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## RATTLER GETS ITS FACE LIFTED

### Toil and Trouble Marks Vol. 2—50 Of Newspaper

Vol. 2, Number 50 of The Rattler is something rather special. The Rattler has had its face lifted. The familiar "cover-picture", which has graced 101 issues has been discontinued; in its place, is this news-front-page. The reason for the change is obviated by the amount of news and feature stories. In short, the new Rattler can bring you 12 full pages of news, features, pictures, and art.

In line with the new front page, The Rattler adds a new feature, effective this issue: "Postmark, Pyote", for debut of which, see Page 12. Another feature that will be made possible by the extra space is "Flame", a new adventure-comic strip, starting shortly.

For a quick, easy-to-find-what-you're-looking-for style, The Rattler carries camp news on Page 1, entertainment news on Page 3, and sports news on Page 5.

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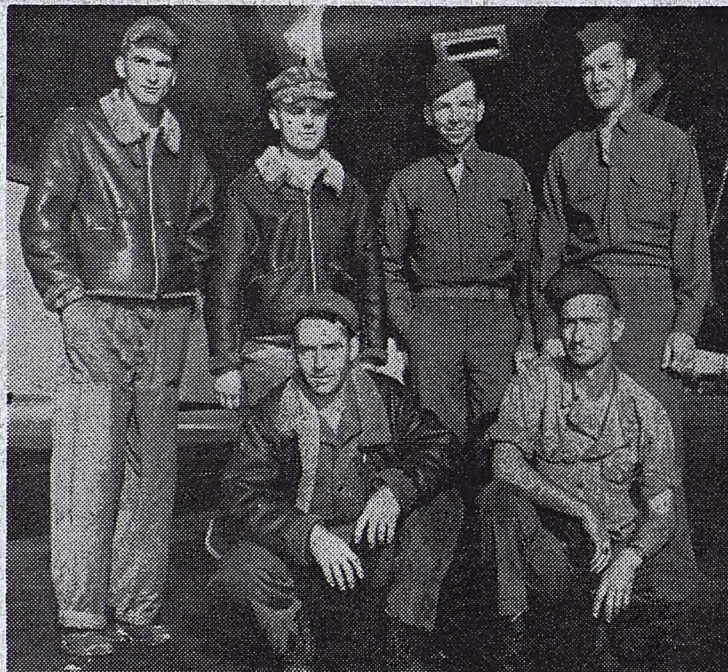
### THIS ISSUE IS A GI MIRACLE

Vol. 2, No. 50 lifted more than its face; its lifted the scalps of the staff. The photos which grace this issue have been the result of blood, sweat, and tears; and the fact that this sheet is now in your pink little fists is nothing short of a GI miracle.

The photos that grace these issues of The Rattler are engraved for reproduction at the Abilene News and Engraving Company. That firm ran into a mite of trouble over the week-end; its two-man staff was depleted, with the draft board calling one of them, and the other aggravated by illness. So the Abilene firm sent the Pyote photographs to San Angelo for engraving.

Due to the excellent assistance

### THE CREW OF THE WEEK



Effective this week, The Rattler awards a weekly palm to the maintenance crew whose work shows the highest standards of proficiency, and who gives the most zealous help toward making Pyote the top B-29 base in the country in total flying hours. The No. 1 crew of the week: Standing left to right: S/Sgt. Joseph E. Fulyiar, Cpl. Albert W. Weisman, T/Sgt. Reginald Allerton, Pfc. Douglas J. Held; (kneeling): Sgt. Daniel C. Huth, and Cpl. Floyd M. Burton.

of the San Angelo News-Standard engraving firm, the engravings were made Wednesday afternoon. Military aircraft flew the precious pictures to The Rattler's sweating editor, and the issue met its deadline with seconds to spare.

That's why The Rattler is out on time instead of not being out at all. That's why the editor is nervous in the service and going bal'my in the Army. It also accounts for the gray in the toupee.

The Rattler takes this opportunity to extend to all its friends in need a low bow from the waist, a thorough shake of its rattles, and a doggone sincere "thanks".

### Fire Debris Cleared As Re-building Starts At EM Service Club

Workmen have begun dismantling of debris at the Service Club putting the first touches to what eventually will be a re-built Service Club. GIs and civilian laborers began pulling down the charred rafters and skeleton remnants of the fire that burned the Club lounge on March 21st.

Plans are virtually complete for the re-building of the lounge, pending approval of Air Force

### Red Cross War Fund Exceeds Quota: \$3,362

The Red Cross War Fund drive at Pyote went over the top during the March campaign, Mr. Clifford L. Gibbs, Red Cross Field Director, announced. Pyote GIs and civilians rolled up the grand and impressive total of \$3,362.30, topping the quota by over three hundred dollars.

"I am more than pleased with the splendid results of the campaign at Pyote," Mr. Gibbs stated, "because, never for a moment did I doubt that the Pyote officers, EM and civilians would come through with great magnanimity. And a special thanks must be extended to the enlisted men of the field who, without any solicitation whatsoever, responded so handsomely. To all of them, the contributors, the volunteer solicitors, I wish to express the appreciation not only for myself and the American Red Cross, but the thank-you of every soldier who will be aided by this fund."

Pyote EM contributed more than half the \$3,000 quota, almost half the entire collection. Figures are:

Enlisted Men	\$1564.60
Civilians	722.42
Officers	1055.28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3362.30</b>

authorities. One authoritative spokesman stated that, with luck, the club would be back in GI harness by September.

Unofficial estimates place the cost of re-building the EM Club lounge at roughly \$20,000.

The Service Club cafeteria reopened Tuesday. (See story on Page 5.)

# THE RATTLER

PYOTE, TEXAS

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## RATTLESNAKE ARMY AIR FIELD

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## From Sea to Shining Sea

Bernie Steinberg, sole-striped chap who is Information and Education consultant and USAFI-guide, passed on to us the following newspaper story. We think it worth re-printing.

At sea Pacific Ocean, January 14, 1945.

On the seven seas of the world, Divine Services are being conducted under circumstances that would pale the imagination of the average church-goer at home.

Such a service was conducted aboard the SS Typhoon, headed for points west and south in mid-pacific, Sunday. Standing in his pulpit (two orange crates draped with a white sheet) Lt. E. H. Ricknel, whose Jewish denomination created no differences among the colored and white men of Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox faiths of his congregation, held Divine Services in an atmosphere that would have melted the souls of civilian worshippers at home. Colored and white men crowded the fan-tail of the SS Typhoon this Sunday morning, and no church, whatever its denomination or whatever its location, ever had a more solemn, sincere, or better attendance than did this impromptu House of God.

The opening prayer was read, after which voices of all men in unison read "The Lord Is My Shepherd". The worshipful murmur of voices lifted to heaven and floated softly astern as the men continued with "The Lord's Prayer".

Boys from the famed Hampton Glee Club, Negro boys who sang with feeling and depth of understanding felt by men of all creeds, sang "Let Us Break Bread Together". All of the men the entire group of passenger officers aboard, and the Captain, standing on the boat deck, raised their voices in singing the Navy Hymn. Following that, the entire group sang of home, joining in the chorus—"America, America, God shed His grace on thee, and crown Thy good with Brotherhood, from sea to shining sea".

The Chaplain chose as the theme of his sermonette, "Equality before God and Man" in which he stated that "the world has enmeshed itself in the blood and gore that this world war shall, in the end, make the world safe for differences"

At the climax of this stirring service at sea, with every man aboard listening intently to the Chaplain's words, men draped around guns booms, standing bareheaded on every accessible part of the ship's stern, a filmy mist enveloped the vessel and a glorious double-rainbow fell gently from the heavens. Slowly, gracefully, the ship sailed majestically through this heavenly arch while the chorus softly chanted "The Old Ark's Amovering".

This symbol of God's blessing to these united men, far from home but close to God, was a Divine benediction.

The Service ended, gunners returned to their vigil of the seas as the other men returned to their shipboard activities, richer in heart and soul. They were men without differences—men "rich in Faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him".



Q. I am awaiting my discharge from the service. While in the Army, my commercial insurance was paid by the Veterans' Administration. How long do I have to pay back the premiums they covered for me?

A. You have two years from date of discharge in which to bring your payments up to date.

Q. Can a veteran get a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights to build a home, and after completion rent it out as an investment?

A. The provisions of the GI Bill require that the primary use of the building be the occupation of it by the veteran as his home. It may be built to accommodate up to 4 family units, but in order to obtain approval of his loan the veteran must declare it to be his intention to occupy one of the units.

Q. Can a serviceman marry an Army nurse if they are both overseas?

A. This matter can be handled only by their Theater Commander.

## JAPOLOGY



Here's a typical day for the Jap soldier: He is awakened at 0530. Within 20 minutes he must appear for roll call and morning service. He uses the next hour to police his quarters and do necessary chores. Breakfast is at 0730, lunch at 1210, evening meal at 1730. His day-time hours are packed with study and all periods, with only the briefest intervals of rest. For relaxation Jap soldiers play at bayonet practice. Beginning at 1900 the soldier studies the next day's lesson. He gets a 10 minute rest at 2000 and then goes back to his studies until 2130. Lights are out at 2200.

## 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.)

Gen. Joseph Stilwell, AGF Commander: "The Japs' poor defense of Okinawa in the early stages of the invasion will certainly shorten the Japanese war at least three months."

## This Week--

### At The Theatres

Unless otherwise noted, Theatre No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6:00, and 8:00; Theatre No. 2 shows at 7 and 9, with matinee, Sunday only, 2:15.

#### THURSDAY

Thu.—"Earl Carroll Vanities" with Dennis O'Keefe, Constance Moore. Shorts: "I Only Have Eyes For You" and Paramount News. (107 minutes).

#### FRIDAY

Fri.—"Molly And Me" with Monty Wooley, Gracie Fields. Shorts: Community Sing, Movie-tone Adventures, and cartoon. (104 minutes).

#### SATURDAY

Sat.—"Utah" with Roy Rogers, Dale Evans. Shorts: Headliner revival, and "Ski Gulls", sportscope. (105 minutes).

#### SUNDAY & MONDAY

Sun. & Mon.—"Hotel Berlin" with Raymond Massey, Peter Lorre, Faye Emerson. Shorts: Walt Disney cartoon and Paramount News. (113 minutes).

#### TUESDAY

Tue.—(Double feature) "House of Fear" with Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce. "Rough, Tough and Ready" with Chester Morris, Victor McLaglen. (137 minutes.) (Note: Second shows slightly later than usual).

#### WEDNESDAY

Wed.—"Sudan" with Maria Montez, Jon Hall. Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News. (102 minutes).

## Service Club Facilities Open At New Homes

Former Service Club activities are now available at the following places:

Thursday: Sewing for EM at the Red Cross Field Office from 10 AM to 5 PM. (Opposite the library).

Friday: Dance at Rec. Hall from 9 to midnight.

# VICTORIES OF '45' SHOWS TUES.

## WACs Plan Encore Of Successful Open House For Dayroom

The WAC dayroom, which opened March 21st, is planning on an "open house" again for GIs who were unable to attend the dayroom warming. Present plans call for open house each Thursday evening.

The new dayroom, with its PX, is artfully designed in an early West Texas motif. Cpl. Blanche Lightbourne, S/Sgt. Annabelle Ogden, and Pvt. Jean DeLacey are responsible for the interior decoration. Murals were painted by S/Sgt. Ogden, Cpl. Lightbourne, Pvt. DeLacey, Pfc. Edna Smith, Pfc. Sarah Price, and Pvt. Nancy Karl. A special rattlesnake mural was designed by Pvt. John Wells of CCD.

Responsibilities for maintenance and handling of the Post Exchange has been given to Pfc. Dorothy Lawler, and Pfc. Elsie Baysinger. A house committee of twenty girls has been appointed to plan future recreational activities for the dayroom.

The old WAC dayroom is now set aside for use of GIs and their WAC dates. The new room is the property, and exclusive property, of the WACs.

## Movie Memo:

Briefing the films with Sugar.

"Earl Carroll Vanities" has gals, gams, and gayety, with the plot threadbarest of all.

"Molly and Me" has Gracie Fields singing and Monty Woolley as a member of Parliament. A few British chortles.

"Utah" tells of the show-gal who goes out to the ranch she inherited, finds so many musicians among the ranch-hands (you know how that is), that she puts the whole she-bang on Broadway. Broadway's got a tough skin.

"Hotel Berlin" is from Vicki Baum's book of same name; more or less a sequel to Grand Hotel, with spies, mistresses intrigue in the inimitable Under Den Linden manner.

"House of Fear" is a Sherlock Holmes in the Conan Doyle yarn of the murder club that hits a jack-pot, while "Rough, Tough and Ready" is a Captain Flagg-Sergeant Quirt affair exhumed for the double feature fans.

"Sudan" has Maria Montez heaving her bosom in technicolor.

## EASTER DANCE HELD AT WAC DAYROOM

A special Easter dance was held at the new WAC dayroom Sunday

## NO ROOM SERVICE



Faye Emerson plays one of the leading roles in "Hotel Berlin" showing Sunday and Monday at Theatres 1 and 2. Any Berlin Hotel must be short of food, help, and hotel.

## Beer With Your Eggs; EM Club Cafe Re-opens

The Service Club Cafeteria re-opens this week with something new added. Redecorated and renovated after the EM Club fire, the Service Club cafeteria will sell beer from 5 till 10:30 PM each evening including Sunday, Captain E. A. Stromfors, Post Exchange Officer, announced.

"We have rushed the re-opening of the cafeteria in order that we need impose upon our customers no longer than necessary" Captain Stromfors stated.

## Weather Delays Opening Of EM Swimm<sup>o</sup> Pool

The opening of the EM swimming pool, originally scheduled for April 1, has been postponed because of unfavorable weather. Pending the aid of the weatherman, the pool should open within the week, Capt. J. C. Holcomb, Special Service Officer, announced.

for the Squadron and their guests, following a Sunday dinner to which the WACs invited guests. The dance followed the special holiday party.

"In addition to the sale of beer, we are enlarging the cafeteria, taking over part of the War Room. In that way, the customers will be able to take advantage of the patio at the Service Club during the months ahead."

The sale of beer at the Service Club is a step long in demand by The Rattler and GIs throughout the field. Pyote has long needed an indoor tap-room where a soldier might bring a guest for a gracious glass in the evening, and the sale of beer at the Service Club cafeteria answers the problem.

## Pyote Musical Revue Packed With Gal-am'rs

"Victories of '45", a gal-amorous, gal-orious musical revue, will be presented next Tuesday, April 10, at Theatre No. 1 at 8:15 PM.

A talented array of Pyote boys and girls will be featured in one of the most sizzling and snappy stage productions ever to hit the field.

Produced by the Special Service Office, "Victories of '45" will be presented free to personnel of the field authorized civilians, and guests.

"Victories of '45" is a sparkling two-hour variety show, running the gamut of pleasure-bound entertainment.

One of the highlights of the bill will be the appearance of many Squadron C GIs as vocalists and hoofers.

Another top act is S/Sgt. George Fruchtmann, magician, who makes his Pyote premier with the Victory show. Many of the contestants in the beauty contest are featured in the production.

The ladies of Wink, Texas, accepted the job of producing the elaborate costumes for the show, without charge. And "Victories of '45" is rumored to be the most attractively costumed show to hit the footlights.

The Odessa USO was most cooperative in procuring many of the properties.

## STORK CLUB

KRIEG—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. James Krieg at the Pyote Regional Hospital on March 20, a boy Jan Krieg. S/Sgt. Krieg is assigned to Squadron A.

RANEY—Born to Pfc. Clair Raney at the Pyote Regional Hospital on March 21, a girl, Lorelea, weight 8½ lbs. Pfc. Raney is assigned to Squadron D.

JONES—Born to Pfc. and Mrs. Robert E. Jones, Jr., at the Pyote Regional Hospital on March 25, a boy, Robert E. II, weight 8 lbs. 6 ozs. Pfc. Jones is assigned to Squadron E.

ZERMAN—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Connel Zerman at the Pyote Regional Hospital on March 24, a boy, weight 8 lbs. 2 ozs. S/Sgt. Zerman is assigned to 728th AAF Band.

## Rattler Refuses To Publish T.R.'s "Scandal-Letter"

The Rattler became involved in a domestic situation earlier this week, when it received word that "T.R." wanted space in the paper for important news.

(For the past several weeks, this anonymous lady has placed ads in the personal column of the classified section of the paper. In the ad of ten days ago, she stated: "I'm giving you just ten more days to be a man about this. If you don't do something about the baby by then, I'm going to blast your name all over camp.")

Editorial policies of this newspaper forbid the use of its columns for personal grievances of a nature that might injure the character or reputation of any reader. Therefore, The Rattler refuses to publish the lengthy diatribe sent to the office by the person in question.

The letter, postmarked Monahan, makes several charges as to the honorable intent of a soldier here at Pyote. The Rattler has turned the letter over to the Personal Affairs Section for action. And "T.R." is advised to contact that office.

Lt. E. R. Rundell Acting Personal Affairs Officer, had no comment to make other than the Commanding Officer of the alleged culprit's Squadron had been contacted.

## OCS Quotas Set For Engineers

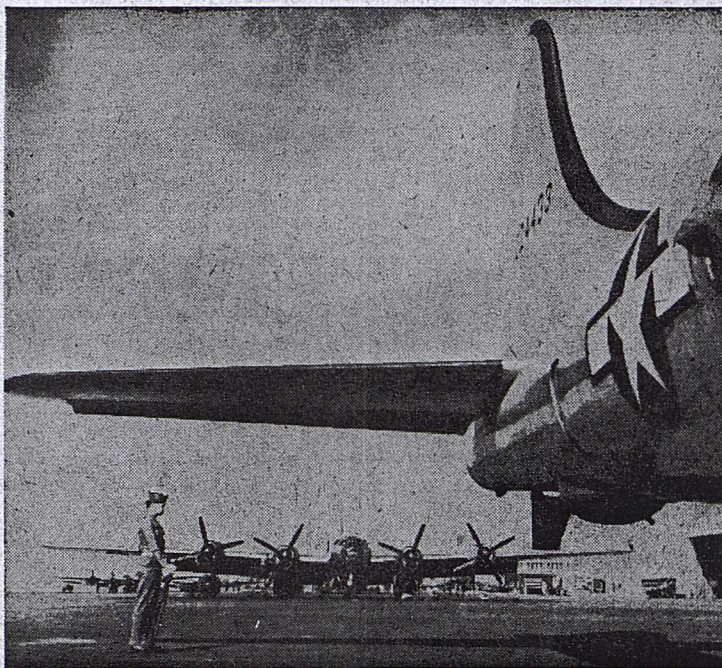
Men qualified to attend the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir Va., are urged by the Office, Chief of Engineers, to make application even though a quota has not been assigned.

Commanders to whom no quotas have been assigned may forward applications through channels to the authority authorized to convene an officer candidate examining board. Chairman of boards will notify the Adjutant General's Office of the number of available applicants, with a request for a quota.

While an increasing number of Engineer enlisted men in the theaters of operations are earning direct commissions, this source falls "far short" of providing enough Engineer officers to meet the needs imposed by what often has been termed "an Engineers' War".

To aid unit commanders in determining whether a man is qualified to attend Engineer OCS, two general yardsticks may be applied: (1) leadership and ability to manage men and (2) such education or military or civil experience as will

## PYOTE FLIGHT LINE



This picture of a guard on the line near the Superforts of Pyote has gained world-wide distribution through the OWI magazine "Victory". The shot was published first in the Rattler last January.

## The 174th Week Of War AGAINST GERMANY

The American Third Army continued to slice its way across the slim waist of the Third Reich; by Wednesday was less than 60 miles from Czechoslovakia, three-quarters of the way across Germany. American doughboys ripped into Gotha, 140 miles from Berlin itself. The Ninth Army penetrated to the Wiser river, where some analysts forecast the German remnants may make another "final stand". The Russians reached the outskirts of Vienna, from two different directions. Red troops seized 20 miles of the vital railway which supplies the German Army in northern Italy. Eisenhower called again for the Reich warriors to "surrender", remarked "the end is not far off". General Hap Arnold arrived in Paris, and correspondents surmised he would discuss transfer of Air Force personnel from the ETO to the Pacific when V-E day arrived. Neutral reports, not very authentic, hummed of "peace feelers".

## AGAINST JAPAN

Yanks went on and on on Okinawa, and as yet met no sizable opposition. Beachheads were secured and American troops were ready for any Jap counter-attack. Meanwhile, the Yanks moved on and on. Another Pacific island teemed with doughboys. This time it was Tawi Tawi, a double-talk isle 30 miles from Borneo. News analysts pondered the poor Jap defense, wondered if the Nip had called his bloody brood home to defend Japan itself against the inevitable invasion.

reasonably insure the candidate's satisfactory completion of the course.

Educational and experience qualifications in order of preference are: (a) graduate of an engineering college or technical institute or university; (b) one or more years of engineering college or technical institute or other college training; (c) special mechanical or engineering knowledge, obtained through practical experience, which is equivalent to graduation from an engineering college or technical institute; (d) high school graduate in a course which included algebra and plane geometry.

## Overseas Wacs May Follow Hubby Home

Washington (CNS) — A woman in the Army serving overseas may request duty in the U.S. if her husband is returned to this country from a permanent overseas post for reassignment, hospitalization or honorable discharge. The ruling (WD BPR 28 Feb. 1945) applies to members of the Women's Army Corps, Army Nurse Corps, hospital dietitians and physical therapy aides. Theater commanders are authorized to approve the requests.

## Rain Cuts Flying Hours For March; Pyote 2nd In 2AF

Handicapped by two days of rain which prevented flying in this section, Pyote was second to Clovis in the number of flying training hours flown during the month of March, according to figures compiled by the Statistical Control office.

When the month ended last Saturday, Clovis had edged out Pyote by 301 hours. Pyote's total was 6281 hours. Flight training at Clovis was unaffected by the rain which visited this area.

"With the beginning of April, we've started a new month of flying here," Col. Key stated, after examining the past month's figures. "Pyote has an outstanding group of officers, enlisted men and civilian workers, and there is every reason why we should lead all other bases."

"With everyone doing his individual part in the training program to the best of his ability, we can accomplish that aim."

"To better the records set by any other field," Col. Key added, "we must have at least 20 airplanes in the air during the flying periods each day. This may seem like an enormous task, but it is one that can be done."

"We know we have the best B-29 field in the Second Air Force," the Colonel concluded, "so let's do our utmost to set a record that will show all other fields that we are the best."

## No Ham, No Bacon As Meat Shortage Hits Pyote QM

If you notice a lack of bacon and ham on the menus in the coming weeks don't be surprised. Just tighten up your belt 'cause it may be some time before there will be more.

The Quartermaster market center in El Paso, and other sources report that the supply of sliced bacon is depleted, and that the supply of smoked ham is practically used up.

Shortages hit the Army as well as civilians.

## 210 COLLEGE CATALOGS TO GRACE LIBRARY SHELVES

To help GIs in choosing a college or university for a post-war education under the GI Bill of Rights, catalogs from 210 different colleges have been requested by the Information and Education office here.

The catalogs will be placed in the library as they are received, and will provide a complete reference to universities of all types throughout the United States.

# TABLE-TENNIS-TOURNEY INVITES CONTESTANTS

## Pyote Loses 2AF Tourney To Clovis By One Point

The Pyote squad mixed leather in the El Paso meet in the 2AF tourney, and almost grabbed the trophy. The Clovis AAF team, with eight contenders, tallied 16 points; Pyote, with five men garnered 15. Two of the Rattlers took their weight championship, and will go on to a possible 2AF champ of champs tourney. The winners were Ike Robertson, Sq. C at 135 pounds, and Richard Smith, also of Sq. C, at 175 pounds.

### BOOK-MARKS

#### Library Boasts Sheaves Of Latest Magazines, Papers

The field library boasts one of the smartest collections of up-to-the-minute magazines and newspapers available.

Let's take a fast whirl through the terrific line-up of magazines that are "fresh weekly" at the library: Liberty, Life, Movie-Radio Guide, Saturday Evening Post, Sporting News, Time, Collier's, Army-Navy Journal, Army-Navy Register, New York Times Book Review, Publisher's Weekly, Saturday Review of Literature, Look, and many more.

Monthly magazines include: Air News, American, Army Laughs, Atlantic Monthly, Blue Book, Corgro History Bul-Geographic Ne-Nation, National tary Engineer, Magazine, Mili-Flying, Harper's tory, Esquire, tan, Current His-onet, Cosmopoli-letin, New Yorker, Omnibook, Our Army, Popular Mechanics, Popular Photography, Reader's Digest, Red Book, and Fortune.

As for technical magazines, the library has subscriptions to many—a few of them are: Aero Digest, Aero Facts, Air News, Air Tech, Air Pilot and Technician, Air Trails, Air Transport, American Machinist, Aviation, Aviation News, Electrical World, Electronics, American Aviation, American Photography, Camera, Flying, Popular Photography, Machinery, Electrician Engineering, Military Affairs, Metals and Alloys, Popular Science, Science Digest, RAF Quarterly, Canadian Aviation, etc.

The library keeps well-posted on the daily papers, too. The El Paso Times is the only today's paper received today. But the New York Times, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Chicago Daily News, Christian Science Monitor, Houston Post, Dallas News, Sporting News, Army Times, and—yea, even the Rattler are there for you. The metropolitan papers above are daily subscriptions, too.

Why not catch up on all this at the library? It's a good way to latch on to a pleasant evening.



No definite date has yet been set for the 2AF tourney, S/Sgt. Fred Root, Pyote boxing coach stated.

A re-cap of the Pyote fights at El Paso against 2AF squads from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona goes like this:

Robertson took both of his fights with ease. Though winning both by the decision route, Ike had his opponents on the canvas at least once in each bout. His shifty

**Smith and Robertson, Pyote winners in the 4th area 2AF boxing tourney, will travel to Topeka, Kansas, for a three-day meet to decide the champ of champs in each weight bracket in the 2AF. The meet runs the 11, 12, and 13 of this month.**

rubber-leg style puzzled his opponents and by that time Ike would have landed some blows.

Smith won both of his bouts by the KO method, in the second round of each individual fight. A power-house mitt, well-aimed, gives Smith an excellent chance in any future 2AF tournament.

Greco, 180-pounder fighting in the heavyweight bracket ran into the toughest luck of the tourney. Squadron D's Art Greco dropped his first fight by a tough break. Showing good form in the match, Greco's opponent fell into a clinch, and when the referee separated them, Greco revealed a split eye, probably from a head-butt during the clinch.

Surprise of the meet to Pyote fight fans was the showing made by Otis Delce, 145 pounds, of Sq. C. A last-minute entry, Delce had only one day of training and conditioning before the tourney. He showed excellent mitt-form and won his first match easily in a rip-roaring slug-fest melee that had the capacity house on its feet most of the match. A Clovis boxer, eked a close decision over Delce in the second bout.

Danny Komia, Sq. D challenger at 155 pounds lost a heart-breaker decision to a shifty southpaw with a peculiar style. The crowd booed the decision heartily.

(See pictures on Page 6)

### LIFEGUARDS WANTED

Lifeguards are needed for the swimming pool. Qualified men interested are asked to contact the Special Services Office.



### Baseball Preview—1945

On April 16, at 1515 Army-Navy time, the 1945 major league baseball season will get underway at Griffith Stadium, Washington, with the hometown Senators opposing the New York Yankees, now run by Lt./Col. Larry MacPhail, the Laredo (Texas) laughing boy. On the following day the 14 other big league clubs will galvanize into action.

In Washington Vice President Harry S. Truman is warming up his pitching arm. He wants to be ready in case he is called upon to substitute for the Commander-in-chief in "truning" out the first ball. Should Mr. Truman pitch, it is likely that he will be the best hurler in the park. The Vice President is an ex-schoolboy athlete from St. Louis, which is more than you can say for most of the pitchers on Clark Griffith's staff. And once you get past Hank Boroway and Iron Ball Ernie Bonham, the Yanks haven't much to offer either.

Note for posterity: Louis Bobo (Call me "Showboat") Newson, the well-traveled man, has signed his 1945 contract with the Philadelphia Athletics. He says he'll win 20 this year.

Although no one knows whether baseball will be able to complete its schedule this year, club owners are prepared to field 16 full teams. The American League has signed 115 rookies and the National League 100. Top AL grab is Peter Gray, one-armed outfielder from Memphis, a great defensive player and base runner.

In the NL, all eyes are on a 37-year-old "rookie" named James Emory (The Beast) Foxx, the village blacksmith, who is back for one more go with the Phillies. The Beast first came up in 1925 reporting to the Athletics at Fort Myers.

"See that pa'm tree out there?" he said to Al Simmons, an-



## Ping-Pong Tourney To Open This Month; Entrants Wanted

Pyote's 1945 Ping-Pong tourney gets underway the latter part of the month, the Rec. Hall announced Tuesday.

Prizes for the three top table-tennis champs will be given. Officers and EM desiring to enlist in the ping-pong tourney are requested to contact S/Sgt. Richards at the Rec. Hall.

### EX-PRIVATE NOW CO OF HIS OLD OUTFIT

Marfa AAF, Tex. (CNS)—At 34, Col. Harold J. Rau commands the 20th Fighter Group in which he served as private only 8 years ago.

Col. Rau enlisted on Jan. 7, 1929, and was a private 7 years. He was first commissioned in 1937. For 4 years he piloted heavy bombers over the Caribbean and then was returned to the U.S. for further training as a fighter pilot. In September, 1943, he led a P-47 group to England, was later transferred to wing operations, and, in March, 1944, rejoined his old outfit as its commanding officer.

other rookie. "I hit 'em longer than that."

"Yeah?" said Simmons, a great hitter himself. "Maybe you do. But in this league, they use baseballs, not golf balls."

So when the Beast came to bat he hit one over the palm tree.

Now then, where were we? Well, the St. Louis Browns are the defending champions in the American League. They might repeat, but probably won't. Detroit's two-man work-horse pitching staff of Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout has more smoke than the entire Brownie mound crew. New York may finish 3rd, with Cleveland 4th and Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington and Boston in the 2nd division.

Over in the National League, the Champion St. Louis Cardinals look strong enough to repeat, although Stan Musial and Walker Cooper have gone and Slats Marion is on his way. Should the great shortstop depart, Pittsburgh may win. Chicago is strong enough to finish 3rd followed by Brooklyn, New York, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Boston.

Confidential note: You and I know that the Bums don't belong in 4th place. But—what the hell—let's put them there anyway.



# Training of Combat Crew Calls for Real Teamwork

This is another in a series of articles by a committee whose purpose is to explain to all personnel, both military and civilian, how the mission of the field is accomplished.

The task of training crews for combat is a large one, and like that of turning out a smooth-working football eleven, requires "teamwork".

The actual training is the responsibility of the Training section of the field. All activities are under the Director of Training who may be compared to the "coach". Under him are his assistant "coaches", the Assistant Director of Training, Training Secretary, Director of Flying, Director of Technical Training and the Standardization Board.

### Director of Training

The supervision and control of all phases of training is the responsibility of the Director. He must see that the job of training combat crews is being done in the proper manner and with the greatest efficiency.

It is he who makes the final decisions regarding any phase of training. Training policies and schedules are set up by the Director of Training in order to accomplish the goals formulated by higher headquarters. In addition, he is also a member of the Flying Evaluation Board, Flight Officers Board, and Aircraft Accident Classification Committee.

### Training Secretary

All of the many records, files, correspondence, and other administrative work, which must be

done adequately to operate the training schedule, is the responsibility of the Training Secretary. In reality, he is just as his name implies, a secretary to the Director. He handles all correspondence, records, directives and schedules, and takes care of the many routine duties that must be done in order to have a smooth working training program.

### Director of Flying

The Director of Flying is responsible for all instruction involving flight. Since much of the training of combat crews is done while in flight, this phase of the program is an important one.

Combat crew men must get in as much flying with the B-29 as possible in order to "know their weapon". The Director of Flying supervises the flight control tower and activities carried on by Base Operations. Weather activities are also coordinated with the training program by the Director of Flying.

In order to give training in defensive tactics against fighter interception, P-63 fighter planes take part in mock interception tactics during the B-29 training missions. The Director of Flying supervises this Fighter Interception Unit, and plans tactics to be used, formations to be flown, and

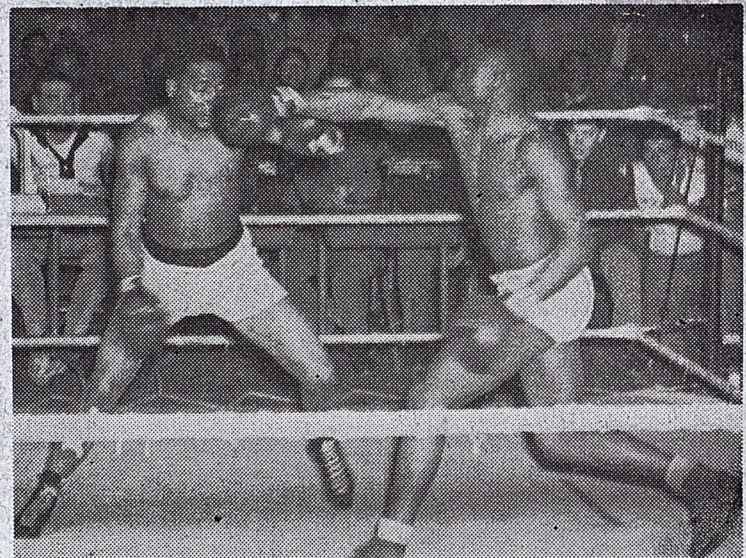
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## SMITH BY A KNOCKOUT



Richard Smith gets his right hand raised in a token of victory while Art Greco, heavyweight, and Fred Root, Pyote coach, handle the congratulations. Smith won both his fights by knockouts.

## ONE ON THE BUTTON



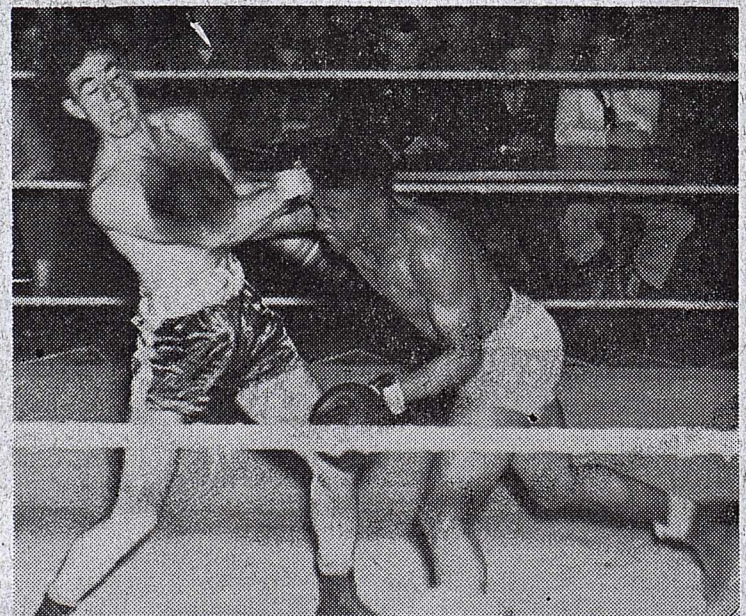
Smith, at 175 lbs., lands a blow that really hurts—on the buttock of his Tucson opponent. This fight, too, Smith won by a KO.

## WHY PYOTE?



Prior to the take-off, a pre-flight check of crew and equipment is made by the airplane commander. Typical of the top-notch crews here is that commanded by Capt. William M. Durosko, shown during the pre-flight check. Left to right: Cpl. William H. Black, Cpl. Thomas A. Castelli, Pfc. Raymond F. Link, Cpl. Robert S. Brigham, Pvt. William J. Packard, S/Sgt. A. M. Castillo, 1st Lt. John F. Wiltgen, 2nd Lt. Charles E. McElroy, 2nd Lt. John J. McGowan, F/O Paul R. Bietry, and Capt. Durosko.

## DELTZ GIVES AND TAKES



Otis Deltz gets through his opponent's defense to land a blow. Deltz lost this fight, on a heart-breaker decision, to Nappa of the Clovis AAF squad.

## Off-Duty Classes Available For Knowledge Seekers

Plans for a series of off-duty courses in spoken German, radio, mathematics, and other subjects were taking shape this week, as the Information and Education office ran sample educational surveys at the gunnery range and in Squadron C. A general survey, covering the entire base, will be made next week as part of the orientation program.

Purpose of the survey will be to determine which subjects are most wanted by GIs interested in furthering their education by attending classes in their spare time.

Tentative plans are for courses lasting eight weeks, with two two-hour classes each week. A certificate of completion will be given at the end of the course. Successful completion of one of the courses will carry the equivalent of one-half of one semester of high school credit.

Subjects to be offered first will depend on which ones are most in demand. Management of small businesses, insurance, psychology, French, Spanish, and electricity will be among the courses given if a sufficient number are interested.

Wives will be welcomed in the classes. A list of courses to be given and a schedule of classes will be announced as soon as the results of the survey can be compiled. There will be no charge for the courses.

## WAC Mustered Out When Mate Gets CDD

Memphis, Tenn. (CNS)—Cpl. Dorothy E. LeTourneau, who joined the Women's Army Corps to serve the war effort with her husband, a Marine, is returning to civil life with him.

She recently was discharged under a War Department policy which permits the release of a Wac if her soldier-husband is discharged and her presence with him is important for his health and happiness.

Pfc. LeRoy LeTourneau, after serving his country for 2½ years in the South Pacific, was mustered out, suffering from malaria and combat shock. Both will continue to work for victory, however. LeTourneau has started making airplane propellers in a St. Paul plant. His wife will work in a defense plant also.

### HOME LOOKS GOOD

Chicago (CNS)—A War Department survey indicates that 8 of every 10 enlisted men expect to return not only to the same region, but also to the same state in which they lived before the war. Only one in 10 anticipates moving to another state; the remainder said they still are undecided.

## Twenty-Four Pyoters Awarded Stripe One Durin Past Week

Twenty-four more Pyoters got their first stripe in the past week, under the War Dept. ruling freeing Pfc. ratings from T/O. The new Privates, First Class, are:

**Squadron A:** Edward D. Smets, John J. Nolan. **Squadron B:** Vivian K. Brown, Melba D. Foster. **Squadron C:** Edmond V. Siekierski, Lawrence Thomas, Edgar Brown, Jack Allen, James Alverson, Saint J. Baskerville, Ulysses Carter, Frank A. Gilbert, Leroy Jefferson, A. J. Lewis, Curtis Scott, Flowers Washington. **Squadron D:** Robert W. Foss. **Squadron F:** Gilbert Patrick, Glen W. Sample, Alva A. Basler. **Squadron M:** Ernest R. Barnhart, Lorenze R.

## Art-Photo Club Meets Monday; Members Wanted

The first meeting of the Art and Photography workshop in its new building will be held Monday night, at 7:30, the Special Services Office announced this week.

Equipment and art materials have been obtained, and the Monday night meeting will include a class in sketching from a model. Materials will be furnished, and lockers have been constructed for the storage of personal equipment.

Additional art materials will be ordered as soon as members of the club choose the type of media in which they are most interested.

The art and photography workshop is located in the camouflage Carrillo, Myron H. Mosher, Peter Rimar.

### CORPORALS

Eight members of the Combat Crew Detachment, Section III, were promoted to Corporal: Richard J. Fergasse, Melvin E. Freeze, Lewis S. Russell, James O. McCormick, Jr., Donald R. Whittles, Harold S. Lynch, Theodore Angeloff, and James C. Adamson, Jr.

### HIYO, SILVER!

Pyote has a silverware shortage! It would appear that a few absent-minded GIs have been pocketing a few forks, knives, and spoons in their sojourn at the Mess Hall. Silverware may be deposited in any of the barrels set aside for this purpose around the field—and no questions asked. If the silver doesn't come back Pyote GIs will be down to taking on their food with nothing but their little pinkies!

area. To reach it from Base Headquarters, those interested in the class should go down the street running in front of the Officers' Club. The building, a Nissen Hut, is located approximately 100 yards to the right of the intersection in front of the WAC area.

Camera fans interested in using the models for photographs are also invited to attend the meeting. Use of a dark room for picture developing has been arranged.

In addition to the sketch class, plans for further activities of the club will be discussed, and a list of additional materials needed will be made.

All personnel interested in the activities of the art and photography workshop are invited to attend the meeting.

## THEY'VE GOT MUCILAGE ON THEIR FUSELAGE



One of the field's newest clubs is the Triple-P (Pyote Prop Pushers) which unites all model airplane enthusiasts, whether they build gliders, rubber-band jobs, or the fancy ship above. A tent in the Squadron D area has been set aside for their workshop and the club invites all Pyote enthusiasts to join up, take advantage of their workshop, price lists, etc. Contact the Squadron D orderly room or any of the above. (Standing) Left to right: S/Sgt. E. L. Thompson, Cpl. J. Minkin, Pfc. L. H. Lemoine, Pfc. A. F. Gambino; (Kneeling): S/Sgt. J. R. Smith, Pvt. J. H. Jerman, Cpl. B. H. Williams.

## Civilian Personnel Offers Use of Facilities To GIs

Use of the Civilian Personnel building has been extended to enlisted men of the base, due to the loss of the Service Club, Major James F. Sewares offered the CP facilities on behalf of the Civilian Welfare Organization, in a letter to the Commanding Officer.

"The reading rooms, game room, soda fountain, ice cream parlor, cafeteria, store, and lounge will be at their disposal", the letter states, and further remarks that the large ball room can be made available for GI use, upon request.

The open invitation to all enlisted personnel to use the CP building is another indication of the splendid relations existent between military and civilian co-workers on the field.

## 8 Wacs Volunteers For Easter KP

Eight WACs volunteered their services as KPs on Easter Sunday, in response to a request by Captain Edith Haslam, Sq. B. C.O.

In order that the girls might avail themselves of the Easter holiday, the following WACs took over the kitchen chores for the day:

F/Sgt. Mary Roman Sgt. Roberta Zentz, Cpl. Margaret Schneider, Cpl. June Barber, Pfc. Patricia Parent, Pfc. Barbara Kazaley, Pvt. Mary LaMache, and Pvt. Alma La Blanche.

## G-Aisling

KOESTEL - KEMENY

Married at Station Chapel, on March 31, Lucille Kemeny, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, to Lt. Alfred Koestel of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Rites performed by Chaplain Gilbert H. Curry.

## 5% Of Army Men Want Federal Jobs

Washington (CNS)—Approximately 5% of the men in the Army have definite plans to obtain Federal employment after discharge, a survey of post-war plans of troops made by the I & E Division, Army Service Forces, indicates. An additional 5% think they probably will seek government employment but do not have clearly formulated plans.

About 2/3 of the men who have definite plans for governmental employment after discharge were in government jobs before entering the Army. Nearly half wish clerical positions, and about 30% desire jobs in skilled, semi-skilled or unskilled occupations. The Postal Service led all other occupations specified.

## Soldiers Warned Of Farm Chisel

Kansas City (CNS)—The case of a wounded veteran of World War II who paid \$12,000 for a farm he could have bought for \$8,000—putting up his entire life savings of \$4,000 as the initial payment—was revealed by I. W. Duggan, governor of the Farm Credit Administration.

Even worse, Mr. Duggan said, the "normal productive value of the farm, judged on its ability to afford the owner a living and pay taxes and indebtedness, was only \$5,000."

Mr. Duggan issued an urgent appeal to all servicemen and women who plan to become farmers after the war to consult with their county agricultural advisory committees before buying farms with their savings. If the wounded veteran had sought the advice of the county agricultural advisory committee, he said, the chances are he would not have paid a price in excess of the agricultural value of the farm.

The Farm Credit Administration has published a booklet, "About That Farm You're Going to Buy," which is available on request. The FCA can be addressed at Kansas City, 8, Missouri.

## "Sprint Week" Flying Safety Program Marks

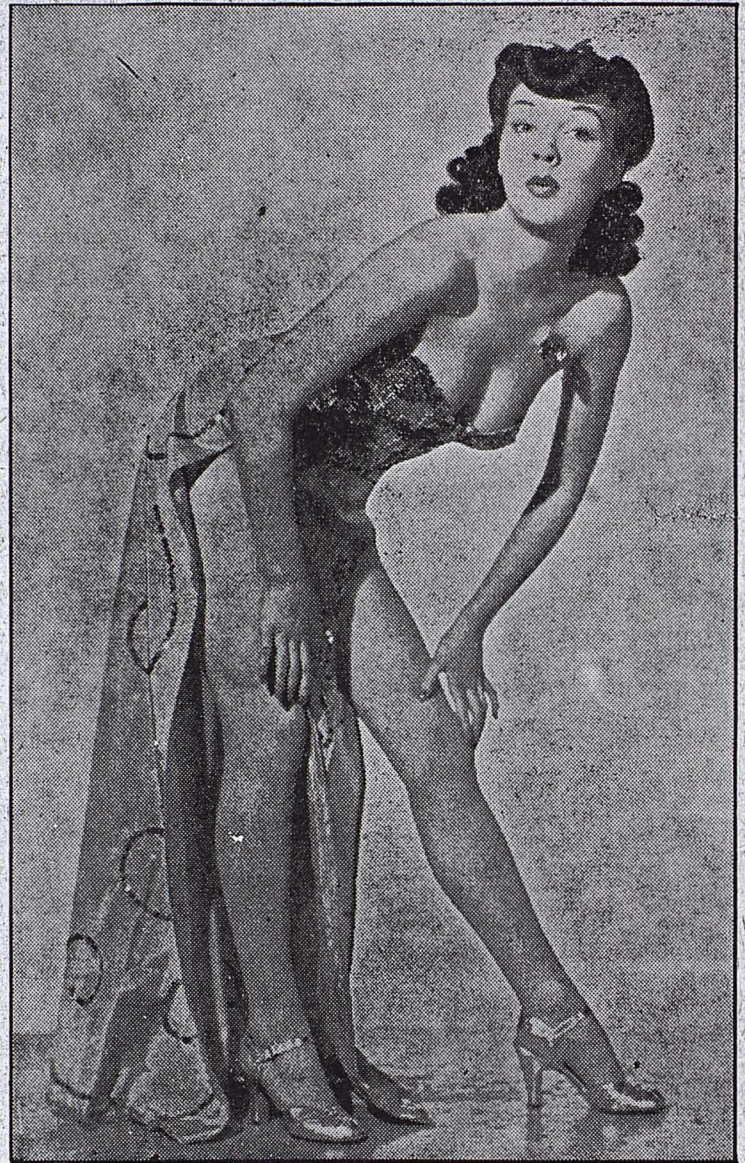
This is the ultimate in the 2AF 8-week Flying Safety Program—Sprint Week. It is in Sprint Week that you bring to bear all you have absorbed in the present 4th Flying Safety Program. All the special weeks, Safe Landing, Reduction of Emergencies Air Discipline, etc., are combined in this final week. The emphasis placed

**Pyote now stands 6th among bombardment bases in the 2AF Fourth Flying Safety Contest; and second among the very heavy bases.**

on all the special weeks begins to show now. Accidents in any category county more against us now than they did before.

But points are not the end we strive for. Safe and complete training is the goal. Actually, Flying Safety is the constant application of proven and correct procedures, and adherence to flying regulations. The program high-

## Rattle Snake Charmer



This week's Pyote pin-up is Jessica Rogers. Okay, okay, so we just had Jessica a few weeks ago. So what's wrong with two pin-ups of Jessica? Goodness knows, Jessica and Jessica make a pretty nice twosome, herself.

## 20-TO-1 IN PACIFIC

Pacific (CNS)—American planes, in aerial combat, shot down 2,472 Jap aircraft between June 11 and Oct. 30, according to statistics released here. These figures, which do not include enemy planes shot down by anti-aircraft fire, show that Jap combat losses have been 20 to our one during this time.

lights those procedures and regulations. Go to know the program, and you'll be safely and efficiently trained.

Combat flying can be a beautiful piece of work, but it can be successful only by following the proven methods. That's why we want you to do everything by the book. That's why we emphasize correct procedures. It's knowing what to do and how to do it that make you a successful combat team.

Let's know those procedures.

## Japs Foresee Yank Invasion Of Asia

Washington (CNS)—The Asiatic continent will become the main battlefield for troops of the U.S. and Japan, according to the Tokyo radio.

In a broadcast recorded by the FCC, Tokyo said: "Today, when raids on Japan itself are growing in intensity, the country which will be able to take the place of the (Japanese) mainland and in the industrial field is Manchukuo (Manchuria)."

Manchuria's position in the corner of Asia, the broadcast continued, "becomes very important when it is possible to forecast that the Chinese continent will become the main battlefield for our troops and the United States."





# KOOPS' KORNERS

## PYOTERS ARE TALKING ABOUT:

The breath-taking advance on the Western front. . . . The news that the Service Club Cafeteria, which re-opened Tuesday, now serves beer. For which news this colyum has put up a long fight. . . . That Pueblo AAF now has a free altering service for GI clothes at their QM depot. . . . The War Department's request to Congress to open enlistments in the Regular Army to men now in service. . . . The fact that GIs at Barksdale Field no longer have to do KP now that it's become a B-29 factory. . . . The new comic-strip "Flame", coming soon—who's really that hot? . . . The new jet-propelled P-80, "Shooting Star" that travels faster than sound. . . . The news that Technical schools of the AAF training command are transferring eligible wash-outs to the AGF. . . . Maj. Gen. Henry's (G-1) statement that after the end of the German phase of the war, the Army plans to reduce it's size, but "if a man is found to be indispensable after the point system goes into effect, he will be held." . . . The PX way of sending flowers anywhere in the world. For \$1.13 you can wire flowers to anywhere in the U.S., have them arrive the same day. Charge is slightly higher for sending them out of the country. . . . The rain last week-end. . . . The sign board with the numbers in front of Station Headquarters. The numbers, changed each hour, show the number of aircraft in flight. . . . "T.R." . . . The brunette and blonde, once so chummy who now trade polar glances because of a Staff Sergeant. . . . "Victories of '45".

## THE GAG BAG

Golf, observes Sugar, is just like a ride with a date. You smack the pill and then walk.

It's high time somebody revived the old song, titled: "She Was Only the Dentist's Daughter, But She Ran Around With the Worse Set in Town".

You've probably heard this gag that's making the rounds up



## The Wolf

by Sansone

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home. The tourist asks the Indian what he does all day. "Mmmm", says the Indian, "hunt and drink". "What do you hunt?" "Drink!"

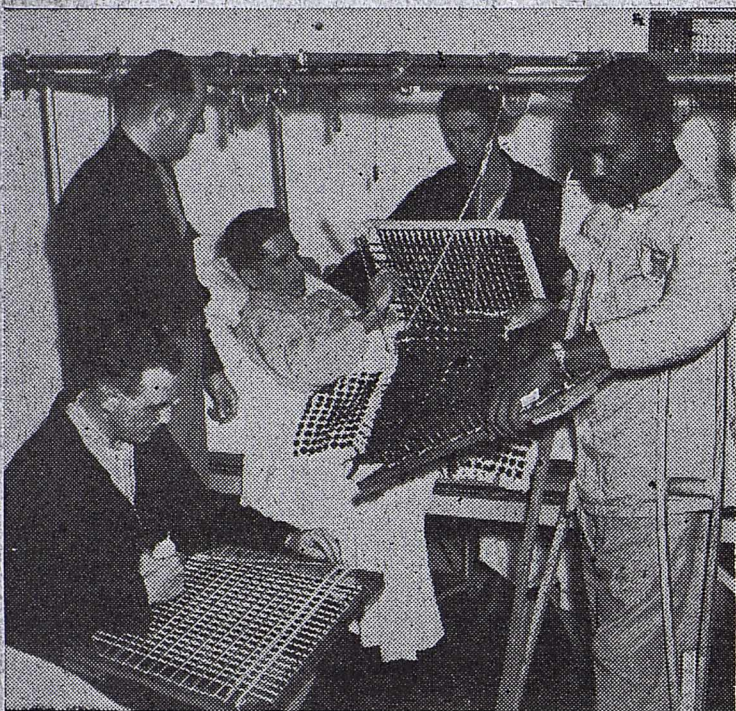
Forget where we read it, but we laughed. A formation was pulling into land, and some of the ships were straggling. One pilot muttered into his inter-phone "Hells bells, I'm all fouled up". The ground control immediately barked back: "Will pilot using profane and obscene language, give name and serial number immediately?" And came the response, "Christ, I'm not THAT fouled up!"

Then there's the girl who's so virtuous she won't even use an improper fraction.

## PIMENTO STUFFING FROM AN OLIVE DRAB SUIT

To date, five other camp sheets have picked up the story "No Delay Enroute", which appeared in The Rattler weeks ago. Only one gave The Rattler credit. . . . Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M., is the newest 2AF field. . . . The New Yorker magazine quotes, as regards the curfew, an empty-built matron who exclaimed to her hairdresser: "All those poor boys are fighting for our happiness, and then the government does the one thing that's sure to make us unhappy." . . . Toots Shor, B'way night-club operator sez: "If you can't get drunk by midnight, you aren't really trying." . . . Marfacts got its wires crossed in the March 22 issue. They headline "Pecos AAF'd To Be On AAF Inactive List". Rattler, same issue, says: "Pecos will not be inactivated". Rattler was, natcherally kee-rect. . . . Ish-Ka-Bibble, Kay Kyser's gag-boy is trying to put through a state law making it a crime for women to use lipstick in Tennessee. . . . Admiral William H. Standley, one time chief of naval operations urged Congress to give a month's leave with pay prior to discharge, and a ticket home, to all GIs. . . . Senator Joseph Guffey (D-Pa.) has introduced to the Senate a soldier's bonus—one year's pay, in addition to the mustering-out laughing lettuce. . . . Ernie Pyle, foremost newsmen of World War II, has gone to bat for the B-29ers. He stated in a recent column: "One of the things most needed for (B-29) fliers over here is the setting up of some kind of goal for them. The way it is now, they are flying in the dark. No rest-camp goal has yet been set. They say it has to come from Washington, and Washington is slow about it. It's no good to create a rest-camp out here. What they want is a change, something far away—lights and girls and companionship and modern things and gaiety. And somebody better hurry." . . . We don't get many calls complaining of poor Rattler delivery, but two weeks ago, we got one. An officer didn't get a copy of The Rattler, and was a trifle irritated about it. The officer was Colonel Key. He got The Rattler. . . . When the United Nations Conference meets the 27th in San Francisco, there oughta be a GI present; so thinks Senator Johnson of South Carolina, who asked the President to select "a soldier fighting overseas with a rank no higher than Sergeant for that purpose."

**PATIENTS LEARN MAT-WEAVING**



Patients in the Orthopedic ward at the hospital carry on a number of craft activities including the weaving of colorful mats, one of the most popular crafts.

The activity is carried on through the cooperation of the Hospital Red Cross, the Gray Ladies and the Convalescent Training Department.

Capt. Robert J. Bannow, chief of the orthopedic service, has found that the new craft is excellent therapy for such patients. Shown in the picture are (l to r) Sgt. William C. McCormick, Capt. Bannow, Pfc. Robert Smith, Pvt. Lester S. Tomlin, and Pvt. Nathaniel Royal.

**Combat Badges To Go To Medics**

A Medical Badge has been authorized by the War Department in "recognition of the service rendered during combat" by members of the Medical Department assigned or attached to the Infantry. It is of silver metal, elliptical in shape, with the Medical Department's insignia, the caduceus, and the Geneva Cross superimposed on a litter surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. It will be worn on the left breast above decorations and service ribbons.



The badge will be awarded to Medical Department personnel regularly assigned or temporarily attached during combat to the Medical detachments of Infantry regiments, battalions or elements thereof since Dec. 7, 1941.

Since members of the Medical Department are protected personnel under the terms of the Geneva Convention, the right to wear the badge may be temporarily withdrawn upon transfer or assignment of the individual to duties other than medical in which he may come in contact with the ene-

**REMEMBER?**

Headlines of a year ago, culled from the files of The Rattler:

April 5, 1944—Red Cross drive went over the top to the tune of \$3,160. A two-man officer detail to check military courtesy in Monhans was posted, promptly dubbed "Gestapo" by GIs. Major Wade Loofburrow, Station Intelligence Officer was transferred to 2AF Headquarters. Pyote got its name changed again, to 236th AAF Base Unit, replacing the famed 19th Combat Crew Training School". During the month of March, Pyote racked up 11,457 flying hours, tops in the country. Maintenance planned a "beer bust". Major Sewares received his promotion from Captain. In Sports: Softball league got underway, and the HBC sextet took the volleyball crown. In the World news: Russia paused after its invasion of the Balkans, counted 183,310 German dead.

my. Enlisted and officer personnel below field grade (major) are eligible for the badge and it may be awarded to the regimental surgeon regardless of rank.

**CHAPLAIN'S CHAT**

**The \$64 Question: What Do You Think?**

By Chaplain Anderson

You and I are in life what we make ourselves. In the army, we are finding this to be even more true than in civilian life. When you joined the armed forces and donned the uniform you became a soldier and in the life into which you came others forget whether you are the son of John D. Millionaire with all the breaks, or whether you are only the son of John Smith Ditchdigger. We found that here was a place where we were judged by our obedience to orders and our ability to perform our job, however menial it might be. And so today we stand upon our own two feet for what we are.

But what about tomorrow? The rose as it starts to bud looks more beautiful each day, until one day having reached the acme of its beauty, it begins to fade, to wilt, and to crumble into dust. It is the wise king who said, "For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he". Tomorrow you and I shall be more like the things which occupy our minds than we are today. For some this will be a far happier and useful tomorrow than today, but for others some of the finer things of life will be no more. The soldier whose mind is constantly in the gutter will find himself living as he thinks today. The soldier whose mind is on the finer

**At the Chapel**

**CATHOLIC:** Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15; Daily Mass: 5:15 except Thursday; Thursday at Hospital Red Cross Bldg., at 9:30 AM. Holy Communion daily at 7:45 and 12:05. Evening devotions: 5:45 Tuesday and Friday. Lenten devotions: Way of the Cross Wednesday noon. Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5:15, 7:30 to 9:00, and before all Masses. Choir practice 7:00 Tuesday.

**JEWISH:** Friday Sabbath evening service, 7:30.

**PROTESTANT:** Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel service at 10:00; Station Chapel Service 10:30; Section C Vesper Service at 7:30; Station Vesper Service at 8:00. Wednesday: Section C Bible Study 7:30; Bible Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE:** Weekly service Sunday at 2:30.

things will find himself living in a brighter tomorrow, as he thinks today.

To you who want a better tomorrow I repeat the good advice of Paul of Tarsus, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things"



**THIS INTERESTING LITTLE EYE CHART** shows, left to right, a poster on the Soldiers Savings Program and starlet Dorothy Merrick. If neither of them registers with you, you may be suffering from faulty vision or lack of foresight and should sit down and have a good man-to-man talk with yourself.

# Classified Ads, Backwards, Spells 'Results'

The Rattler will accept classified ads for publication, free of charge. Ads must reach The Rattler or Public Relations Office before 5 p.m. Monday. The Rattler will act solely as a media for publishing the advertisement and as such will not accept any responsibility for ads printed.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### LOST AND FOUND

A MAN'S best friend is not a dog. It's a man's Mido multifort, luminous-dialed wrist watch, with black leather strap. If some keen-eyed blood-hound finds it, I'll give the bucko 20 smackers. Cpl. Joseph Kinzler, Bks. 613, Cdd area.

HAVE YOU seen a gold-star on a chain? A set of dog-tags? I lost them both in the CCD area about the 27th of March. Dog-tags are dog-tags, and I attach a special sentimental significance to the

star. Reward if returned to Cpl. Murray Weisenfeld, Bks. 617, CCD.

LOST—Clip board on the ramp with name "Cpl. Dalkert" cut into the clip board. Board itself is not valuable but information attached thereto, is needed. Return to Cpl. Dalkert, Bks. 607, Bed 31, or Tech Office on N. 3.

### FOR SALE

IS THE little woman's birthday hovering near? Give her something "timely". A ladies', yellow gold wrist watch, 7 jewel, Sussex, swiss-make. \$15.00 and I'm losing money. S/Sgt. Jones, Sub-Depot Machine Shop.

WOULD YOU be interested in owning a genuine, hand-woven Mexican Serape? Can be used as a rug. Contact Rattler office.

PIN-UPS? Sad Sack? Sports? GI News? It's all yours in Yank, the GI weekly. Subscribe now; have it mailed to you or to your

home. \$2 a year 52 issues; \$1 for 26 issues; payable in advance.

FOR SALE—Beautiful yellow gold engagement ring, largest diamond a perfect blue-white and weighing 1/2 carat and 6 smaller diamonds. Never been worn. Will sell at wholesale price. See Sgt. Brown at Base Flight.

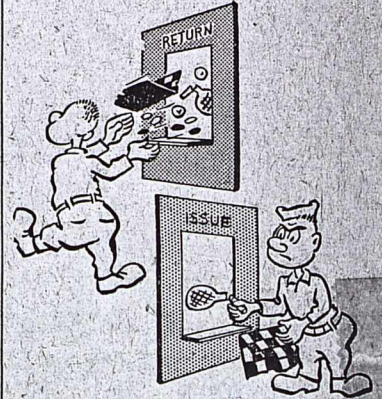
### TRANSPORTATION

ARE YOU driving toward Pennsylvania along about April 15? A lady will share expenses and driving to PA, or thereabouts. Contact Lt. Harr. Phone 6.

LOOKING for a daily ride to and from Monahans? If you live in the north side of Monahans, arrive at field 8 AM, leave field 5:00 PM, call 217, Radar School.

GOING to El Paso? I have two tickets from Pecos to El Paso. Contact Pvt. Seymour or Cpl. Taylor at Bks. 629, Sq. E.

## RETURN IT IN GOOD CONDITION...



## YOU MAY WANT TO USE IT AGAIN

### PERSONALS

HOW ABOUT spending a Sunday evening with the Baptist Young People at the Service Center in Pecos, Texas? Time: 7:15 to 8 PM each Sunday.

CAN'T SLEEP at night? Don't hesitate. Try the Uncle Sammys Styled-for-Sleep mattress. Your supply room has them, in three different styles: stuffed with crushed rock, cement, or Zwieback. See them today. Supply is limited. GIs only.

WHEN'S the last time you had a picture taken? Why not stop in at the Base Portrait Studio. Open from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

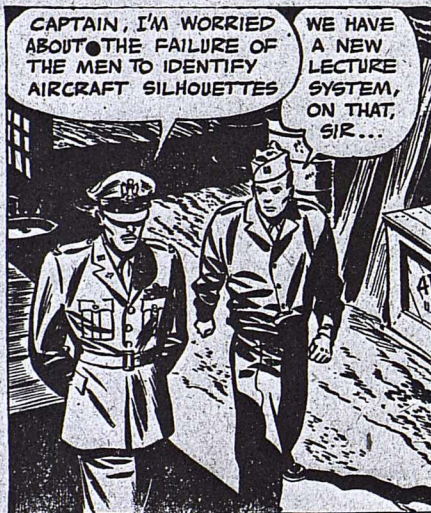
A BOY who went USAFI will have the latest laughie when the shootin's over. Keep up with your high school or college education. Only costs \$2. See Pfc. Steinberg at the Special Services Office. He'll give you all the info.

WAC, awfully fed up with GI chow, is desperate for a good home-cooked meal. Please write % Rattler office. Thank you.

DOES ANY Combat Crew need a registered Cocker Spaniel mascot? One formerly owned by an officer trained at this field is available for adoption. Officer in charge of a crew may inquire at Station Veterinarian Office, phone 138.

NONE of your business why, but we're looking for a girl who owns a black silk nightgown. We'll thank her to contact The Rattler office.

## Which One Would You Fire At?

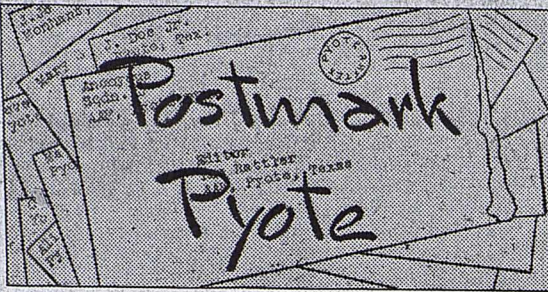


## MALE CALL

By Milton Caniff

(Reprinted By Request)

"Postmark, Pyote" opens the columns of The Rattler to any and all correspondence. Letters should be signed but names will be withheld on request. Address: Editor, Rattler, Pyote



AAF, Texas. The Rattler reserves the right to edit letters, and decide which are to be published. No letters will be returned. If your barracks bag's in salvage, blow it out here!

Editor, The Rattler:

Stationed in various Texas camps for almost 24 months, I have had a splendid opportunity to view the more obvious charms of the Lone Star State, namely, the Texas gals. Now much have I read of the beautiful belles of Texas—gals like Linda Darnell, Joan Crawford, Mary Martin, etc., are all daughters of Texas. And I will admit that, on the average, the gals from Texas are the most beautiful in the U.S.—that I admit. They have lovely faces.

But, the legs! They're either bow-legged or knock-kneed, or they bulge with muscles, or have a Steinway piano shape.

Oh yes, Texans—your gals have lovely faces, but why don't they wear hoop-skirts or Mother-Hubbards to hide those awful gams? Do they get those bowling-pin pins from riding hoss-back, or what?

From Texarkana to El Paso, and not a shapely calf in a carload. 'Tis a terrible pity!

I'm-From-Missouri.

● Ah yes, we know Missouri. That's the "Show-Me" State.

Editor, The Rattler:

I think it's high time that somebody gives an orchid or two to the MPs at the Gate. Last week-end I brought my mother and wife to the field, and the MP treated us with the courtesy of a head-waiter at the Stork Club. My mother (who's views of MPs are garnered mostly from movies) was amazed. She thought they were supposed to be monsters. Thanks, fellas.

Cpl. Ron Jenkins.

The Rattler, Pyote, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Will you please explain my problem in your column. I have an allotment for my mother deducted from my Sergeant's pay. If I get a promotion will this be entirely discontinued or is there some other provision for this situation? Sgt. Pfc.

● The Personal Affairs Officer says a dependency allotment will not be discontinued due to ratings, as long as you remain a non-commissioned GI. Any enlisted man can make a Class F allotment.

Editor, The Rattler:

Yes, I too, am an addict. Oh the shame of confessing to it! But, yes, it's got me. What? Those blankety-blank (four words censored here) classified ads that grace Page 11 of your sheet. For weeks now I have been reading every line of them. I'd wait until the other fellows would leave the barracks and then I'd sneak over and pull The Rattler from its hiding place under the mattress and read the classified column.

Oh yes, I have followed the strange jargon of "the pie flies at nine" and wondered what was in that "package" that someone was talking about. I even was tempted to reply to the "personable brunette" who advertised for a date.

The Classified Ad column is like a disease. I feel like the star of "the lost week-end" on a classified column binge.

Then came the day when I wanted to place an ad in your classified column. And—guess what!

I'm not the only person who reads classified ads. I was snowed under with replies. People are still haunting my barracks. Gad, I never knew so doggone many people read those classified ads.

Thanks a lot, editor. Not only for getting me quick results, but by showing me that my strange disease, "classified-itis", is not peculiar to me.

The whole blankety-blank base has got it!

Pfc. P. F. C., Squadron F.

● Are you telling us? Gad yourself!

# Maintenance Crew Sets 239 Hr. Flight Record

All flying records at the field were broken when the plane assigned to Crew Chief S/Sgt. Richard Johnson and crew, flew a total of 239:26 hours during the month of March, according to figures released by Major Edson J. Sponable, Supervisor of Maintenance.

## Why Pyote?

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all other necessary training aids.

### Combat Crews

Combat crews are made up of the men sent here for training. A complete and efficient organization has been set up by the Combat Crew Detachment for the processing and orientation of these new men.

The combat crews are divided into three squadrons, each an almost separate organization with their own Commanding Officer, Operations Officer, Navigator, Bombardier, and other key positions. The squadrons, in turn, are divided into three flights for better supervision, training, and administration.

Squadrons are a month apart in their training schedule, but a spirit of competition still persists between squadrons, as well as between flights and crews. Each is out to top all others, and with such an incentive, Pyote is aiming to top all other B-29 training fields in the Second Air Force.

### Director of Technical Training

In order to have effective flying training, much technical, or ground training, must be given. All technical training, or ground school, as it is commonly called, is under the Director of Technical Training. It is in reality, a school, where combat crews go to various technical classes to learn all about their particular jobs so that they will be able to perform their duties skillfully under all conditions.

Instructors, most of whom have

Sgt. Johnson and crew were commended for maintaining their plane in such a condition that it was able to make this flying record. Crew members will receive a three-day pass.

Four other planes piled up more than 200 hours during the month, it was announced. The crew chiefs of the planes, and the amount of flying time of each plane follow:

S-Sgt. Joseph E. Fulytar, 221:45 hours; S/Sgt. Peter J. Geissler, 211:30 hours; S/Sgt. Edward Osborn, 209:40 hours; and S/Sgt. Aubrey K. Maxwell, 205:50 hours.

All maintenance crew members of planes flying 150 hours or more, will also receive three-day passes.

had combat experience behind them, conduct the various classes in engineering, radio, gunnery, bombardment, navigation, pilot training, and other key subjects.

Visual aids and mock-ups are used extensively in this training. These are provided by the Training Aids Department, a subsidiary of Technical Training.

Other departments in Technical Training consist of the Gunnery School, Link Trainer, Bomb Trainer, CNT Trainer, Communications, Chemical Warfare, Engineering School, and Combat Intelligence.

Training classes are scheduled for all crew members so that each individual has a background of technical training that will fit in with his flying training to better equip him to do his job on the plane.

Physical Training is also conducted for the combat crew members, for no man can be an effective fighter in a plane or on the ground, unless he is in good physical condition. The Physical Training Department works in close coordination with the Technical Training Department.

### Standardization Board

The Standardization Board has been set up in order to standardize all flying methods. Thus confusion in flying methods, formations, and schedules are ironed out, and the most effective system can be used at all times.

All flight instructors are checked periodically to see how they are doing their jobs, and the board keeps up-to-the-minute records on the progress of instruction so that the status of the squadrons can be ascertained at any time. The board continuously observes the results of instructions and constantly looks for methods of improving training.

## Flying Short Snorts

