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# RUSSIANS LEAP ODER; BERLIN 26 MILES AWAY

## THE RATTLER PYOTE, TEXAS

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## KOOPS' KORNERS

First of all, a bouquet to the gang at the theaters—for a splendid job that all too often goes thankless. And, if they don't mind, two suggestions as garnered over a cupacawfee or a bottle of beer.

I walked past the theater several times in the past few weeks and noticed the large lines waiting to see "Winged Victory", "Keys of the Kingdom", etc. I couldn't help wondering if those lines could all manage to squeeze into the theater for the eight o'clock show (for which the line was formed).

At one time here, we had a 10 o'clock movie. I don't recall that the 10 p.m. show was ever packed, but neither was it sparse. It was as well attended as the matinee, as I recall.

What prevents the theaters from reviving the "owl show" at 10 p.m.? At a 24-hour field such as this, the 10 p.m. movie affords many fellows a chance to see a movie (particularly a one-day-only film) that might not get the opportunity. It would cut down some of the congestion for the 6 and 8 o'clock fares, much of the standing in line and lengthy waits.

Perhaps the problem is finding sufficient help to handle the additional showing. If so, we will volunteer to place an ad in The Rattler for experienced theater help (if that'd do any good). If the absence of the late show stems merely from the poor attendance why not give it a one-week trial and see if the attendance justifies keeping it on?

Seems to me that the late show was cut out during the summer months when the field was far from being at full strength.

So, I'm asking, can something be done about it? And while on the subject—what would the GI reaction be to showing the matinee up to start at 1 rather than 1:30? When shows are long it might let certain shifts see the movies through, rather than leaving, before the end, to get to work on time. As I understand it, the main feature is almost always on hand by that time (1:00) and the shorts could be put at the end of the matinee bill.

Hmmm?

(Sorry the column is a little shorter than usual. It's a news-packed Rattler this issue and Koops' Korner had to be sandwiched in a trifle. More next week.)

## U.S. PLANES BLAST PACKED BERLIN; FIRES RAGE IN DOWNTOWN MANILA

In the 165th week of the U. S. at War, this was the news from:

### ASIATIC FRONT

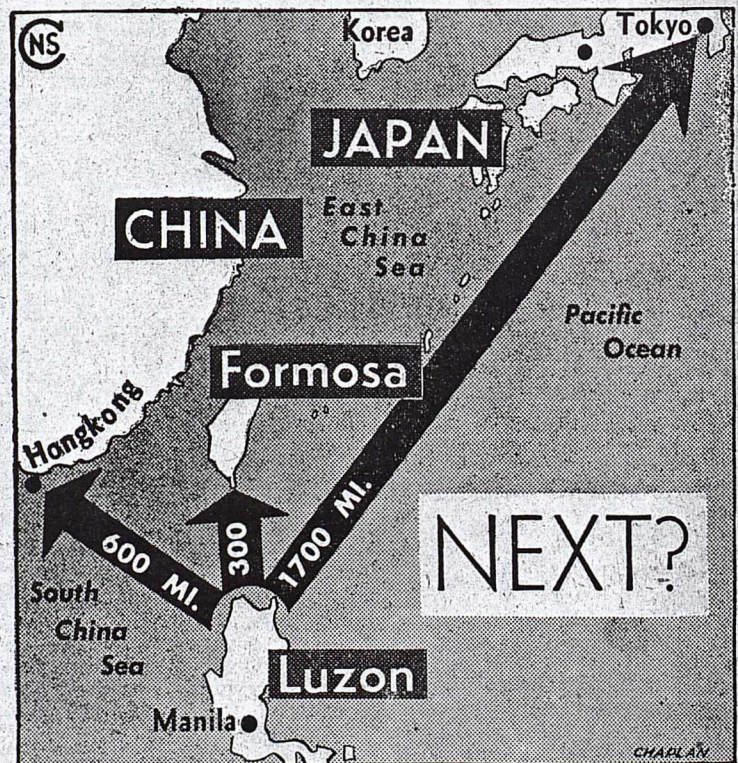
Pillars of smoke and five Stars and Stripes hung over Manila, queen city of all the Philippines. Ever since MacArthur's forces hit Luzon Island, headlines told one breathless story after another; rescues from prison camps, daring raids and surprise landings, and all of them carried the strange account of the Jap, that wouldn't fight for Manila. The Philippine capital fell Sunday. Wednesday fifth columnists and Jap remnants set fire to the main business district of the town.

Manila was ours. How prize a plum this windfall is still hasn't been reckoned. Its harbors, one analyst says, will not dock the modern dreadnaughts of the sea. The Jap can put up last ditch resistance from the mountains in the north, under terrain conditions favorable to the Nip fighting style. But most important, the Philippines can be an island aircraft carrier, a jumping-off spot for landings on the south China coast—a land route to Japan itself.

### EUROPEAN THEATER

Two mighty Russian armies paused for a deep breath and burst across the Oder River, last natural barrier before Berlin, battle-fatigued, bomb-weary, blast-shattered capital of the Third Reich. To outflank Berlin, Marshal Stalin's red-starred units should take Frankfurt-on-the-Oder to the southeast, Kustrin to the northeast. Berlin claimed that the Oder River between these two points had been forced at more than six points. They claimed that Zhukov was fighting in the suburbs of Frankfurt, was putting up an all-out offensive at the gates to Kustrin. The Russians were some 20 miles from Berlin, the distance from Pyote to Pecos. In Hungary, Russian troops opened a steam-roller drive, surged toward the Austrian border.

If GI Ivan looked to the sky, he knew what "brotherhood" meant. U. S. Britain-based planes dropped thousands and thousands of bombs on panic-packed Berlin, supply and reinforcement routes along the way.



The liberation of Luzon Island, in the Philippines, can provide U. S. forces with the springboard they need from which to deliver the knockout punch at Japan. Northern Luzon is only 600 miles from the China coast at Hongkong, only 300 miles from Formosa and approximately 1700 miles from Tokyo. The supply line from the Netherlands Indies and China to Japan can be blockaded by our air and sea power. In addition, Luzon can be used as a point for launching an invasion of the China coast, Formosa or Japan itself.

## HOW TO GET A FURLOUGH



T-Sgt. James Hobbins (right) shown inserting his mechanical braking device on a propeller governor head, to committee members. He was awarded a 10-day furlough extension for his idea. Members who are shown watching the demonstration are: (l to r) S-Sgt. Howard O. Gamble, Lt. Bradus G. Robbins, and Frank O. Williams.

## T-Sgt. Wins 10-Day Leave For Propeller Invention

On February 3rd, T-Sgt. James F. Hobbins, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, got a wire from Col. A. E. Key, Station Commandant. It read: "THROUGH YOUR ACHIEVEMENT IN PROVIDING A TIME AND SAFETY DEVICE KNOWN AS PROPELLER BEARING RETAINER CLAMP, YOU ARE AWARDED A TEN DAY EXTENSION TO YOUR FURLOUGH".

## Medal of Honor Cites GI Who Saved Co.

U. S. 7th Army Front (CNS)—Sgt. Truman C. Olson, of Cambridge, Wis., has been awarded, posthumously, the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was the 16th member of the 3rd Division to receive his country's highest military honor. Eight of the 16 were killed in action. The division has been in 7 campaigns in this war.

Sgt. Olson stood off approximately 200 attacking Germans for more than an hour and a half on the Anzio beachhead Jan. 30, 1944, saving his company from annihilation and preventing his battalion from being cut off.

### THE COVER

The winner! Dorothy Boles of Pecos was acclaimed Miss Victory of 1945, won a life-size portrait, a \$25 war bond from the Mohans Chamber of Commerce, the lead in a brand-new musical comedy destined for the Pyote AAF stage. Miss Victory flashes a victory smile after receiving the honor, posed for this cover-shot for The Rattler, snapped by Sgt. Gordon of Base Photo.

This extra leave was the result of a new suggestion-award plan put into effect at this station. (See story on Page 10.)

The first of the suggestions accepted by the new PAAF suggestion committee was a mechanical braking device for a propeller governor head.

Sgt. Hobbins, who works in the propeller shop, designed and constructed the metal device in order to prevent the propeller from slipping after it has been set to the proper pitch.

The device has been forwarded to Second Air Force headquarters for further action. Sgt. Hobbins, who left on furlough last Wednesday, was awarded a 10-day extension for submitting the suggestion. He is now vacationing at his home in Somerton, a suburb of Philadelphia, Penn.

There is a possibility of additional honors for Sgt. Hobbins if Second Air Force headquarters decides the device merits a further commendation or award.

The Pyote Army Air Field suggestion committee has other suggestion devices which are to be acted upon for future awards. Military or civilian personnel who have suggestions or ideas that will be of benefit are requested to turn them in to the committee. Particulars are given in the announcement made by the committee and printed on Page 10.

# Discharged GIs Can Get Jobs At 2AF Fields

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 8.—Second Air Force has evolved and put into operation a program providing jobs for honorably discharged veterans, thus returning ex-service personnel to a normal, useful wage-earner's life, it was announced today at 2AF headquarters.

Initial phases being completed, the Second Air Force Veterans Placement Program already has veterans in training for jobs on air bases as mechanics, welders, radio men and sheet metal workers. With this plan, 2AF is completing the cycle of training, placing men in civilian jobs just as it trains air crews for combat.

Largest air force in the continental United States, the Second Air Force at present employs approximately 29,000 civilians at some 40 bases in more than 10 states as it produces heavy bombardment crews and fighter pilots for overseas duty. With manpower regulations becoming more and more stringent and to meet the growing requirements for capable and qualified workers, Second Air Force has developed this new program for the training and placement of veterans.

The plan includes the following methods of placement:

1. DIRECT EMPLOYMENT on one of the 2AF bases for men already skilled in a mechanical trade or for unskilled men in jobs to suit their capabilities, such as laborers, fire fighters, guards, clerks or other semi-skilled occupations. The salary range on these direct assignments depends upon the ability and qualifications of the veteran, his duties and responsibilities.

2. EMPLOYMENT THROUGH TRAINING. For veterans who need or desire training, 2AF has arranged through the Colorado Springs Vocational School for courses in aircraft sheet metal welding, aircraft radio and machine shop practices. The veteran is enrolled at a salary of \$1,500 per year and \$315 per year overtime paid while he is undergoing training.

Upon direct employment or at conclusion of the training period, the veteran is assigned to a 2AF base of his own choice, if possible. Travel to the installation is made at government expense.

The placement program has three-fold advantages: Immediate employment of discharged veterans; furthering the war effort by relieving manpower shortages on the air bases; preparation of the veteran for a skilled occupation after the war.

All assignments and arrangements are being made through the Civilian Personnel Office at 2AF Headquarters. Here the ex-service man is given the opportunity of discussing his plans and wishes for

## Pyote GIs To Exhibit Paintings, Art

With more than a dozen paintings and pastels already submitted, the plan to exhibit the work of Pyote Army Air Field artists is going ahead at full speed.

Personnel Services, under whose sponsorship the showing is being arranged, urges that all GIs who paint, draw, or sculpture in any medium submit their work for exhibition and possible entry in the Army Arts Contest.

Present plans call for an exhibit of all work submitted at this Station in the war room of the Service Club.

No limitation is placed on what may be submitted by an individual and entries that reach the finals of the Army-wide contest will be shown at the National Gallery of Arts in Washington, D. C.

If you have any paintings, photos, metal, wood or plastic work that you would like to exhibit you are urged to get in touch with Personnel Services at once. Phone 27 or come over to the Personnel Services Building next to the Service Club.

## BUT WHERE WAS HOWARD WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

West Plains Mo (CNS)—Dorothy Jennings, 19, thought she was marrying Dale Howard but instead married Arnold Clinton, his best man. The mixup occurred, she explained in an annulment petition, when the lights went out during the wedding ceremony.

the future and is given all available information on vocational opportunities and conditions at the various bases.

Initial test of the plan in Colorado Springs will determine its potentialities for extension throughout the War Department. It is applicable to all service personnel regardless of sex, race or creed.

Honorably discharged veterans are encouraged to enroll under this program through the Veterans Employment Representative at the U. S. Employment Service, 10 North Nevada, Colorado Springs, Colo.

# Statistics Show Average Wac Is A 'Perfect 34'

America may have a new standard of feminine beauty as the result of statistics compiled by the Army's Quartermaster Corps, on the physical characteristics of the women in the Army.

Here's how the typical woman soldier "shapes" up: She stands 5 ft., 4 in. high, weighs 128 pounds, has a waist circumference of 26½ inches, wears a 22 hat size, slips her foot into a 6-B shoe and her hand into a size 7 glove. The collar of her khaki shirt is size 13, and her ankles are incased in size 9½ rayons. Instead of the legendary "perfect 36" she is a size 14, which makes her an approximately "perfect 34."

A separate study among more than 1000 women serving from Maine to Florida indicates that the woman soldier, on an average, is "the best educated woman in America."

"She had at least a high school education and some specialist training to begin with (21% were college educated) and in the Army she has improved upon her original skills, learned a new skill or a new application of her old one." Seven women in 8 were employed at the time of enlistment.

No. 1 post-war ambition of those interviewed is—by a majority of 73%—marriage and home-making.



He SHOULD feel small! Kitchen wastes are valuable, and they MUST be carefully separated—grease, edible garbage, bones and trimmings, inedible waste.

## 65 GIs Win Extra Stripe During Week

Sixty-five promotions have been announced since the last promotion list was published in The Rattler of January 25. Two Section F men were promoted to corporal, five WAC's were made PFC's, and 58 enlisted men were promoted to PFC.

The new corporals are: Lynn R. Kidder and Wesley J. Wright.

The new PFC's are:

### SECTION A

Joseph C. Valla, Frank G. Souza, Herman W. Ruppman.

### SECTION B

Beatrice K. Stuhmer, Sonya A. Pregozen, Evelyn R. Hancock, Florence G. McGraw, Florence Eisenstadt.

### SECTION C

Sammie Berry, James Newton, Nathan Porter, Cleophus Lessure, Andrew Cooper, James Hampton, Romey Williams, Robert L. Moss, Elmer Berkley, Clifford Graham, Jimmie J. Hall, Lous J. Brooks, Frank Johnson, Archie D. Johnson, Percy Jones, Willie Scott, Odell Toliver, Herbert C. Wilson, Percy Young, Dorse E. Russell, L. T. Hamon, Jack Thomas, Samie Willis, Edwin D. Butler.

### SECTION E

James H. McDaniel, Elmo Haywood, Henry A. Dvorak, Donald W. Lund.

### SECTION F

Augustus E. Williams, Jack W. Titus, Stanley L. Sharp, Carroll E. Markowitz, John C. Logan, Harold Krevsky, Elbert C. Davison, Raymond H. Boutin, Gerard C. Smeltzer, James Rutherford, Lous D. Pettus, Charles C. Peeling, James E. Parker, William Naef, Charles E. Morrissey, Henry M. Hanson, John F. Downes, Charles W. Finnell, Peter Mandis, Frank J. Maguire, Dale C. Webster.

### SECTION M

David S. Bjorgen, Warren C. Bonney, George R. Hartzell, Marion Relkin, Jack W. Stebbeds, Robert L. Wood.

Jefferson City, Mo (CNS)—The meals are so good at the Missouri State pen that 1500 convicts have petitioned the warden to let them stay on as KPs after serving their sentences.

## Theater Schedule

For prevues and coming attractions of this week's films at the Post Theaters, see Page 5.

## USAFI Classes

(Free off duty classes are held in the following subjects:)

SPANISH: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at 7:30  
ENGLISH, GRAMMAR, & COMPOSITION: Monday and Wednesday evenings at 8:30.

ALGEBRA: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings at 8:30.  
(Classes will soon be started in Chinese, German, French, Calculus. CLASSES ARE HELD IN THE SHIPPING AND RECEIVING OFFICE. BLDG. T-625, OPPOSITE MESS HALL 1.)

## Service Club

Thu.—EM Wives Luncheon, 12:00-1:00, Sewing by Wickett women, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fri.—INFORMAL DANCE—9:00 to Midnight.

Sat.—Informal, juke-box dancing.

Sun.—Piano concert by Pfc. Talitha Collins from 3:30 to 4:00

Mon.—Community sing night.

Tue.—Jitterbug lessons free, main lounge: 7:30. Instructors are Monahans girls and GIs from the field.

Wed.—GI Movies at 8:30 p.m.

## At The Chapel

CATHOLIC—Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15. Daily Masses: 5:15 except Monday and Thursday; Thursdays at Hospital Red Cross bldg. to 9:30. No Mass Monday  
Evening Devotions: 5:45 Tuesday and Friday. Confessions: Saturday, 4:30-5:15, 7:30-9:00, and before all Masses and at anytime you request.

PROTESTANT—Sunday: Hospital Service at Red Cross Auditorium at 9:15 a.m., Section C Chapel Service at 10:00, Station Chapel Service at 10:30, Section C Vesper Service at 7:30 p.m., Station Vesper Service at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Section C Bible Study at 7:30; Bible Quiz Hour at Station Chapel at 8:00. Thursday: Chapel Chorus Rehearsal at 7:00.

JEWISH—Friday, Sabbath Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Sunday: Weekly Service at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Mrs. Kate Lewis, wartime worker.

## Monahans U S O

Thu.—BINGO! Refreshments.

Fri.—Family night; open house.

Sat.—DANCE with hostesses, swing music, and all the trimmings.

Sun.—Brunch at 11:00 a.m., Recorded Classical Hour at 2:30; Broadcast from USO over KRLH, Midland, at 4:30; Buffet Supper at 6:30; Song Fest at 7:30; and Movie, "So You Won't Talk" with Joe E. Brown, at 8:30.

Mon.—Song Fest at 7:30 and Movie "So You Won't Talk" at 8:30.

Tue.—Arts and Crafts Program at 7:30.

Wed.—Better Halves Club luncheon at 12:30; Valentine Party starting at 8:00.

## Gay 90's Dance Planned For OC

A gala Gay Nineties party is in the offing at the Officers' Club a week from Saturday, Feb. 17th.

Dancing from nine to one in a real gay 90s motif with a special floor show (in the good old days style) and a modern jitterbug contest will highlight the evening.

Class A uniform will be the order of the evening for officers; and costumes in turn-of-the-cen-

## SECTIONS F AND M WIN REVIEW HONORS

Saturday's review saw Sections F and M receive honors for the past week. Section F won the ribbon for the previous week's parade, and Section M was adjudged tops on the inspection for the previous week.

tury styles for the ladies.

Chaplain E. W. Norton's quartet will make an appearance as singing waiters.

# "HOUSE OF MAGIC" SHOWS SAT.

## PYOTE PLAY-BILL

Theater No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6:00, and 8:00; Theater No. 2 shows at 7:00 and 9:00, unless otherwise noted below.

**"CAN'T HELP SINGING"** with Deanna Durbin, Robert Paige, Akim Tamiroff. Thursday. (100 minutes).

Technicolor musical in 1840 setting; tunes by Jerome Kern. Yarn concerns a senator's daughter who stage-coaches to the great wide open spaces of the west, just a-singin' at the drop of a baton.

Short subjects: "Tiger Trouble" a Disney cartoon, and Paramount News.

**"TOMORROW THE WORLD"** with Betty Field, Frederic March, and Skippy Holmeir. Friday and Saturday. (114 minutes).

Engrossing story of a young German refugee who turns out to be saturated with Nazi-ism. The kid turns the house into chaos, and leaves a question unanswered: "Just what do you do with young Nazis?"

Short subjects: Musical Parade, and "Draftee Daffy" cartoon.

**"MUSIC FOR MILLIONS"** with June Allyson, Margaret O'Brien, and Jimmy Durante. Sunday and Monday. (125 minutes).

Romantic drama of a group of girls in a great symphony orchestra. One of them (June) is a pregnant bullfiddler, who has not heard from her husband overseas. Durante is efervescently Durante, as O'Brien is adolescently O'Brien.

Short subjects: Paramount News.

**"HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN"** with Boris Karloff, Lon Chaney. (Half of double-feature). Tuesday. (140 minutes, total running time).

Universal has gathered Frankenstein, Dracula, the Wolf Man, a hunchback and two mad doctors. These Section 8 refugees play tag in cemeteries and make nasty faces at lightning, in the same accepted style.

**"THE BIG SHOW OFF"** with Arthur Lake, Dale Evans. (Half of double-feature). Tuesday. (140 minutes, total running time).

Night club scene (with music) about the mix-up between a cocktail lounge pianist who is mistaken for a wrestler, that leads to amusing complications.

**"PRACTICALLY YOURS"** with Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. Wednesday and Thursday.

THURSDAY

### 'Can't Help Singing'

Deanna Durbin, Robert Paige, Akim Tamiroff

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

### 'Tomorrow The World'

Betty Field, Frederic March, Skippy Holmeir

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

### 'Music For Millions'

June Allyson, Margaret O'Brien, Jimmy Durante

TUESDAY

### 'House of Frankenstein'

### 'The Big Show Off'

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

### 'Practically Yours'

Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray, Robert Benchley

## Monahans Observers USO's Fourth Birthday With Marked Success

### March Of Dimes Net Final Total Of \$1,230.20

The March of Dimes campaign at Pyote Army Air Field reached a final total of \$1,230.20, Capt. R. A. Diedrich announced Monday.

Contributions were received from the following: Theaters, \$78.89, voluntary donations \$16.00, President's Ball at Service Club \$51.10, at Officers' Club \$201.11, NCO Club coin machines \$41.75, Officers' Club coin machines \$127.00, Civilian Personnel Dance, \$150.00, Tech Gunnery \$18.00, Sections I and II \$46.33, Section III \$5.15, Section A \$17.65, Section B \$7.00, Section C \$13.70, Section D \$46.92, Section E \$72.65, Section F \$30.00, Section M \$11.68, coin containers \$186.22, and Post Women's Club \$10.00.

"I think a word of thanks to all those who aided in the campaign, and to the contributors, is in order", Captain Diedrich stated. "Personally I thought \$750 would be a generous contribution from our station, then I soon found out I was wrong and jumped it to \$1,000, but again my guess was far from right. It is a pleasure to conduct a campaign where you receive such fine cooperation from everyone."

(116 minutes).

Wartime romantic comedy of a Naval hero who arrived home to find himself "engaged" to a strange gal. For purposes of na-

GIs, girls, and townspeople jammed the "night-club" to watch the final judging. Sunday's Open House featured a concert by the Pyote AAF band under the direction of W-O Irvin E. Zimmerman.

The noon luncheon Monday was attended by military and community leaders who heard an address by Mr. Don Hogan, regional director for the USO, (broadcast over KRLH, Midland). The luncheon was held on behalf of Odessa, Pecos, Midland, and Monahans USO clubs. Lt. Col. R. G. Sexton, represented Pyote Army Air Field, and mayors of Monahans, Wink, Kermit, and Pecos attended.

Entertainment was provided by an original piano composition played by W-O Irvin E. Zimmerman; and Chaplain Norton's "Star Gazers" quartet sang two numbers.

Mr. Frank G. Sullweski, director of the Monahans USO, thanked all who had made the 4th birthday of the USO the success that it was.

Mr. Hogan's short, dynamic speech was keynoted by the remark that "truly USO means USA", and that the organization was more than a cup of coffee or a button sewed on—it was a spiritual virus of tolerance spreading over the nation.

tional morale, they pretend to be in love. Complications and some laughs, and with Bob Benchley in it, it does have its moments.

Short subjects: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

## World's Fair Show Displays Scientific Tricks

General Electric's "House of Magic," one of the hit shows of the New York World's Fair, and of every major exposition since Chicago's Century of Progress, will be presented at Theater No. 1, Saturday, Feb. 10, for two shows, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

A man walking away from his own shadow, the world's first sun motor of its size and kind, and visible sound and audible light are some of the demonstrations which startled World's Fair audiences and will be seen here by arrangement with the research laboratory of the General Electric Company.

The presentation will be under the direction of C. E. Gluesing, who in private life is a real magician as well as a scientific one, and whose gift of showmanship makes the "house of Magic" as entertaining as it is educational.

The "House of Magic" is the name originally given to the research laboratory of the General Electric Company, over the protests of the nearly 400 serious-minded scientists who work there. From the research laboratory come the effects and demonstrations of the "House of Magic" show which suggest new developments for the future that the average layman never dreamed of.

Music is sent across the stage on a beam of light with the aid of a special lamp and a phototube, commonly called the electric eye.

This same experiment of carrying sound on a beam of light has been performed in Schenectady for a distance of more than 25 miles, from airship to earth and from a moving train to station platform.

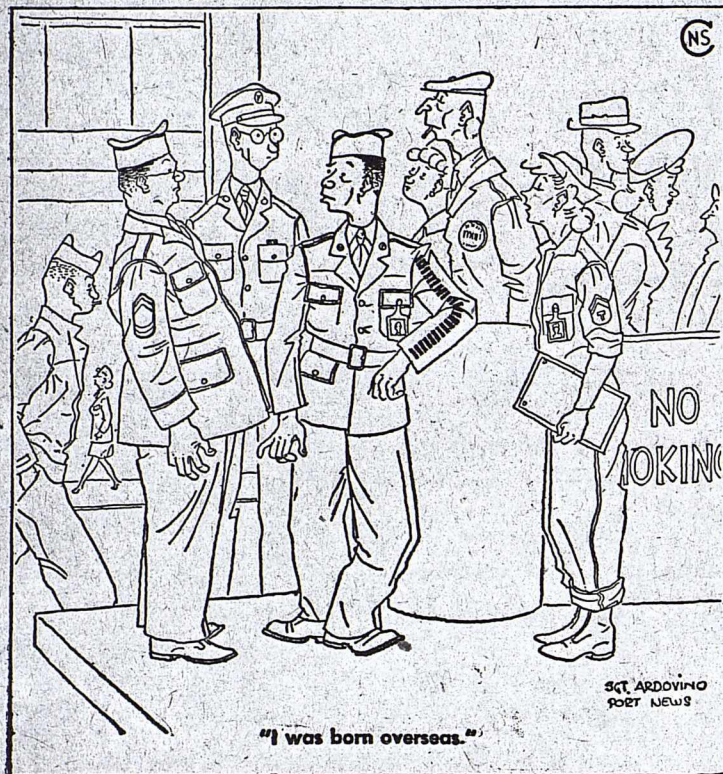
Many other interesting demonstrations will be seen in the "House of Magic" presentation, including a miniature electric locomotive controlled by commands of the voice, a "kidnap detector," and beautiful color changes produced under "black light."

The show is subject to last minute cancellation.

### A LANDLORD'S LIFE IS NOT A HAPPY LOT

Cambridge, Mass (CNS)—William Kelliher wants to evict his landlord. He took the poor fellow in, he told a local court, when the landlord couldn't find another place to sleep. But the landlord now has become so obnoxious "with his constant demands" for rent that Kelliher wants to get rid of him.

# RATTLER NEWS-REEL



"I was born overseas."

## 'TOMORROW THE WORLD'



Betty Field, above, one of the most talented young actresses of stage, screen, and radio, lends her talents well to "Tomorrow the World" showing at Theaters 1 and 2 Friday and Saturday.

## MMMM-MONA!



This is MONA, the art-creation of S-Sgt. Charles Flory of the Antilles Air Transport Command. Mona, who made her debut in The Rattler some months ago, re-appears now through the courtesy of Camp Newspaper Service, and some benevolent god that looks after things of Mona-tary value.

## Rattle Snake Charmer



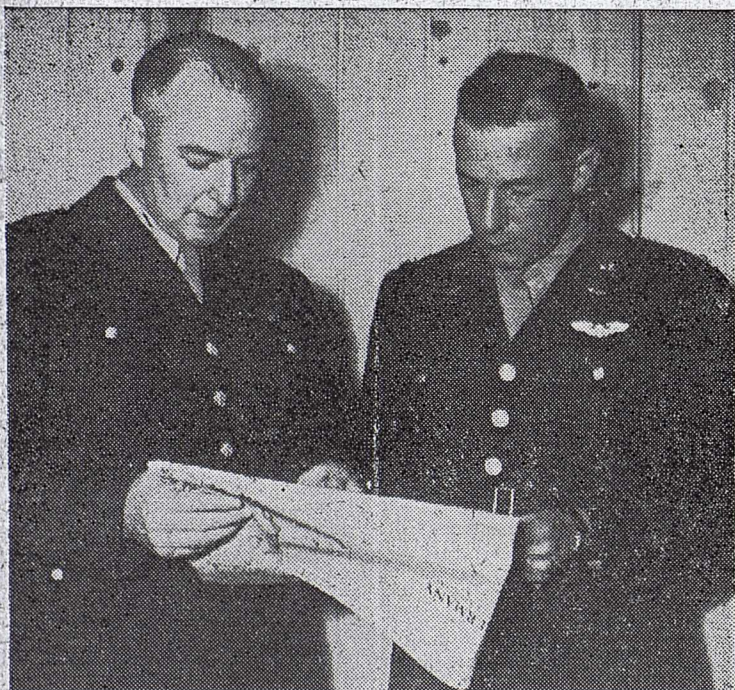
This week's Pyote pin-ups are the 10 lovelies who placed in the finals of the Miss Victory contest. Seated, left to right: Gerry Edwards, Wanda King, Dorothy Boles—Miss Victory, Stella Rehberg, and Mildred Baker. Standing: Vivian Knox, Bobbie Tubbs, Colleen, Vance, Sylvia Moore, and Ann Cumberland. Wanda King and Stella Rehberg placed second and third, respectively.

**MAYOR CONGRATULATES WINNER**



Dorothy Boles, winner of the "Miss Victory" contest receives a floral bouquet from Ed Duffy, mayor of Monahans. The City of Monahans Chamber of Commerce awarded a war bond to the winner of the contest sponsored by the USO in conjunction with the Pyote AAF Personnel Services Office.

**COLONEL KEY GREET'S BROTHER**



Col. A. E. Key, (left) Station Commandant, points out a few of the targets in Germany that 8th Air Force bombers hit, to his brother, Major Fred Key (right) of Clovis, N. Mex., Army Air Field. The two brothers had a get-together at the reception field for Col. Key at the Officers Club last week.

The Key brothers made a name for themselves in aviation circles by their endurance record flight in their ship "The ole Miss" in 1935.

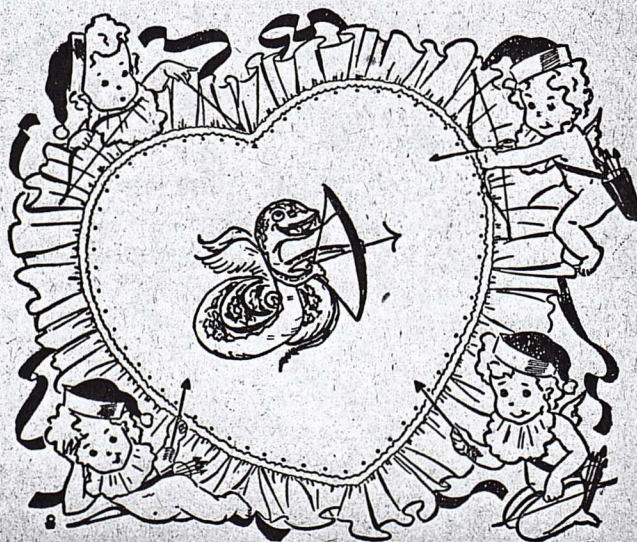
**C'MON COOKIE, HAVE A HEART!**



Oh, the salad's green and brown is the stew,  
And Mess Hall 3 says: "Happy Valentine to You!"  
Shown above, right to left, are cooks Pfc. Carl F. Snow, Sgt. Michael Magranet and Pfc. R. W. Kennedy. They declare that:  
"While Cupid's darts will hit your hearts,  
We'll use our arts and skills  
To give that homely GI chow  
Those fancy Waldorf frills."

The Rattler presents its readers with a ready-to-send Valentine straight from the Rattlesnake Army Air Field to your best girl(s). Simply clip on dotted line, scribble "With Love" and your name on the margin and send it off to the gal you dream about on those long, cool, and lonesome Pyote nights. The Reverse side of the Rattler Valentine carries a bit of verse, which deserves some Pulitzer prize if only because it does not rhyme "Valentine" with "B-29".—The Editor.

(CLIP ON DOTTED LINE)



## 2 Ex-2AF Generals Head 20th AF Bomb. Commands

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., February 8.—Two general officers who have served in the Second Air Force, Major General Curtis E. LeMay and Brigadier General Roger M. Ramey, now head the twin bomber commands of the Twentieth Air Force, according to announcement by General of the Army H. H. Arnold in his capacity as commanding general of the Twentieth Air Force.

General LeMay succeeds Brigadier General Haywood S. Hansell as commanding general of the 21st Bomber Command in the Marianas. General Ramey replaces General LeMay as head of the 20th Bomber Command in the C-B-I theater. General Hansell returned to continental United States for an undisclosed assignment.

General LeMay formerly was a group commander in the Second Air Force and established his reputation as a tactical expert on heavy bombardment while heading the Third Bombardment Division in the Eighth Air Force. Shortly after B-29 Superfortresses were committed to combat, General LeMay became commanding general of the 20th Bomber Command.

General Ramey, formerly identified with B-29 operational training in the Second Air Force, was chief of staff of the 21st Bomber Command. He previously distinguished himself as commanding officer of the Fifth Bomber Command.

### SECTION A MESS WINS COMMENDATION

Section A mess is to be commended as a result of the outstanding report of sanitation submitted by the sanitary inspector on January 25.

### VALENTINE—1945

HERE'S A VALENTINE FROM PYOTE  
 BY A GI RATTLESNAKE  
 WHO ASKS YOU, WON'T YOU KINDLY  
 GIVE THIS HEART OF MINE A BREAK?  
 DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS  
 WHERE THE NIGHTS ARE SWEET TO VIEW  
 THERE'S A MOON A BEIN' WASTED  
 THAT I'D LIKE TO WASTE WITH YOU.  
 FROM THE LAND OF DUST AND CACTUS  
 COMES THIS DOG-EARED CARD OF MINE—  
 FROM A SNAKE WHO'S EVERY RATTLE  
 SAYS: "PLEASE BE MY VALENTINE!"

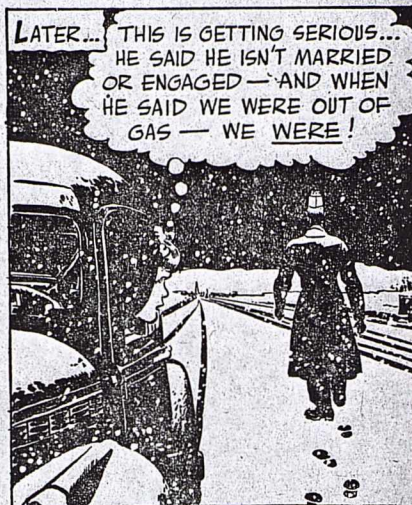
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IS HE TRAPPED OR IS SHE A MOUSE?



WHAT KIND OF DATE HAS LACE DRAWN FROM THE PALPITATION POOL? THIS JOKER ACTS AS IF I USE MOSQUITO REPELLENT FOR PERFUME!



LATER... THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS... HE SAID HE ISN'T MARRIED OR ENGAGED—AND WHEN HE SAID WE WERE OUT OF GAS—WE WERE!



YOU MUST BE CHILLED FROM YOUR WALK FOR THE GAS, GENERAL... WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN FOR A CUP OF HOT COFFEE?..

OH, NO, MA'AM! GOOD NIGHT!



TROUBLE, MISSY?

I'M TRYING TO MAKE UP MY MIND WHETHER TO CALL MY BEAUTICIAN OR THE PROVOST MARSHAL!—EITHER I'M SLIPPING OR THAT GUY'S A SPY!

### TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Kansas City (CNS)—When Pete Shoenfield, 50, was arraigned before Judge Alfred Murrain charged with the illegal sale of whiskey, this was the sentence he got: 1. Get a job in a war plant. 2. Visit the probation officer every payday. 3. Invest most of his wages in war bonds. Alternative: A year in the coop.

### THE FLAME IN THE FRAME

## Beauty 'Swims' Into Gunner's Life

Barbara was in a bathing suit the first time that Cpl. Clifton Rock got a good look at her and she's sort of been making his head swim ever since.

Barbara Waldie is a New England beauty. She lives in Beverly, Massachusetts, and she's busy speeding the war effort as a bookkeeper for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Cpl. Rock is a member of the Section I Combat Crew Detachment and he's hard at work learning all the intricacies of Central Fire Control. He recalls that the swimming party at which he met Barbara was a church social and admits that the experience has made him a much more religious man.

Barbara swings a pretty mean tennis racket and she also goes in for horseback riding. Rock copies with her taste in sports. He worked as a tool maker in a defense plant before the day that he got his first free suit of khaki clothes. They keep in touch with each other by mail and as to the future—that's going to depend a lot on what the Gods of War do. Rock



BARBARA WALDIE

figures that if he can beat Japs, a little gentle red-head ought not be too tough to conquer!



# NO DELAY EN ROUTE

(A few weeks ago, the column "Swivel-Drive" in the Las Vegas AAF newspaper printed a short story that attracted the attention of camp-sheet editors throughout the air forces. The Pecos "Flying Time" reprinted it, saying that the story registered "with more sock appeal than what dozens of straight news stories have failed to say". And to all who feel the warm, hearty breath of the Inf. chilling their AF spine, we think this story tells their feelings well. Perhaps, too well.—The editors.)

The little corporal with the general's voice kept looking at his watch. He had to pull up his glove to see what time it was because the night was cold—cold enough to make steam when you talked.

It was just about time to blow the whistle. The trucks had brought the men, and they were milling around inside the depot, keeping warm.

They won't find it so comfortable where they're going, the corporal thought.

It felt good to blow his whistle, the voice of authority on this night. That little piece of ear-shattering brass was pushing a lot of rank around on this shipment—two or three tech sergeants, a bunch of staffs, a lot of bucks, and quite a few corporals and privates.

A nice bunch of ratings opening up, the corporal smiled to himself. The thought made him blow his whistle louder the second time.

The men emerged slowly into the cold air. The high rankers came first. Already they were worrying about losing their stripes. The lower rankers were slower. They did not have much to lose, one way or another.

He blew his whistle again to quiet them down:

Okay! the corporal bellowed in his general's voice. Everybody up on that platform! In four ranks! And keep it dressed up!

The men looked at each other and at the people who had come to say goodbye, and cursed. Out of habit they moved slowly up on the platform.

A few lingered with their women. They knew the train wasn't in yet.

The little corporal clamped his jaws together. Somebody's always goofing off, he muttered. He hurried around to each little group, bellowing and cajoling.

Okay, soldier. Let's get into that formation.

Come on, Joe. We gotta take roll.

Hey, didn't you hear that whistle?

He went up to a tech sergeant who had his arm around his wife and wasn't paying any attention to the confusion around him.

Okay, sarge. Break it up! the little corporal said. Don't you know we're trying to get a formation?

The tech sergeant turned slowly toward the corporal, and put his hand on the short one's shoulder.

Quietly the tech sergeant said, The hell with your goddam formation, corporal. If you think I'm going to leave my wife now, you're full. You know I'm here, and you

know I'll get on the train when the time comes. Now take off, see?

The corporal turned red, and started to say something, but thought better of it. Instead, he turned and went straight to a lieutenant who had come along to supervise. While he was talking, the lieutenant looked doubtfully at the tech sergeant, then turned to the corporal, shrugging his shoulders.

The little noncom was disgusted, but he went back to his formation and started to call the roll.

The corporal's authority suffered another blow when a switch engine moved past the platform where the men had assembled. He bellowed hard, his voice nearly breaking, but the switch engine was even noisier.

He looked fiercely at the engineer, who grinned back and tossed the corporal a mock salute. He tried one more name, then stopped, losing complete control of the situation.

The lieutenant walked over to him and whispered something in his ear. Resigned to a less official way of handling his formation, the corporal merely counted the men. They were all there.

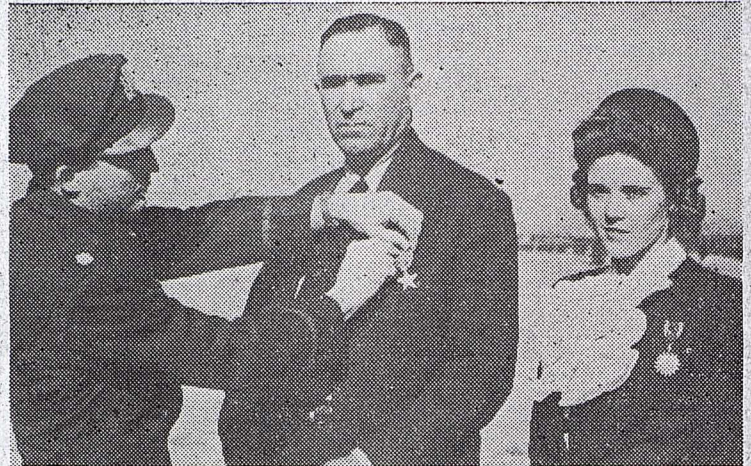
Then he marched them up the track to where their two GI sleepers were standing. Their wives and friends followed, wondering if they would get another chance to speak to them before the train moved out.

For a moment the formation disintegrated. The men were no longer habitual machines. They ignored the corporal and tried to console the ones they were leaving.

But the corporal was boiling now, and his final shriek through his whistle couldn't be ignored. All knew it was time to go, and they raced into the cars rushing to the windows so they could feel one last touch of stability and certainty through the stretched fingers of their women.

As the trainmen began to signal with their flashlights, the little corporal—all but forgotten by the men who were shipping—made one final attempt to recover his

## 2 POST-HUMOUS MEDALS AWARDED



Mr. Mack Pena receives the Bronze Star on behalf of his son, Pfc. Jose Pena, who was killed in action in Italy, and Mrs. Edwin D. Wright receives the Air Medal with three oak-leaf clusters on behalf of her husband, Lt. Edwin D. Wright, a bomber pilot, who was shot down over Germany. Lt. Col. Robert C. Sexton made the presentations, representing Colonel Key.

## Pneumatic Pants Prevent Combat Pilot From Blacking Out In Flight

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., Feb. 8.—Complete familiarization in the use of pneumatic pants, which prevent blacking out in aerial maneuvers, is provided fighter pilots training for their combat job at 72nd Fighter Wing bases in Second Air Force.

Use of the pneumatic device against the enemy by fighter pilots of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces was announced by the War Department after German capture in combat made further security measures unnecessary.

Known as the G-suit ("G" for gravity), the new equipment resembles tight, high-waisted pants with built-in suspenders and girdle. It is plugged into the air line before take off, pressure is applied automatically to his abdomen and legs during a pullout or turn.

Lt. Col. Rulon F. Howe, Assist-

ant Surgeon of Second Air Force, explained that the effect of the pressure is to prevent blood from pooling in the lower extremities due to the influence of gravity in making a sharp turn, thus aiding the heart in maintaining circulation to the brain. Use of the suit in Second Air Force is under close scrutiny, with a view to possible improvement.

The G-suit is of double advantage to the budding fighter pilot—accustoms him to the use of equipment which will serve well in combat and enables practice of tighter turns in level flight and sharper pullouts from power dives than were hitherto possible.

Pilots overseas have been enthusiastic in their acclaim for the pneumatic suit, attributing kills to the protection from blackout the equipment has given them during dog fights.

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## Awards Given For Suggestions From Pyote GIs

An Army Air Forces suggestion program committee, composed of officers, enlisted men, and civilians with technical and administrative experience, has been formed to act on all suggestions submitted by military and civilian personnel.

The committee will receive and evaluate suggestions or ideas which will improve the quality, conserve critical materials, conserve manpower, save time, improve health, increase productivity, or improve existing methods in carrying out the war effort.

Ideas should be dropped in one of the many suggestion boxes around the field, or if a working model, plans, drawings, pictures, or blueprints of the device have been made, a member of the committee should be contacted for further instructions.

Major James F. Sewares has been named chairman of the committee. He is assisted by Lt. Bradus G. Robbins, Lt. Stanley R. Bowman, S-Sgt. Howard O. Gamble, and Frank O. Williams, Lawrence A. Faragher and Willis H. Draper.

Cash prizes will be awarded for winning suggestions or devices submitted by civilians. Since cash prizes cannot be awarded to military personnel, suggestions or inventions from soldiers, which are deemed worthy of a prize, may bring one or more of the following: A recommendation for the Legion of Merit; recommendation for promotion; recommendation for a furlough or pass; or a letter of commendation from the Station Commandant.

## Soldiers Not Bitter, Says Hospital Head

**New York (CNS)**—The American combat soldier will not return from the war filled with bitterness and resentment against those at home who have not suffered as he has.

That is the opinion of Brig. Gen. Ralph DeVoe, Commanding General of Halloran General Hospital, New York, where thousands of wounded soldiers have received their final medical care before donning mufti.

Discussing his personal experiences and observations working with wounded men, Gen. DeVoe declared:

"I have seen no bitterness among them, not even bitterness against fate. I do find a great heroic courage among them. There is something about the wounded man that is a little finer, a little better than you will find in the general average."

## FOOD FOR THE FLYING CHOW HOUNDS



Lt. Warren Morris, of El Dorado, Kan., hands a Food Warmer to Lt. George Kline, of Beloit, Wis. One of the warmers is large enough for all members of a medium bomber crew but two are needed for a Superfortress. (INSERT) S-Sgt. Ed Bowen, the man in charge of In-Flight Feeding Program here, packs one of the Food Warmers which will become a "kitchen in the clouds" when the heating element is turned on at high altitude. Two food warmers will give a Superfortress crew piping hot meals. This little item will probably become a favorite piece of equipment with all aircrew men.

## 'Pie In The Sky' Comes True As Superforts Say 'Soups On'

As new as the B-29 itself is the new in-flight feeding program established within the Second Air Force which makes "pie in the sky" a reality wherever these airplanes fly. Combat wings in overseas theaters of operation now are putting to practical use this revolutionary program developed on air fields and in the skies in the United States.

At Pyote Army Air Field, where a limited number of food warmers is in use, the In-Flight Feeding Program is handled by S-Sgt. Ed Bowen of Chattanooga, Tenn., assisted by Cpl. Stanley Halon, of Detroit. The two alternate nightly in packing the food warmers with food especially chosen for their nutritive qualities at high altitudes.

The big trick is planning well-balanced, easy-to-digest meals—complete from soup to desert—for crews en route to and from distant targets. Cooks chosen to do this work are trained at the Flight Feeding School at Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas.

The school trains cooks in the fundamentals of nutrition, particularly as applied to high altitude operation. In planning their meals cooks avoid food high in fat content or of a gaseous nature. Aircrew members can be reasonably certain they will not find pork, fish, cabbage or beans in their hot-plate trays.

To provide for in-flight feeding, a unit called the Food Warmer has

been developed. The Warmer consists of an insulated cabinet equipped with heating elements which will work either on the ground or in the air. The temperature in the heated compartment is maintained at 160 degrees Fahrenheit by use of a built-in thermostat.

The Warmer is 17½ inches high, 17 inches wide and 10 inches deep. Six sectional trays are included, with 12 beverage containers and a top drawer for condiments, bread and eating utensils. It carries enough food for six men. One heater will supply the normal medium bomber crew, while two are required for the heavy bomber and B-29 crews trained in the Second Air Force.

They are placed aboard the aircraft shortly before take-off time and are electrically heated during flight. Thus the "kitchen in the clouds" turns out a meal which tastes as though it had just been prepared.

It beats the heck out of a cold sandwich on a long mission.



### WHO'S AT FIRST?

The recent induction into the U. S. Army of two muscle-bound heroes of the world of sport (both of whom previously had been found unfit for service) may indicate the way the wind is blowing for other 4F performers in the fields of flesh.

The two clear-eyed, lithe-limbed young men in question are Willie Pep, dish-nosed featherweight champion, who was disgorged from the Navy for physical reasons only to be snapped up by the Army which went after Willie like Broadway Rose wolfing a herring at Lindy's Restaurant, and Buff Donelli, the kindly old coach of the Cleveland Rams in the National Football League, who is almost 38 and the father of 3 children to boot. Now he's in the Army, too.

PREDICTION: More heads will roll. PREDICTION No. 2: Little Orphan Annie and Peck's Bad Boy will form the opening day battery for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 17.

## Wac Hoopsters Maintain Victory March With 2 Wins

The Rattlerettes, Pyote WAC hoop squad who have been displaying some of the finest femme basketball in the Lone Star State, added two more scalps to their victory row.

Bobbie Zentz's gals nipped the Pecos WACS, 33-32, in one of the closest matches yet. Foley was high-scorer for the Rattlerettes with 19. Foley's third game, she zoomed to second place in high-scoring honors, led only by Capt. Bobbie Zentz.

Pvt. Ralph Cannon's apt pupils gave Roswell AAF another drubbing in their latest match, 29-24. Foley led the Pyote hoopsters with 20 tallies, with Zytrewicz leading the losers with 13. This victory takes added significance as the Rattlerettes have lost but one game this season, and that to Roswell in their first encounter.

Toughest blow to the WAC bucketeers was the loss of Helen Gotch, but Cannon hopes to find a replacement that can keep the victory-belles in the victory column. To date, the Rattlerettes have scored 210 points to opponents' 140, and have won seven of their eight games, so far.

Next game for the Rattlerettes is Saturday night, 8 p.m., when they tackle the Big Spring sextet.

# 2AF STARTS RING TOURNEY

## Four Maple Leagues Keep Torrid Pace

The Gold League Bowling race continued at a hot pace during the past week. Consolidated Mess and the Dusters tied for first place with an 8-4 average. Hangar No. 1 trailed with 7-5. Rostick headed the individual average column with .187, with Kearns in second place with .186. Rostick topped the other individual departments, holding high single with .241 and 3-game series with .610.

The planets led the White League, trailed by the Pill Rollers and the Spare Boys, by scanty margins. Konet kept a .167 average to top Leonards .162. Banas holds high single honors with .216, and Konet the 3-game series with .560.

In the Blue League, the South Paws set a .759 team average to lead the Mad Medix. Shepard cracked a .167 average leading Macy's .166 and Sorelet's .161. Hertling held the high single with .231, and Shepard the 3-game series with .578.

In the Red League, transfers and shipments hurt the plucky Static Chasers who watched the Foul Five pull into a safer lead. The SC's Harp held high average with .164. Klock held down the high single with .214 and Borrelli topped the maples for the high 3-game series of .523.

(All standings include February 2nd games.)

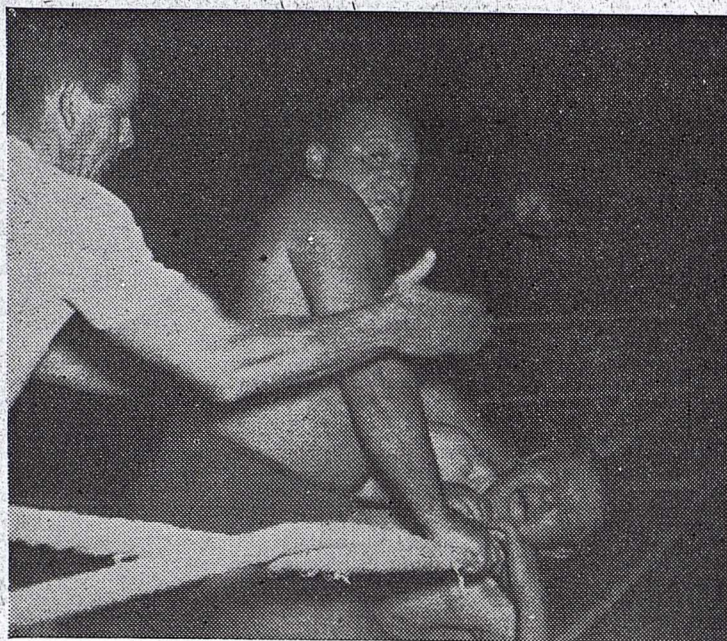
## Rattlers Win 7 Out Of 8; Beat Pecos

Pyote cagers took their seventh win of their last eight matches in a practice game with the Pecos AAF quintet. The Rattlers won 53-43.

This win left Pecos holding a scant margin in the inter-field rivalry, 3 games out of five. Pyote defeated Pecos 29-28 in their first match, November 10th. The following night, at home, Pecos turned back the Rattlers, 39-25. And two nights later duplicated the trick, 59-47. Their last encounter was December 21st when Pecos trimmed the Rattler courtiers, 58-34 for one of Pyote's worst drubbings of the season.

The revamped schedule takes the Rattlers to foreign courts over the week-end. Tomorrow night, Friday, they tackle Abilene AAF at Abilene, and Monday night, play Hobbs AAF at Hobbs.

## 'MEANEST MAN' HAS NECKING PARTY



Anybody who'll stick his neck between two ropes ought to learn a lesson, says T-Sgt. Harry Cohen, wrestling champion of the Army Air Forces. His victim here is Sgt. Bill Bender of Mountain Home Air Base, Idaho, former contender for the world light heavyweight crown. Sgt. Cohen is now an instructor in the Pyote AAF PT Department.

## Sgt. Harry Cohen, AAF Mat Champ, Teaches Wrestling, Judo Classes

T-Sgt. Harry Cohen, who used to be called the "Meanest Man at Mountain Home," because of his habit of taking defenseless little behemoths and mopping up the mat with them, has been assigned as PT instructor at Pyote AAF.

His present job is teaching a mixture of wrestling and judo with the daily calisthenics classes. As soon as he arrived here he started chinning with S-Sgt. Fred Root about the possibility of lining up some mat cards at this field. Chances are good that a series of home-talent shows will be announced in the near future.

Sgt. Cohen, who is one of the few men ever to be rejected by the United States Marines for being too healthy, is recognized by the AAF as its official heavyweight wrestling champ. He's held the title for two-and-a-half years now, after winning it three months after entering the Army.

In March of 1942, Cohen tried to get into the Marine Corps as an athletic instructor. But the Marines told him his 48 inches around the chest was too much to cram into one of their uniforms. Being a master of quick repartee, Cohen told the recruiting man that he'd be glad to buy his own clothes, if only he could get in there and flex his muscles for the Corps. Regulations interfered, so Cohen went back home to Kansas City and sweated out his draft call. On the

way home he tried the Navy but they said his 37 years were four too many for the sea-going branch.

"The Sawed-Off Giant," as he was known to the civilian trade, got his message of greetings a couple of months later. Since he had been in the muscle-building business for some time, the Army assigned him to PT work. He did various stretches as instructor at Miami Beach and seven other Air Force fields while wending his way at last to Pyote.

Sgt. Cohen has issued his standard challenge already at the Rec. Hall—he'll guarantee to toss any two men on the base within 30 minutes. That's all there is to it—half an hour, two men. You can find him at the Rec. Hall or the PT grounds, if you'd like to try.

You can recognize him by his profile. He looks something like an inverted bowling pin 5 feet 7 inches high.

## Pyote Named Contender As Area 4

Five district boxing tourneys will be staged throughout the Second Air Force during the week of March 26 under the direction of Major William B. Reese, physical fitness director of the Second Air Force.

Competition will be in eight classes ranging from bantam-weight to heavyweight. Only one entry from each base will be accepted in each weight division.

All bouts will consist of three two-minute rounds with one minute of rest between rounds. A winner will be determined on every bout, as no draws will be accepted. Scoring will be done by two judges at the ringside. The referee will vote on a decision only if the two judges disagree. The bouts will be open to all Second Air Force personnel, and National Collegiate Athletic Association rules will be used.

In conducting this vast pugilistic program, Major Reese has divided the Second Air Force into five districts. The centrally-located cities, which will benefit as a result of being selected for tournament sites, and the areas included are the following:

COLORADO SPRINGS, Area 1—Bases in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, plus Dalhart, Tex.

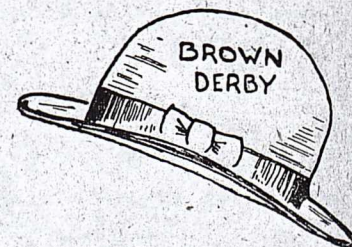
LINCOLN, NEB., Area 2—Nebraska and Iowa.

TOPEKA, KANS., Area 3—Kansas.

EL PASO, TEX., Area 4—New Mexico, Arizona, plus Biggs Field, and Pyote, Tex.

GALVESTON, TEX., Area 5—Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas, except Dalhart, Biggs Field and Pyote.

## PT AWARD



This week's Brown Derby, shame chapeau for lowest PT participation stays with Section C for the second consecutive week. The lowest average was 94.01 with Section E second low with 95.13.

# Wanna Wrist Watch? Read the Classifieds!

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

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND**—Sterling identification bracelet bearing name: "Lt. Robert M. Rechtsteiner, 0-768-664". Owner may have same by identifying himself at Rattler office (T-640).

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

**FOUND**—One Size 11, Air Force issue, glove at the Flyer's Dispensary. Owner may claim same upon identification.

**FOUND**—Small ring at Monahan's News Office belonging to truck driver from Motor Pool. Call for same at Rattler Office.

### TRANSPORTATION

**WANTED**—Someone to drive an automobile to Pittsburgh, Pa. on or about the 15th of Feb. Contact Capt. G. L. Davis, Sec. I, Extension 242.

**AM GOING** to Los Angeles at the end of February or 1st of March with my wife. Will share expenses and driving. See S-Sgt. Robert P. Jett, Personnel Services, phone 27.

**DO YOU** live in Barstow? I'm looking for two riders daily who travel from Barstow to Pyote Army Air Field. I reach the field at 8 a.m. and leave at 5 p.m. daily except Sundays. If interested, contact Sgt. Harry Hopkins, CCD mail room.

**WANTED TO SELL**—One-way ticket to Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Alice Weems at the Service Club.

**WANTED**—Ride for two people to and from Pecos. Must arrive at base by 8:00 a.m. Call Pvt. Lester Isner at 16.

**WANNA SWAP** a one-way ticket from Pyote, Tex. to Denver, Colo. for a one-way ticket from Denver to Pyote. See Ken Branscom, Bks. 518, Box 15-L, Sec. D.

### FOR SALE

**SNAP THAT** lens, bo! Here's a candid type camera for sale! 3.5 lens, shutter, speeds 125th to 1-200th of a second, plus time exposures. See Cpl. Cole, Aerial

## WE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT OURSELVES!

We are always constantly amazed that people read these blamed Classified Ads, but people keep telling us how well they work. Remember this ad, for example?

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

Well, within 24 hours the cigarette lighter was brought in. We don't understand it ourself, folks, but if you have something lost, strayed, stolen; want to buy, swap, rent, or trade; or—well—anything, just stop in and place a Classified Ad! It's free, and it gets the darndest results!

## G-Aisling

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

### MOYLE-BURNETT

Married at the Station Chapel, February 1, Margaret L. Burnett, of St. Louis, Mo., to T-Sgt. John J. Moyle, Section F. Rites performed by Chaplain E. W. Norton.

### HILL-BRIGGS

Married at the Station Chapel, February 5, Claire E. Briggs, of Wesleyville, Pa., to Cpl. Clifford Hill, Sec. I, CCD, also of Wesleyville, Pa. Rites performed by Chaplain E. W. Norton.

Photo Dept. Camera will go to the highest bidder. Phone 234.

**HERE'S** a chance to improve your game. A real special offer: A dozen golf balls, good quality, for sale—just call 7.

**HERE'S A REAL BUY!** Croton man's wrist watch, 17 jewels, gold-filled case. Only \$40! See Pfc. J. E. Smith, QM, Bks. 1.

### PERSONALS

**WANTED**—Electric phonograph, any make, any model. See Sgt. Ward Howell, S-1, Personnel Office, Base Headquarters.

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

**WANTED**—35 mm camera. Will pay \$10 or \$100. Pvt. H. H. Anbender, CCD Area; Bks. 626.

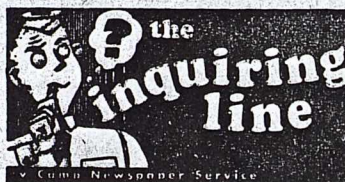
## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"You would ask for a match!"



**Q.** Will you please settle the argument as to how decoration ribbons should be worn? Most discussion seems to center around the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Ribbon.

**A.** We've done this before, but we'll do it again, for what we hope is the last time. AR 600-40 (para 69) prescribes the manner in which decorations shall be worn. We quote: "The Medal of Honor is worn pendant from the ribbon placed around the neck outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar, the medal proper hanging over the necktie near the collar. Distinguished-Service Cross (Army), Navy Cross (Navy), Distinguished Service Medal (Army), Distinguished - Service Medal (Navy), Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished-Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal (Army), Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Gold Life-Saving Medal (Treasury Department), Silver Life-Saving Medal (Treasury Department), Good Conduct Medal (Army), Good Conduct Medal (Navy), Navy and Marine Corps or Coast Guard, in that order of precedence followed by service medals in order of the date of service performed, will be worn on the left breast in order from right to left of the wearer about 4 inches below the middle point

of the top of the shoulder, in one or more lines. When more than one line is worn, the lines will overlap."

**Q.** Does the cavalry still maintain mounted troops or is it all mechanized? If they do still maintain mounted troops are OCS applications being accepted for it?

**A.** There are some units of horse cavalry and, although there is no OCS for horse cavalry, applications are being accepted for mechanized cavalry (armored force).

### LAY THAT ICE PICK DOWN, SON

**Hollywood (CNS)**—Steve Brooks, chairman of a local ration board, had 9 tire punctures in 7 days. Then he observed a neighbor's small son lurking in his garage with an ice pick. When he had finished with the little fellow, Brooks visited his ration board, asked his fellow members for another tire. The vote: 4 to 1 against him.

### 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.)

Joseph C. Grew, Undersecretary of State and former Ambassador to Japan: "Our war against Japan will not be a short one. The United States has a long, hard road ahead before victory is won."