then these pilots really sweat it out. So long as the pilots can see the ground he isn't worried much, but if he comes in for an instrument landing, everything must be right. That's where our altimeter setting comes in plenty handy."

Whether it is keeping accurate hourly reports, charting maps for immediate local flying, a transit-pilot course, or a cross-country pilot in for information on weather to New York, the weather observers can give him right up-to-the-minute data all the way from Pyote to his destination.

GREAT DAY!



The Wolf

by Sansone

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THANKS TO:
CPL. LEN ZINBERG, ITALY

"... but I do not see Meecky Mouse!"

Lay Pencils Down
WD Warns Soldiers

A sad time is in store for the lads who have been decorating field jackets or fatigue blouses with drawings of snakes, airplanes, or bosomy belles.

War Dept. Circular No. 365 states: "Necessary action will be taken by all concerned to insure that no drawing, painting, insignia, design, name, device, or attachment, other than those prescribed or authorized, is placed on any item of uniform, and then only in the manner prescribed for wear on the particular item or uniform."

Which means that no free-hand drawing should be contemplated on any GI issue, other than officially okayed insignia.

BROOKLYN (CNS)—Sprinkling the flowers of his second-floor window box, Joseph Roteno accidentally splashed a few drops on the bald dome of his first-floor neighbor, Carmino Peravello. Peravello dashed upstairs and slugged Roteno several times with an axe before he was restrained by the police.

The legs are the personal property of one Lorraine Day. To the cinema swooners who complain that they never see enough of the sweet Lorraine, the above gams should provide a most pleasing answer. Ah, Great Day!

Japs-US Play Oddest Ball Game

Nine sick, starved and exhausted soldiers played a game of baseball unparalleled in sports history—for though they lost a shut-out game to their Japanese captors, they won the real victory.

The story of the most amazing game in baseball annals is told by Marvin Mueller, Coronet story teller on the Blue Network.

When two medal-bedecked Jap officers entered the prison and ordered the Americans to line up, the prisoners wondered "What next?". They soon found out—for the smallest, weakest men in the line-up were picked, and organized into a baseball team to represent the Americans against a strong, well-fed Jap team.

Just as they expected, the U. S. soldiers didn't score a run. Hour after hour, the haggard prisoners took their turn at bat, but they didn't have the strength to swat the ball. Those who did, weren't able to beat the ball to first. When the Japs came to bat, the outfielders couldn't get the ball in time for the put-out.

The spectators went wild, for here was real proof of Nip superiority. The Americans, however, were far from depressed over their defeat. For thanks to their pitcher, they had won a victory that couldn't be measured on the scoreboard. As the Japs' score went up, their spirits went down. The pitcher was sending a solid stream of fast balls whizzing over the plate—aimed directly at the batters' heads. And by the time the game was over, he had whacked 30 Japs on the head and knocked them cold—all according to the strict rules of baseball.

COURT ORDERS EX-GI RESTORED TO JOB

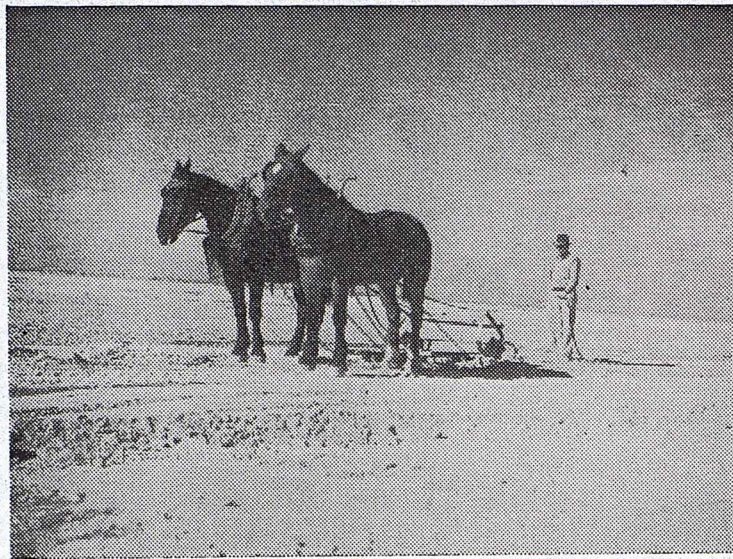
By Camp Newspaper Service

The GI's right to return to his old job—if he wants to—has been bolstered by a recent court decision.

The General Cable Corporation, of Perth Amboy, N. J., was ordered by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third District (Philadelphia) to reinstate a discharged veteran as its medical director, although the company claimed he was an independent contractor rather than an employee.

In ordering Dr. Albert E. Kay, 38, re-hired, the court ruled unanimously that the provisions of the re-employment amendment to the Selective Service Act apply not only to employees but also to "a position in the employ of an employer."

Dr. Kay enlisted in the Army in December, 1942, after he was classified 1-A by his draft board, and attained the rank of captain before he was discharged.



A lone, weary figure plows the Texas plain that begins the building of the Pyote Army Air Field. Two years ago, there was nothing here but two horses, a plough, and a man . . .

SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

With this issue, The Rattler inaugurates a new series of picture-stories. "So This Is Pyote" is an illustrated biography of the army air field.

Moreover, we hope it will make a worthwhile enclosure to the folks at home, to show them just exactly what Pyote is, and words could never tell the story of Pyote.

This gigantic task of building something from nothing has been written in the sweat, the brain, and the muscle of enlisted men, officers, and civilians alike.

The staff of The Rattler believes that this is the biggest story of the field—the energy and initiative displayed in the two-year history of the base to supply its own recreation, relaxation, and entertainment.

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

This re-incarnation, due to the past and present GIs at Pyote is the story these pictures and this series hope to tell.

"So this is Pyote . . ."



. . . But this, too, is Pyote. The Service Club patio is the summer-time dance-spot where GIs with rhythm in their feet can find some musical solace with the damsels from the surrounding towns.

THE CHAPLAIN SAYS

By CHAPLAIN NORTON

A few days ago the Chaplain met a pilot on the train, who said: "Four days ago I was in Scotland." The thought of the speed of present day communication is startling. Not so very long ago our forefathers did well if they averaged thirty miles a day traveling light. It takes a fast ship a week to cross the Atlantic. And here is this Captain almost to El Paso just four days away from Scotland! That's speed.

But that speed is a mere snail's pace compared with the speed of radio—186,000 miles per second is the rate at which the radio waves travel. The speed of light! At that rate, the impulses travel around the world before you could wink an eye. Brother, that's fast.

There is another means of communication that is even faster than that. In prayer, our Father hears us even before we speak. He knows our thoughts even when there is no word spoken. No place we might be is too far from Him for His ear to hear and heed.

There are those who think that God doesn't hear prayer and answer it. Those persons very likely fail to realize that sometimes the answer to our prayers is "No." If my young son were to ask to play with my razor, I would answer him, but the answer wouldn't be "Yes." Just so, our Heavenly Father, in His wisdom, often has to say, "No," to our prayers. Does that mean that He isn't interested—that He fails to hear us? By no means. Sometimes the things we ask for would be harmful to us or to someone else. How could He do anything else than to tell us, "No"?

Believing in prayer, let us not accuse God of deafness when we don't get the things for which we ask. May we rather say, "Father, teach me how I ought to pray. Help me to be Christian and sensible in my praying." Then prayer will come to be a real, vital part of us.

TINY REPUBLIC AIMS TO GUARD NEUTRALITY

ITALY (CNS)—The republic of San Marino, the smallest republic in Europe, lies on the Italian peninsula 14 miles southwest of Rome.

Proud of its sovereignty, San Marino doesn't like trespassers. Recently it mobilized its entire armed strength—300 armed men—and posted signs on the edges of its 36 square miles of territory, warning everyone, Ally and Nazi alike, to "Keep Out. This is Neutral Territory."

Thus far, no one has violated San Marino's neutrality.

"A" Men

By SGT. WARD HOWELL

HERE 'N THERE IN A . . . Oh, what Sgt. Bobo asked WAC Mary Roman the other day? Her face will never be all that fuchsia again any time soon. . . . Congratulations to M-Sgt. Bobby Espy and Pfc. Edwina Mazzei who were married in Carlsbad on the 19th. . . . Cpl. Paul Lloyd celebrated his recent birthday by guzzling cerveza (Pyote for 3.2) purchased with folding money sent especially for that reason. . . . Pvt. Doyle Miller, who voiced his opinion in last week's Rattler about the 8 o'clock issue on dishing out furloughs, certainly has a point there. . . . Pfc. Ray Hornsby had a better time than anyone else at the SC party a week ago Thursday, no Ray? . . . Lucky Joe Muraco blew in from furlough with half of the September winnings from the Belmont race track. . . . Classification says they really miss Pvt. Seymour Zipper, now in Nebraska. . . . Pfc. Noah Fleisher is on DS in Dayton, Ohio. . . . Sgt. Keith Ingalsbe and Pfc. Tom Powell have transferred out. . . . Apologies to Sgt. Alfred Allen, twice referred to in this column as a corporal.

Please let's have no remarks from the personnel in S-1 about the following poem:

Yes, I have a system that's all my own
 And it can't be explained and it can't be shown.
 I file by number, I file by letter,
 I file by ways that are ten times better.
 I file by subject, I file by date,
 I file by city, I file by state.
 I shun the trife and I scorn conventions
 My filing system has four dimensions.

I regard "In re" at the top of a letter
 As something to make it balance much better;
 I pay no attention to underlining
 And seldom get down to the person signing.
 I've got all the names of government officials
 Neatly arranged by hteir middle initials,
 But officers' letters I've filed instead
 By the color and size of the letterhead.

Our financial reports, for my own good reasons,
 Instead of by months, I've arranged by seasons.

Rattler Adds New Editor

After months of informing GIs that Koops was not a full-time member of The Rattler staff, that statement can be revised.

The job of editing The Rattler is now divided between S-Sgt. Robert H. Nash of Odessa, Texas, and Koops, late of Chicago and points north. The war between the states can be expected to break out violently in the Public Relations Office momentarily.

And for everything I consider extraneous
 I have three whole drawers labeled "Miscellaneous".
 They can't fire me, though I'm often late,
 And I lunch from eleven till two;
 I leave at four if I have a date,
 And there's nothing they can do;
 Or if I forget to come down at all
 They've got to take it smiling;
 I've got them backed up against the wall,
 For I do all the filing!

G-EYEING

By PVT. H. SMITH

Question: The Army allows you 40 days between your discharge and the date you must return to your old job. How do you intend to spend these 40 days?

CPL. J. E. CALDWELL, Chambersburg, Penn. Locator File, Base Hqts.: "I was in school, but before I go back I intend to enjoy the bright lights in the east."

PFC. JACK ZIMMERMAN, Ukiah, Calif. Armorer.: "Meet old friends, and get acquainted all over again with civilian life. Want to also catch up on a little hunting and fishing."

CPL. JOHN DAHL, San Jose, Calif. PT instructor: "I'm going to the mountains and I'm going on a pack trip to Kerns River Canyon, where I can just eat and sleep and climb mountains and look at them."

CPL. JOHN H. WINTERS, Easton, Pa. Gunner.: "I'm going to Canada and hunt and fish and loaf. And then get married and have lots of children."

S-SGT. O. E. WELKER, San Angelo, Tex. Flight Engineer.: "I intend to re-enlist in the Air Corps, although I've been in four years. I still consider the Army a good future."

PFC. L. M. GEARHART, Bethlehem, Pa. Gunner.: "I intend to go back to college, but during those 40 days I'll have to locate a home for my wife in Knoxville, Tennessee."

PVT. H. D. MAGNUSON, Minneapolis, Minn. Gunner.: "I intend to have a second honeymoon, because I got married on too short a furlough."

PVT. NANCY TILESTON, Phoenix, Ariz. Radio operator.: "I'm going to Boston to see my mother and my new father-in-law whom I have never seen. Hope my husband gets his discharge at the same time I do."

CPL. A. HOWELL, Santa Ana, Calif. Radio operator.: "I intend to go to the mountains where I can have the vacation of my life, and then go back to my old trucking business back home."

A STRETCHER SEEMS LIKE HOME TO THIS GUY

FRESNO, Calif. (CNS) — Pvt. Charles Cope had just completed 200 hours as a demonstrator for medical lectures in first aid at the Air Service Command Training Center here when he was hit by a bus in downtown Fresno.

When the ambulance arrived, Cope jested merrily about his 200 hours stretcher time. But, upon being placed securely on the litter, Cope promptly fell off, banging his head upon the pavement. Now he's hospitalized.

MALECALL

By

Milton Caniff



THE MEDICS

By T-SGT. L. W. SHIPP

Now that Autumn has come, there is more and more discussion on the revival of the old "Local 237" meetings. The major questions seem to be: "When and Where?"

It will soon be two years ago that Sgt. Abe Bloom came to Pyote and, during that period of time, our "Hero of the Week", has supplied us with copious quantities of delicious baked goods. It has not been a bed of roses for him.

The heat of the ovens, the terrific headaches (remember?) and the noise of the kitchen are ever with Sgt. Bloom. Does he allow this to interfere with his work? Definitely not. Our "kitchen martyr" has his fellow soldiers utmost in mind, so let's give him a big hand this week. Now, we can't forget Abe's No. 1 "morale booster"—Pvt. Rocco De Luca, who is doing an excellent job.

From "South of the Border" comes the news that Sgt. Steve McTigue made good use of the Spanish he knew. In El Paso, this same G.I. from the "Corn State", learned that wading in irrigation canals at midnight is not too practical. Mac said: "Why didn't someone tell me there was water in it?"

Cpl. Okenka, Cpl. Maleski and Pvt. Kainz invaded the Sunset last Thursday night and have gone in for dancing in a big way. There may have been a little inducement on the part of the two Des Moines visitors!

And, again, Pvt. Bonny is back and he brings with him plenty of Oregon "cheer". Cpl. Mina and Pfc. Nassif are still wondering where the "Cousins" have gone to. Any reward?

Thanks to Pvt. Relkin for so capably assisting in getting the orders for the T-shirts. There seems to be a goodly variety of them, including those marked in bright red—"Barracks Five."

BEWARE CIVILIANS! Our own "Lady Bernice" was raised right here in the hospital area and is strictly G.I. She will bark violently at anyone who does not wear a uniform, so don't be alarmed—she won't bite!

FLASH! Cpl. Robert Allen and our own popular Medical Wac, Pvt. Mary Hardy, are now happily married. Congratulations to both of you!

LAFAYETTE, IND. (CNS)—Police found Cecil Baker's lost dog wandering around a downtown street. They called Baker. "Put him on the phone," said he. Dubious, the police complied. "What are you doing down there, Pat," Baker admonished over the telephone. "Come home at once." The dog went directly home.

Rattle Snake Charmer



This week's Pyote Pin-up is Marilyn Maxwell. Just look at that blonde hair! Mmmm! And those eyes! Mmmmmmm! And those bee-stung lips! Mmmm-mmmmm! And that soft white throat! Mmmmmmm-Mmmmmmm! And—Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm!

MAINTENANCE NEWS

By CPL. ARTIE MILLER

This week the line underwent a slight change—everything is still here but personnel is all snafu'ed. Tech Supply is moved to Section E and Harry Gilman is most unhappy. Hangar One is under Sub-Depot or Maintenance Control whichever you prefer, and is now called Sec. C, it's a very efficient program; our welding shop is in Sub-Depot, Prop Dept. has a new office in the front of Hangar One.

Johnnie Williams has a baby machine shop moved in on him in his electrical shop.

Like I said it's as efficient as all anything, but you can't find anybody any more—makes life more interesting here on the line—for the next few days anyhow.

We've also got a new fire en-

gine on the line. It's as big as a fire boat and looks somewhat similar.

T-Sgt. Piotraszek looks forlorn these days. He's too old to be homesick, but that's what he calls it.

Capt. Diédrichs still takes his P. T. and the helluvit is, he doesn't need it—it's making a wreck of Pete Dalton.

Latest you know, from Bowl 7—It has come to the attention of the W.D., etc., anyhow sports it's an offense to draw pictures on your flight or fatigue jackets—you know, pretty (bare) wimmen, P-40's and such! Don't do it, it's official and you know what they'll do, don't you?

Cpl. Bernie Silverman brought back a neat bundle of stuff from N. Y. this week. Happy landings, Bernie. Pfc. Don Morris is going under new management come this December. This marriage stuff must be catching, it's happening to John Drolet, too. Oh, well a guy can't always be strong!

At The Chapel

PROTESTANT—Sunday: Section C Chapel, 0900; Station Chapel Service, 1030; Civilian Housing Service, 1130; Station Vesper Service, 2000.

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Thursday, 2000; led by Mrs. Mabelle N. Homes, Wartime worker.

JEWISH—Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Soldiers and guests are invited to an ice cream social and bingo party at the Country Club in Monahans tonight at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Gregory Sheridan, pastor of Christ the King Church, has extended the free invitation to all GIs and their guests.

TICKET SALES FOR 2AF GAME START FRIDAY

Sales Being Handled Thru Orderly Rooms

Tickets for the 2nd Air Force-NTAC football game, slated for Odessa's Fly Field Oct. 21, will go on sale at this station Friday.

Special Services Office is in charge of the sale of tickets, which will be distributed through section orderly rooms.

Tickets for officers and their guests will be on sale at the Officers Club. The Civilian Personnel office will receive a block of tickets which will be handled by J. C. Reese in that office.

Tickets apportioned to each section are limited—so get yours early. Prices are 60 cents each for enlisted men and guests, \$1.75 for officers and guests.

Robertson And Carbin Battle To Deadlock

Fifteen hundred GI fans cheered on Izzy Robertson, Section C, and George Carbin, CCD, as the two boys fought to a draw in the semi-final of a six bout card in which the athletic department opened the season's boxing schedule at the Rec. Hall last Wednesday.

Robertson and Carbin carried their battle to a draw in the best bout of the evening, each scoring a knockdown in the second round. Robertson weakened in the second, but came back strong in the final.

The opening 3-rounder, in the 150-pound class, wound up even as Thomas Sohus and Herman Guss, both of Section C, gathered point for point for a draw.

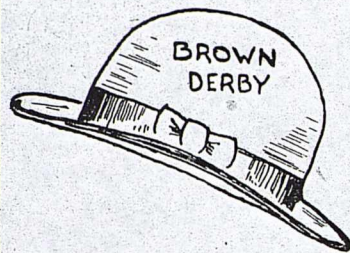
Jack Thomas, Section C, and Paul Chiarello, Section M, put on a fast and furious show in the 135-pound class. The fight looked even till the third, when Chiarello uncorked a couple that hurt and left Thomas on the ropes. Chiarello took the decision.

At 150 pounds, Johnny Jones of C kept Joe Marshall, also of C, on a bicycle for the better part of the mix. Jones nailed Marshall in the third to win via the kayo route.

John Henry Williams and Clifford Weiss, two Section C boys, fought an exhibition bout that wound up in a draw. Williams, a 165-pounder, and Weiss, a 155-pound welterweight are considered tops in their divisions in these parts.

In the main go, 19-year-old Richard Smith of Section C outpointed 32-year-old Al Hayes from

P.T. Award



Awarded to Section F for the lowest percentage (61.1%) in Physical Training, and to be retained as long as they remain at the bottom of the list.

Wink Invades Monahans In Top 7-A Tilt

For the gridiron faithful there are high school games in three nearby towns this week-end, all involving 7-A clubs but none counting in the standings:

The schedule is:

Wink at Monahans.

Lovington at Kermit.

McCamey at Pecos.

Wink's stunned Wildcats invade Monahans Friday night for a brush with Monahans' Loboes. The game is set for 8:30 p.m. at Sealy Field.

On the tricky comparative score basis, Monahans gets a shaky nod in this one. Last week the Loboes surprised even the partisans by holding Pecos to an 18-7 score. A week earlier the Eagles had brushed off Wink 20-0. It has been many, many a moon since Wink has been shut out in that manner. The Loboes are usually pretty hard to handle on their home field—it ought to be a fairly even struggle with the breaks deciding the winner.

Both the Lovington-Kermit and McCamey-Pecos tilts are non-conference.

HOUSTON, Tex. (CNS)—D. D. Hobbs, city dog catcher, picked up a stray poodle on a downtown street. As he was loading the pooch into his wagon, he was bitten on the leg. But it wasn't the poodle that had bitten Hobbs. It was the woman who owned it.

Section E. Hayes showed a lot of class, but was no match for the youngster's speed.

Judges for the evening were Captain Anthony Pisano and Captain Martin Deidrich. Referee was S-Sgt. Fred Root and time keeper was Cpl. John Dahl.

Army Condescends, Says: 'We May Beat Navy Team'

(Ed. Note—Despite Navy's 21-14 loss last week to North Carolina Pre-flight, the Middies still have one of the toughest ball clubs in the country. Their clash with Army Dec. 2 may decide the mythical service crown. Here's the Army outlook—straight from Col. Blaik.)

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS
CNS Sports Writer
Studies in Pessimism

Football coaches—unlike those happy and fun-loving gnomes, the fight managers—are traditionally gloomy, despondent, melancholy, pessimistic and readers of Schopenhauer. They are not a happy bunch.

We used to know a fight manager who habitually overmatched his bums against men of high calibre in the ring. To hear him talk about it, however, the tanks in his stable always had the punch of Jack Dempsey, the guile of Gene Tunney and the durability of Battling Nelson.

"My bum will moider him," he used to say.

We used to know a football coach, too, who habitually came up with the strongest teams in his conference. He always had a powerhouse, a team with fleet backs, a block-busting line, and a hotel full of reserves. Yet, he would cry like a baby when anybody asked him what his prospects were.

"Those bruisers will kill my boys," he used to moan before the Spearfish Normal game. "We haven't got a chance."

This year all the weepers in football really have something to weep about. The lineups of college football teams in the U. S. A. this fall are as full of holes as a slice of swiss cheese. You could travel from coast to coast without finding an outstanding team—if you skipped West Point and Annapolis. On the banks of the Hudson and at Crabtown on the Bay, we are pleased to report, there is nothing to weep about this year.

The Army, coached by Lt. Col. Earl (Red) Blaik, is very likely to have the best football team in its history this fall. And the Navy is quite likely to have a better one. When you think of what's going to happen when these two babies tangle, why, it's enough to make you shudder.

Army has a lot of great backs: Tom Lombardo, Glenn Davis, Max Minor, Bobby Dodds, Doug Kenna and Dean Sensenbaugher. Lombardo, a ten-second guy, is the slowest man in the backfield. Davis, Army's best back last year, is the fastest fullback in the game. Kenna, tabbed the best Army back since Red Cagle, before he broke his arm two years ago, is ready to roar once again. Sensenbaugher, a plebe, was a sensational freshman scatter-back at Ohio

State last year.

Navy, coached this year by Cmdr. Oscar E. (Swede) Hagberg, who has succeeded Capt. John E. Whelchel, has backs as good as the Army and a line as good as the Chicago Bears. The backs include little Hal Hamberg, mainstay of last year's once-beaten Navy team, Dick Druden, Bill Barron, Joe Sullivan, Jim Pettit, Tom Dwyer and Bruce Smith. The linemen include Don Whitmire, All-American tackle; Big Jack Martin, All-American center; Captain Ben Chase, a hulking guard, and a half dozen speedy ends.

Faced with the prospect of tackling this monster of the midway on Dec. 2, Col. Blaik is whistling bravely in the graveyard. "We have a better team than last year," the Army coach says, "but we still can't compare with Navy. They have everything."

His eye ran down the Navy roster and he shook his head and sighed. Then came the payoff remark.

"But that doesn't mean we won't beat the Navy," he said.

Army's schedule includes North Carolina, Brown, Pittsburgh, Coast Guard, Duke, Villanova, Notre Dame, Penn and Navy.

The Navy will play North Carolina Pre-Flight, Penn State, Duke, Georgia Tech, Penn, Notre Dame, Cornell, Purdue and Army.

Pecos Eagles Run Over Lobos 18-7

MONAHANS—The Pecos Eagles stamped themselves as the team to beat in District 7-A with an 18-7 win over a stubborn Green Wave eleven here last Friday night. It was a non-conference game.

The Eagles' fast-breaking pony backfield scored in each of the first three quarters and rolled up 14 first downs to seven for Monahans.

Howell, 123-pound halfback, led the scoring with two payline dashes.

HERE'S CHANCE— Pick Football Winners, Get Show Tickets

A weekly football dopester's contest for military personnel stationed here opens this week in The Rattler and will run the duration of the season, it was announced today.

Three winners will receive War Department Theater books each week.

The rules are simple. Entrants must pick both the winner and score of each game on the chart, and winners are decided on the closeness of scores. There will be 13 games listed each week, of which one or two will be in district, 7-A, in which Monahans, Wink, Kermit and Pecos play. The other games will be among the top collegiate and service teams of the nation.

Entries must be in The Rattler office, Station Headquarters, by 1700 Friday afternoon. As The Rattler comes out Thursday, this means you must make your selections either Thursday or Friday and get them in to this office. If you don't have a copy of The Rattler you may copy the games, with your score predictions, and enter it on ordinary typewriter paper. All military personnel, either officers or enlisted men, are eligible. Winners will be announced in the following Rattler.

Here are the first week's games:

Randolph Field	_____
vs.	_____
Texas U.	_____
Georgia Tech	_____
vs.	_____
North Carolina	_____
Florida	_____
vs.	_____
Tennessee	_____
Minnesota	_____
vs.	_____
Michigan	_____
Great Lakes	_____
vs.	_____
Northwestern	_____
Iowa	_____
vs.	_____
Ohio State	_____
Navy	_____
vs.	_____
Penn State	_____
Tulane	_____
vs.	_____
Noire Dame	_____

Sec. D Wins



Sec. D's Dusters took the first touch football game of the season by trimming the Bruisers, 25-0. Here Sgt. Ownby, boss of the Bruisers, is passing; rushing him are: Wilson, Chuck Simon and Carter of the Dusters (first three men, left to right). Blocking for Ownby are Brown and Secor.

World Series Being Aired

The play-by-play radio broadcast of the 1944 World Series between St. Louis' Browns and the Cardinals will be carried on the public address system at this station, through the facilities of the Special Service Office.

The broadcast starts at 1:30 p.m. daily.

A scoreboard will be kept in front of the Rec Hall, and amplifiers at the mess halls and Station Chapel will carry the series to every Pyote GI. Also, the Service Club radio will be tuned in each day to the broadcast.

Tulsa	_____
vs.	_____
Kansas	_____
U. C. L. A.	_____
vs.	_____
San Diego	_____
Penn	_____
vs.	_____
Dartmouth	_____
Monahans	_____
vs.	_____
Wink	_____

Wildcats Claw Sec. C, 20-7

The Wildcats trimmed Section C, 20-7 in a touch football game last week in which the Cannon-to-Pleasants scoring combination stood out.

Sgt. Jim Pleasants took Sgt. Jack Cannon's pass over his shoulder for a 60-yard touchdown play in the second half, after the same duo tabbed a one-yard touchdown in the second. Wolf passed 10 yards to Cannon for the third Wildcat score.

Russell caught a 30-yard pass in the end zone for Sec. C's only score.

The lineups:

Wildcats—Don Roberts, c; Castner, le; Pleasants, re; Wolf, tb; Cannon, hb; Jarrell, hb.

Sec. C—Kelly, le; Ginyard, c; Hazzard, re; Johnston, tb; Taylor, hb; Russell, hb.

MEDICS 14, TRAINERS 6

The Medics' touch footballers trimmed the Fighting Trainers, 14 to 6, in a league game. Mabry, right wingman for the Pill Rollers, caught both touchdown passes and played an all-around outstanding game.

The lineups:

Medics—Nassif, tb; Oakley, hb; Gaffney, hb; Masters, le; Garr, c; Mabry, re.

Fighting Trainers—Lubitz, re; Paulson, rh; Waringer, lh; Tucceri, q; Baca, c; Cates, le.

Keglers Open Play Oct. 10

League bowling for the coming winter season will officially get under way Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Enlisted Men's Bowling Alleys.

Two leagues, the Red and Blue, with 10 or 12 teams in each will be formed with bowling to be done on a handicap basis.

Team rosters must be turned in to Pvt. C. R. Lamke at the P.T. Dept. not later than Thursday, Oct. 5. A meeting of all team managers or their representatives will be held at the Rec. Hall Friday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.

One hour's P.T. credit will be given each week to those bowling three consecutive games in league bowling.

Superbombers

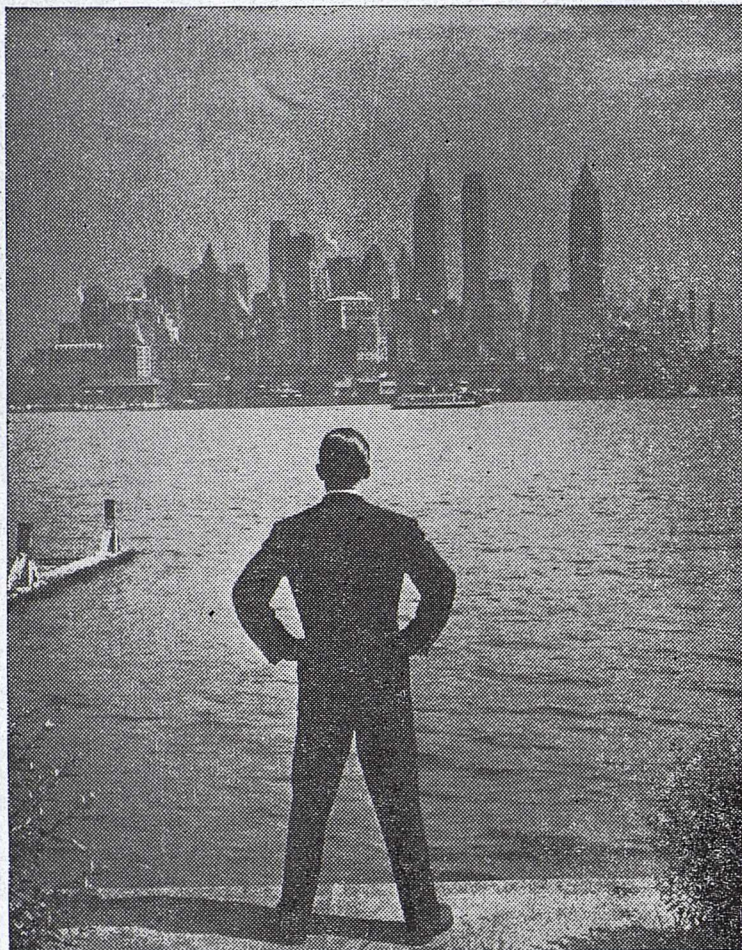
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NTAC Aggies

October 21

Odessa, Texas

G. I. Bill Of Rights



(Photo Courtesy Click Magazine)

Post-War Jobs For GIs? 'Yes!' Say Industry Heads

The Bill of Rights for GIs has four aspects—the right to a home, the right to health, the right to education, and the right to a job. And what about that job? The government does not promise every returning GI a job, but it will make every effort to help him find one, if he doesn't want to go back to his old position, or if the old job doesn't exist.

According to post-war planning committees, there will be a big boom in business after the war; and the big boom will be in the very skills that you are learning

in the Army. Aviation, radio, mechanics, navigation, engineering, chemicals—all are on the upswing in a post-war employment chart. The chances are good that what the Army has taught you may well earn your bread and butter later.

Jobs suited to returning veterans will be found for them by the Veterans' Placement Service Board wherever it can, in cooperation with the U. S. Employment Service.

Inventories of jobs and men available will be accumulated by veterans' employment representatives in all states.

Until a man gets a job, or if he is unemployed between jobs—the government will give him an allowance ranging to \$20 a week. This benefit is limited to one year.

For the man who wants to be his own boss, he may borrow to buy and equip his own business and have \$2,000—or not more than half—of his loan guaranteed.

That's what the GI Bill of Rights promises you in "your right to a job."

Next week: The right to health.

Classified Ads

LOST—Silver rectangular clip, somewhere between Library and Message Center. Return to Library. Reward.

RIDERS WANTED—Two riders from Base to Barstow. Lv. Barstow 7 a.m., leave Base at 5 p.m. Contact Sgt. Hopkins, CCD Mail room.



Q. Two months ago, when I was a corporal, I filed an application for maternity care for my wife who was expecting a baby. Now the baby is due any day but in the meantime I have become a staff sergeant and thus ineligible to apply for maternity aid. What I want to know is—does my previous application stick.

A. Yes, it does, luckily for you. Although it is true that maternity aid is given only to the wives of enlisted men in the lowest four grades, the controlling factor in the application for this aid is the rank held at the time the application was made, not the rank held when the maternity care is needed. As a corporal, you were eligible to apply for the care.

Q. Recently I submitted an application for Infantry OCS but was told that I would have to submit three letters of recommendation in order to have my application approved. Can they do this to me?

A. Letters of recommendation for officer candidate school are not required by current regulations and they are considered unnecessary and undesirable. (WD. Cir. 319, 1 August 1944.)

THE CRYSTAL BALL

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

General Charles DeGaulle, leader of the Free French: "I doubt that the Nazis can be defeated before the spring of 1945."

10 Days Left For Christmas Mailing

Christmas comes early for the men overseas, as far as the post-office is concerned.

So, gifts to be sent to friends and relatives overseas should be in the mails by the 15th of this month—October.

The field post office will supply directions for posting and mailing of these Christmas packages.

Just ten days remain in which to send parcels overseas without a request required.

Q. I enlisted in the U. S. Army after Germany invaded Poland in 1939 and I'm still in the Army. Am I eligible for the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights?

A. Yes, you are. As long as you were a member of the U. S. Armed Forces ON or AFTER Sept. 16, 1940, you're eligible for benefits of the bill.



"I'm gettin' so I can sleep any damn place!"