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ARMY LISTS ESSENTIAL M.O.S.'

50 Pyoters Get 'Point' Discharge This Week-End

Forty-three enlisted men and seven officers will be released from Pyote Army Air Field this week, the Personnel Office announced. These are the men who have the highest number of

According to a TWX received at the field Tuesday, the number of points needed to be considered for discharge has dropped from 85 to 80 for EM and Officers and from 44 to 40 for members of the WAC.

"points" and are not classified in an essential MOS.

A complete list of jobs regarded as "essential" has been released by the War Department, and all persons serving in those classifications are frozen to that particular MOS.

In brief, if you have over 85 points and are classified essential, for the present—that's tough. If you have over 85 points and are NOT classified essential, you stand a pretty good chance of donning red ties, white shirts, and sports coats in the near future.

The "point system" (which allows one point for each month in the Service, an additional point for each month overseas, five points for each decoration, cluster, and battle star, and 12 points for each dependent child up to three children) has given the criterion of 85. Although it is possible that that number may be reduced or raised according to the number of men eligible, it seems that there will be no immediate change.

The American Red Cross will assist any GI who is trying to claim "unproved children". The latest issue of Air Force contains a complete list of authorized battle stars which entitle men to five points. To date, there is nothing official regarding the status of men



Crew of the Week honored for the number of hours they kept their aircraft in the air were: (top to bottom) S/Sgt. C. H. Paine, Siegel, Pa., Crew Chief; Sgt. G. D. Wilson, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; S/Sgt. C. W. Burr, Coon Rapids, Iowa; Cpl. F. F. Stevens, Nevada, Mo.; Pfc. M. B. Ensey, Spur, Tex.; and Cpl. Donald J. Kidd, Toledo, Ohio.

not qualified for overseas duty.

The following list of MOS numbers are regarded as essential. Those in bold-face are authorized AAF numbers. The jobs listed are not necessarily all-inclusive. If you carry the MOS, then you are considered essential, even though the job-title might not jibe exactly with the work you are doing.

014 Auto Mechanic, **017** Baker, **033** Train Crewman, **034** Bricklayer, **039** Cable Repairman, **077** Powerhouse Engineer, **080** Marine Engineer, **081** Operating Engine-man, **089** Telephone and Telegraph Frameman, **090**, **091** Chemical In-

pector, **095** Telephone and Telegraph Equipment Mechanic, **096**, **100** Structural Steel Worker, **101**, **105**, **106**, **110** Locomotive Engineer, **111**, **115**, **116**, **125**, **126** Meteorologist, **135**, **136** Model Worker, **141** Marine Oiler, **145** Sign Painter, **187** Telephone Repeaterman, **189** Rigger, **204** Shoe Repairman, **230** Topographical Surveyor, **238** Lineman on Telegraph and Telephone, **242** Toolroom Keeper, **267** Translator, **272** Key Punch Machine Operator, **275** Classification Specialist, **320** Interpreter, **322** Refrigeration Mechanic, **366** Orthopedic Me-

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T-Sgt. Whipp Holds 147 Points To Top Field

The 43 enlisted men to be discharged from the field, are topped by T/Sgt. Lloyd Whipp with 147 points. Others are: Master Sgts. Cyril A. Moore, Claude R. Harrison, Jr., Cecil H. Roberts, James S. Faulkinbury, Wilford C. Gregorius, Robert S. Mathis, Grusto Rosano, John H. Lindgren, Robert E. Lichty, and George F. Deppe.

Tech. Sgts. Lloyd D. Whipp, Ray H. Lawhon, Robert A. Slater, Otto P. Truman, Francis D. Warrington, Harry E. Simon, Wayne Johnson, George M. Alexander, Calvin R. Whitney, Charles S. Cain, Robert F. Graf, Manuel Rodrigues, Isaac H. Pulley, and Jack P. Thomas.

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Sgts. Dan J. Radu, Erval D. Greene, Robert F. Haidle, John P. Jones, Clifford F. Jones, Chester Prior, Aron M. Bolton, and Pvt. Harold J. Tanquary.

Pyote-Monahans Buses To Make Stop At USO

Additional stops at the Monahans USO became effective this week on the Monahans-Pyote busline. The new schedule lists stops on the evening 7 o'clock run from Pyote, Sunday through Friday, with the addition of the 8:20 run on Saturday. On the Sunday through Friday run to Pyote, the bus will stop to pick up GIs at 10:50 p.m., with the addition of a midnight stop on Saturday nights.

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Post-war Problem No. 1

The problem of controlling Germany is looked upon by many good Americans as a well-nigh impossible task. We defeated the Germans on the field of battle and now, with an unpleasant memory of post-1918 happenings to guide them, some fear that we will be unable to tight-rein the Germans into the paths of peace.

This viewpoint, while commonly shared, has a few weak points. Before we concede that the Germans are incorrigible and forever-lost, let's take a look at a few of the factors in our favor.

In the first place, Germany is in our power today. The surrender was complete and unconditional. As General Jodl put it, they are "for better or for worse" delivered into the hands of the United Nations.

Today Germany has no war potential. She has no powerful allies who can come to her aid—unless you can picture the Emperor of Japan riding forth on his white horse.

She is bound by our orders. And for the first time in history, it appears that conquering nations plan to enforce their doctrine on defeated Germany.

To establish a firm "mental platform" for the cultivation of peace, we must succeed in teaching the Germans three fundamental truths. They are:

1. The entire German nation shares the war guilt. This is something the Germans already know subconsciously but—due to their peculiar mentality which demands belief of everything spoken by a German—they prefer not to say so out loud. If we do not make them responsible for World War II, why should the individual Germans fear the consequences of trying a World War III? We must not fall into this trap.

2. War as a means of expansion is out for the German people. Twice in 25 years she has tried it. Twice she's been defeated, and today her ruined countryside speaks eloquently of the futility of war.

3. Fascism is a dangerous way of life. By its very nature, fascism demands violence to give it force and direction. First the fascists practice violence among themselves; then when one gang has become dominant it leads the whole nation in doing violence against its neighbors.

If the German people can be made to realize these fundamental truths, she is unlikely to start a war again when she knows the entire might of the civilized world is lined up against her.

It is a great thing to win a war. It is a vastly greater thing to win a lasting peace. We have been equal to the first task, and now the second faces us. It calls for well-defined, hard paths of action. But it is not impossible. Let's banish this thought. It can be done.

Men, never question your wife's judgment. Look what she married.

All women are alike, but they have different faces so you can tell them apart.

"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!

RATTLER "UNFIT"

Editor, The Rattler:

In the time that has elapsed since the Chaplains have been on this field, they have noticed a gradual lowering of the standards of the RATTLER from a first class Post Newspaper to the cheapened and "Police Gazette" type of yellow sheet.

Naturally the men on this field send the RATTLER home. Expressions from various men in the last month have indicated that they are ashamed to send present issues to their wives and parents.

We have congratulated the editor upon his campaign to clear the air of sulphurous language with his editorials and comments. We are sorry to have to bring him to task for the status of the RATTLER and its charmers, and Flame, and other factors which have resulted in something which we no longer regard as a paper fit for this field.

We believe that the editor can bring again this paper to its once better standard of reporting, features, and articles.

Chaplain Edwin M. Norton
Chaplain Harold W. Kuhns
Chaplain Gilbert H. Curry
Chaplain Phillip F. Anderson

● The Rattler is sorry to hear that some of its features have caused such a letter. The Rattler is sorry that it is referred to as a "cheapened and "Police Gazette" type of yellow sheet." With this issue we are discontinuing the features the Chaplains disapprove of. We are taking the liberty of sending a copy of their letter to the Editor's mother for a reply. And we humbly request opinions from any other mothers (see below) regarding the "fitness" of the Rattler.

Editor, The Rattler:

Just a note from one Mom way up in northern Michigan, where every abode is just three rooms and a path—where it snows nine months of the year—and men are men and women seem satisfied with that arrangement.

I heartily approve of your printing the picture of the Rattlesnake Charmer. 'Bout time the boys at Pyote learn that the curves are not all in the road. At sight of same, obscene remarks should be gently curbed perhaps by gouging out the offender's eye. Whistles should be encouraged.

I have a son, summering and wintering at Pyote AAF. Please don't print my name. Don't want Sonny to blow a gasket.

A mother
Alba Michigan.

P.S.: He sends me The Rattler whenever I remember to send the postage.

THE END OF THE LEGS

Editor, The Rattler:

I have just about heard enough of the beauty of Texas women's legs. Also heard enough from Missouri. I happen to be from Pittsburgh, Pa. If there ever comes a time that anyone wants to match women's legs I can tell them the place. It is at the corner of 5th and Smithfield any time of

the day or night. Just stand beneath Kaufman's clock and fill your eyes with the prettiest gams that walk the face of the earth. To back it up, just look in past issue of Yank magazine "Home towns: Pittsburgh, Pa." Enough said.

Sgt. Thomas A. Marcus.

Editor, The Rattler:

In answer to your article in the April 26th Rattler, we refer you to the most famous pin-up legs in the world. The same belonging to the one and only Betty Grable who hails from St. Louis, Missouri. We'd like to see you top that.



Missouri Legs

Marian Prouty,
Kansas City,
Missouri.

Editor, The Rattler:

I'm getting tired of all this bragging about Texas gal's gams so let's settle the question once and for all. About nine-tenths of you

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Vocational Kit Gives Tip On Jobs For Discharge Day

Men who haven't found a home in the Army may find a lot of help in the new vocational file received by the Information-Education Office. GI's without a job to come home to will find complete information about more than 70 major fields of work.

Occupations from accounting to berry-farming, from watchmaking to rubber manufacturing, from plastics to medicine are described in the folder. Information on occupations includes the type of jobs available within the major field, the qualifications and training required, the average income for each of the jobs, and the normal hours of work, along with a complete description of what the job is like.

So if it's printing, paper-making, or radio broadcasting; laundry operation, shoemaking, or motor transportation; motion picture production, engineering, or mining; brickmaking, clothing manufacture, or operation of a bottling plant; or even banking and brokerage, architecture, air transportation; or any of many other activities that might be of interest, the file will aid in making job choices and personal post-war plans.

The information file will be kept in the library. The folders may be obtained upon request from the librarian. Additions to the file will be made as new material is received.

Stripes

Thirty-four Pyote GIs were promoted this past week. The lucky individuals were:

CORPORALS

Sq. A: Eugene A. Richardson, Louis Slatinsky, Leonard L. Moran, Marshall B. Hood, Roland Good-sill, John J. Nolan, Howard A. Wells, Oscar Dandefor, George J. Gross, Everett L. Moore, Lester R. Isner, Frank Sampson and Bernard J. Mather.

Sq. B: Dorothy Maitland, Anna Slusser, Hannah K. White and Merle Sheldon.

Sq. C: James Jackson and Dennis Ross.

Sq. D: Herman Blumenfeld.

Sq. E: Tom E. Roberts and Robert L. Wagstaff.

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

Sq. M: Carl Fauci and Harold C. Webb.

Sq. A: Monroe Weavers.

Sq. E: Melvin Jewett, Orville Arnold, Edwin Meyers, Julius Vasko, Harvey L. Bishop, James Henley and Arthur Dilling.

Sq. C: Colel Rice and Ezariah Jackson.

USOPUS SHOW S WEDNESDAY



HUNT AND JULIET

Monte Carlo Nite Planned For 29th At Field Rec. Hall

A week from Tuesday, May 29, is the date selected for Monte Carlo night at the Rec. Hall. It promises to be one of the most spectacular evenings in the history of the field.

Funds from all Squadrons have been donated to help defray the cost of this combined dancing-gambling-dining casino on May 29th.

Special Services has planned some gala floor-show entertainment, street dancing, various "gambling" concessions such as kissing booths, pitch booths, black jack, bird cage, fortune telling, roulette, etc.

Besides all that there will be soft drink booths, door prizes of war bonds to lucky ticket holders, and it all comes free. "Phony money" will be given to all that attend. These "Rattlesnake Rubles" can be used to play all the gambling games and can be cashed in for prizes at the end of the evening's fun.

Pool Users Urged To Take Bath Before Entering

The Enlisted Men's swimming pool has been repaired and officials are keeping their fingers crossed that the rest of the swim season will pass unmarred by any further difficulties.

The Rattler issues the following appeal to all personnel using the pool:

"The regulations state that all users of the pool must take a bath before entering the pool. By failing to observe this rule, one man can jeopardize the health of all the users. We are appealing to all personnel to observe this regulation. Please take a bath before entering the pool. This ruling has to be met if we are to continue having the pool open."

Boy Scouts Hold Paper Salvage Drive Saturday

The Boy Scouts of Pyote will make a salvage paper drive in the town of Pyote and in the civilian housing area of the field, May 19.

It is requested that all persons plan to have newspapers, magazines, and all other clean salvageable paper tied in bundles and ready to be collected by the Scouts on that day.

The paper will be turned over to the Air Field salvage department and will be shipped to be re-made into war products.

'Chicks And Chuckles' USO Show To Play 2 Shows Wednesday

"Chicks and Chuckles", USO extravaganza for May, will play at Theatre No. 1 next Wednesday evening, May 23, for two shows: 7 and 9 PM.

Headlining the bill are the Two Black Crows. Oldsters may remember that minstrel act, which once featured Moran and Mack. In the early thirties they starred in several movies. Mack died a few years ago, and now Moran has a new side-kick, Rade Sadler. The pair have been headlined in Ziegfeld Follies, George White Scandals, Earl Carroll's Vanities, etc.

Other top-notch acts in "Chicks and Chuckles" include: Coco, Steve and Johnny, a knock-about comedy trio with some slap-happy slap-sticks; Estellita Zarco (of El Paso) who does some Spanish dances; Hunt and Juliet, one of the niftiest magic acts in the business, with a wow of a surprise finish; and Johnny Hyman, a rapid-calculator with a blackboard.

The show stacks up as one of the best USO shows yet, and our reviewer goes out on a limb to say it's tops. The admission is free. Customers are reminded that there will be a double line at both shows. Enlisted personnel (in one line) will get first chance at the seats. Then the second line (made up of officers, civilians, and GIs with guests) can take what seats are left.

The sentence has been reviewed and approved by Major General Robert B. Williams, Second Air Force commander.

He was found guilty of performing acrobatics at an altitude below minimum prescribed by AAF regulations in a training type aircraft on or about 4 April near Tucumcari, N. M. He had a passenger in the airplane.

Officers' Wives Club Hold Dessert Bridge

Guests of honor at the dessert bridge party given by the Officers' Wives Club, Thursday, May 10th, were Mrs. A. E. Key and Mrs. G. Rush, Jr.

Hostesses were Mrs. Albert J. Port and Mrs. Stanley Bass. First prize went to Mrs. James Bugbee, second to Mrs. John Alley, and traveling prize to Mrs. Dean Bohlen.

This Week--

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. **Evening devotions:** 5:45 PM, Tuesday and Friday. **Confessions:** Saturday, 4:30 to 5:15, 7:30 to 9:00, and before all Masses.

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 2:15 PM.

At The Theatres

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

THURSDAY

"PATRICK THE GREAT" with Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan. Shorts: Pete Smith's Track and Field Quiz and Paramount News.

FRIDAY

"CHINA SKY" with Randolph Scott, Ruth Warrick, and Ellen Drew. Shorts: Thorgerson sports reel, Community Sing, and cartoon.

SATURDAY

"GENTLE ANNIE" with Marjorie Main, James Craig, and Donna Reed. Shorts: **This Is America** and Screen Snapshots.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"THE AFFAIRS OF SUSAN" with Joan Fontaine, George Brent and Dennis O'Keefe. Shorts: Paramount News.

TUESDAY

"CRIME, INC." with Tom Neal, Leo Carrillo, Martha Tilton. Shorts: Circus Band, Animal shorts, and Sports review.

WEDNESDAY

"SALOME — WHERE SHE DANCED" with Yvonne deCarlo and David Bruce. Shorts: **Army-Navy Screen Magazine** and Paramount News. (No movie at Theater No. 1 due to USO show. Theater No. 2 shows at regular times.)

At Monahans USO

Thu.—Bingo; Methodist Missionary Society hostesses.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—DANCE; PAAF Band.

Sun.—11:00, Coffee Hour; 4:45, KRLH Radio Show; 6:00, Buffet Supper; 8:30, Movie, "Road to Morocco" with Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

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You Never Know Where The Front Is



Mon.—Song Fest.
Tue.—Informal Activity.
Wed.—2:00, Dessert Bridge, EM Wives; 7:30, Arts and Crafts.

Around the Field

LIBRARY: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

SWIMMING POOL: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

TENNIS COURTS: EM Courts diagonally across from Service Club.

SERVICE CLUB: Cafeteria open from 8 to 10, 11 to 2, and 3 till 11. No beer before 5, and Class A after 5 PM.

SEWING: Free sewing work at Red Cross Office Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM. Office located across street from library.

REC. HALL: Open from 8 AM to 11 PM.

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

DANCING: EM dance Friday evehings, 9 to midnight, at Rec. Hall.

ART AND PHOTO CLUB: Art

Club meets Monday and Thursday, Photo Club Tuesday and Friday, at the Hobby Shop, half-block beyond the Hospital; 7:30 PM.

PHONE EXCHANGE: Phone exchange room open 24 hours a day in northeast corner of Post Office; furnished with chairs, writing tables, magazines. Attendant on duty from 5 to 10 PM weekdays and 8 AM to 11 PM Sundays who expedites long-distance calls and makes change.

TALENT CLUB: Meets every Monday evening at 7 PM at the Special Services Office, next door to the Service Club.

USO HOLDS WEINIE BAKE WEDNESDAY

According to the calendar, there will be a full moon on the night of May 26th. Nevertheless, it shines with an equal glow even a few nights ahead of schedule. And that is why the USO Club of Monahans is setting the date of May 24th, Thursday night next, for a weinie roast and moonlight swim. The meeting place will be at the club at 9:00 from where you guys and gals will go over to the park across the way. Remember the date! And we'll be seein' you.

MOVIE MEMO:

Briefing the films with Sugar:

"China Sky" tells the yarn of a doctor and nurse helping the wounded Chinese. He marries, but finally goes back and takes a turn for the nurse.

"Gentle Annie" is all about a pioneer woman in the Oklahoma territory who has two sons who are train-robbers, until a US Marshal asks 'em if the trips are necessary.

"Affairs of Susan" has beautiful gal living alone on an island. She is discovered by a guy who makes her the belle of New York. Somebody finally tolled on her.

"Crime, Inc." is back in the Prohibition days about a young newspaperman who sets out to expose the racketeers. He falls in love with a gunman's sister, which seems to be a dangerous thing to do, even though it would guarantee a good supply of bootleg likker.

"Salome—Where She Danced" is the name of a town in Western Arizona where a gal does a dance with seven veils. She later becomes the toast of San Francisco, after causing a few wars, newspaper scoops, and thousands of yawns from the film-goers.

Jimmy Lunceford and Band Here Tonight

Jimmy Lunceford and his orchestra will make a two-day stand at Pyote, tonight and tomorrow night.

Tonight the hottest Harlem band of the decade will play for the

dance for enlisted personnel of Squadron C at the Rec. Hall. Lunceford's band will play a concert for all enlisted personnel from all Squadrons on the field at the area between the Chapel and Theater No. 2 or at the Rec. Hall—all depending on the weatherman or sandman. One thing is sure: the concert lasts one hour, will start promptly at 6:30.

Tomorrow night, Jimmy's orchestra plays from eight to midnight for the Officers' Club dance.

Lunceford, who flew here in his own plane from the West Coast, has added something new to American rhythm. His recordings of "Well All Right Then" and "Taint Whatcha Do" are still classics in the disc-mart.

Poster Contest For 7th War Loan Open To All Here

The Special Services Office has instituted a contest to select the best original poster emphasizing the 7th War Loan. All field personnel are eligible to enter posters in this contest. Prizes will be one \$50 bond, one \$25 bond, two \$10 bonds, and \$5 in war stamps.

Contestants are not limited in scope or style of the posters. The only stipulation is that the poster should advertise the 7th War Loan. The contest closes June 10th. Entries should be made to the Special Services Office, next door to the Service Club.

Each person may enter as many posters as he chooses, and officers and civilians are welcome to compete for the prizes, donated by the Officers' Club.

FROM OFFICE OF FLYING SAFETY: Each Man, Each Part of B-29 Is Vital To Success

Have you ever watched a combat infantryman handle his rifle? If you have, you noticed how tenderly he caressed it, how carefully he cleaned it, how meticulously he inspected it. That's his weapon and he knows it!

It may be a little bit more difficult for you to realize how much each part of that B-29 you fly in is your weapon. The infantryman can see every part of his weapon—and its role in the whole. You must take a little time and do some studying to see how all the parts fit into your weapon—the B-29. But you can do it!

Each position on that crew, each part of that airplane, is vital to the combat success of that weapon. Just as the foot sloggin' doughboy must keep his weapon ready at all times, so must you. You gotta keep it clean; you gotta have it operatin' all the time, Mac.

But you gotta know it! That's the most important thing of all. You can't keep it in good shape unless you know what it can do and what it can't how you can help it and how you're liable to hurt it. Know that weapon and treat it accordingly—like a baby—cause, brother, you're gonna need all its

"Kiss And Tell", 3-Act Farce, Is Due Here 25th

One of the funniest Broadway plays of the past few seasons will play Theater No. 1 Friday, May 25th, according to Capt. Carl J. Holcomb, Special Services Office. Plans call for the presentation of the 3-act farce, "Kiss And Tell", to be presented by the drama group of the New Mexico College of Mines at Alamogordo.

The group is offering a benefit performance here and all personnel are urged not to miss an excellent show with a capable cast.

The story of "Kiss And Tell" concerns two adolescent girls who pretend to be nearing motherhood. Needless to say, this information causes hectic commotion in the families.

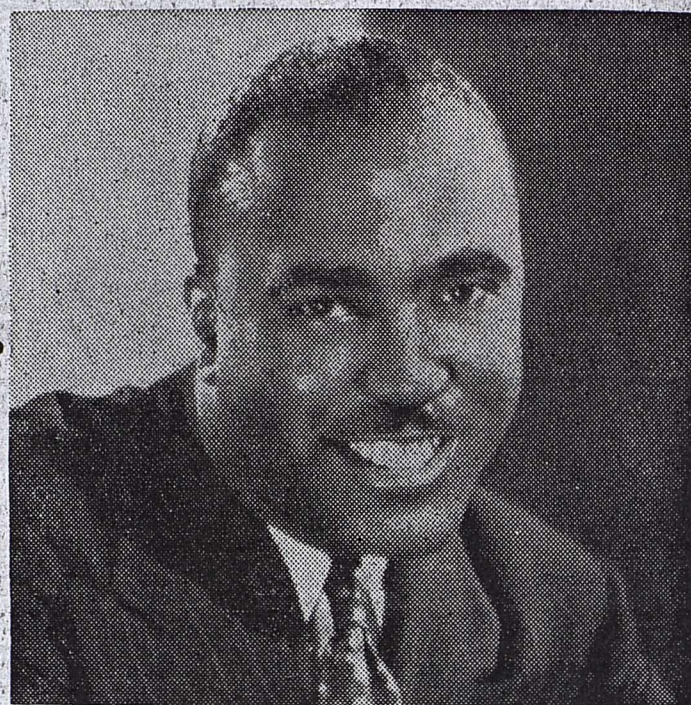
"Kiss And Tell" should be a riot of fun and laughter for Pyote GIs. And reports from Alamogordo say the cast is terrific.

got. Know your role in the whole and sound off.

Tell the rest of the boys what you know, what you do. And let them tell you what they do, too. You all need one another. You all need that whole airplane. The more you each know about the whole thing the more you can do with it. When you sound off you may discover that you don't know as much as you should. And then you'll start to learn. When you do that, you're set. You're on your way.

Know your role in the whole, Mac, and you'll get back.

REC. HALL JUMPS TONIGHT



JIMMY LUNCEFORD

Trips to Carlsbad Caverns Open to GIs Each Sunday

A new program has been instituted on Sunday trips to Carlsbad Caverns. The entire program is now in the hands of the Special Services Office, and weekly trips to the famous Caverns have already begun.

Persons wishing to make the trip to Carlsbad are requested to phone the Special Services Office, Phone 27. Transportation will be provided, and the only cost to the tourists will be for one meal at the Caverns. They will be informed as to the date of their reservation for the trip.

It is planned to reserve the first and third Sundays of each month for GIs who would like to take their wives on the trip.

Next Sunday, May 20th, will be for enlisted personnel only, however. The following Sunday, the 27th, may be set aside for married men and their wives. Effective in June, though, the first and third Sundays will be exclusive for married couples. Trips leave the field at 6:30 a.m.

Special Services will accept reservations now for the trips for the remainder of May.

Prop Pushers To Hold Meet At Wink Sunday

The first meet of the Pyote Prop Pushers' model airplane club will be held Sunday May 20th at the Wink airport.

The Prop Pushers have extended an invitation to all model airplane enthusiasts to participate, and all models—gliders, rubber band jobs—are welcome.

Transportation for participants in the meet will be provided. Buses will leave from the Prop Pushers' club tent, in the Squadron D area, at 10 AM Sunday.

Any personnel who wish to attend the meet as spectators are asked to submit their name to the Special Services Office, phone 27. Transportation for spectators will leave at both 11 AM and 1 PM Sunday.

GIs planning on driving can reach the Wink CCA auxiliary airport which is 21 miles from the field and 4 miles northwest of the town of Wink.

Bad weather may cancel the

REC. HALL DANCES REQUIRE CLASS A'S

Class A uniforms will be worn at the Friday night dances at the Rec. Hall, according to Field regulations. Ties are required.

meet, but the Prop Pushers are anxious for their first meet to be a real success.



KOOPS' KORNERS

Pecos PX was a Pfc's dream last week. When the base was closed, things were sold at cost or below. The menu: Beer, 5c a bottle; lunches, 40c; pie, 5c; ice cream sundaes, 5c; milkshakes, 10c; coffee and doughnuts, 5c.

Sioux Falls AAF, says Associated Press, announced no new classes will begin at the radio school until further notice.

WAC, attention! If you're visiting San Francisco, you can find hotel accommodations, showers, powder room, etc., at the USO Service Women's Dormitory and Lounge, 50 W. Oak, San Fran. There are facilities for laundering, ironing, shampooing, parcel checking, wrapping, mailing; plus books, radios, records, piano, and writing material.

Overseas returnee pilots who formerly were employed by an airline and can obtain employment as pilots for an airline will be relieved from active duty, says the AAF. Those who were not previously employed by an airline must make application for release to become a pilot for a specific firm. All must have completed overseas tour and have been back for 6 months.

Senator Johnson (D.-Colo.) says the point system set up for Army demobilization is too complicated. He wants the War Department to enforce a "first-in-first-out" system. He is going to prepare a bill to that effect to put before the Senate.

The war has come to the small fry. The little kid came home from Sunday school and informed his surprised parents that he had learned "all about the 10 Commandoes". And probably how Moses busted them.

Prices at the Service Club remain high. At 8c per hard-boiled egg—96c per dozen—it would be cheaper to buy a hen. I will gladly listen to an explanation of why a thin slice of bologna, two pieces of bread, come to 15c.

At Camp Lee, Virginia, the "no tie" ruling also says "sleeves can be rolled up two folds while on duty at the post". With hotter weather predicted, a similar ruling here would mean we'd be able to do our work with more pleasantness and hence do a better job.

General Arnold says the Air Force will discontinue its plan to train air combat crews from members of the AAF reserve, recruited from 17 year olds.

In case you haven't heard, there is a Gift of the Month Club. For \$12 for six months, or \$23 for a year, the Club will send to the person you name "a carefully chosen, exciting gift, wrapped, mailed, and postpaid, with your card enclosed." They notify you what the gift was. Their address (in case you're interested) is Dept. 60,475, 5th Avenue, New York City, 17.

If your MOS is 748, you're not an aerial-engineer gunner, you're a "Maintenance Gunner" says AAF Letter 35-205.

The 15th Army, in case you didn't know, has been assigned the job of occupying the United States' section of Germany, which lies in the southern part of the country.

According to the New York Herald-Tribune and unfounded officially, the story goes that General H. H. Arnold may relinquish his job as head of the AAF because of ill health. Possible successors, say the guessers, include: Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Gen. Carl Spaatz.

More bonus news hit Capitol Hill last week. Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) proposed that \$20 be paid weekly for the first year after discharge for all members of the Armed Forces. He plans on putting this bill into the GI Bill of Rights.

The Red Cross War Fund drive was over-subscribed by \$24 million, the campaign chairman announced.

The War Dept. announced that floating air-depots are servicing B-29s. Known formally as "Air Craft Repair Units (Floating)" handle complicated repair work on the Superforts while facilities are being set up ashore. They also have announced that B-29 Combat Crews are being trained in the Caribbean area.

THE GAG BAG

Then there was the guy who caught his buddy tenderly embracing his girl. There was a minute's silence when the guy

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How Does V-E Day Affect Military And Home Scene?

Now that the war is a one-front, one-enemy battle, Pyote GIs may be interested in how the defeat of Europe affects themselves and the folks at home. A fast recap on news since V-E day (May 8) goes like this:

Military

The draft law was renewed and draft calls will continue high in order to release as many older soldiers as possible. Deferments for men under 30 will be few as more vets return to take over civilian jobs. The Selective Service bill will now be in effect until May 15, 1946, or the end of the Pacific war, whichever comes first.

All GIs, qualified for overseas who haven't been over, will go. GIs from Italy and Germany will go, in great numbers, to the Pacific. In fact, many have already been moved. About half will get furloughs in the States.

The Army plans to release 1,300,000 in the next 12 months. Soldiers released will be selected from among fathers and men who have seen extended and arduous service.

The Army will maintain a force, for the next year, of 6,968,000 men. The "point system" will form the basis on which demobilization will be applied.

Home

The midnight curfew is lifted. Horse racing and dog racing are legal again. The "brown-out" (restricting outdoor lighting) was lifted. Manufacture of refrigerators and washing machines is to begin

immediately. Radios, vacuum cleaners, etc., will be on the market within a year.

Automobiles will be rolling off the assembly lines in 6 to 9 months. These new cars will be rationed until output reaches 100,000 cars a month. Drivers will start getting 8 to 16 percent more gasoline, but as rationing remains, the increase may be temporary.

No nylons, no silk stockings, no improvement in home food, no lift on meat, sugar, shoe rations, etc.

Already the ban on typewriter production has been lifted. No longer are certificates needed to buy new machines. And coin-operated vending machines have been okayed by the WPB. Aluminum foil for wrapping purposes has gotten the green light, and dry cell batteries will be on the market in the next few months. It is reported that used-car prices are tumbling, which insiders guess means civilian auto production before 1946.

According to his widow, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel died of a heart attack while recovering from head wounds inflicted by Allied strafing planes.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Step to the rear, please... plenty of room in back!"

Pyote WACs Celebrate Two Anniversaries

The WAC celebrates a double anniversary at Pyote this week. May 14th marks the 3rd anniversary of the WAAC, and also comes pretty close to hitting the day (June 1) that the WAAC first arrived at Pyote, back in 1943.

The original cadre consisted of twelve girls, of whom but four remain at Pyote. That was back when the organization was the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. On August 6th, the group was taken into the regular Army.

A number of Pyote WACs have shipped overseas since the formation of the Squadron. Among those who left was F/Sgt. Alren Vincent. Vincent was one of the first WAC arrivals at Pyote, and upon her departure the present First Sergeant, Mary Roman, took over the duties.

Boss of the Pyote WACs is Capt. Edith Haslam, who also came to Pyote with the vanguard.

In connection with the third anniversary of the WAC, you might be interested in knowing that 65 WACs have received decorations for distinguished service in the various fields. Eight have received the Legion of Merit, 28 the Bronze Star, five the Soldiers Medal, and 14 wear the Purple Heart. One WAC has been posthumously awarded the Air Medal for devotion to duty which cost her life.

Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the WAC, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

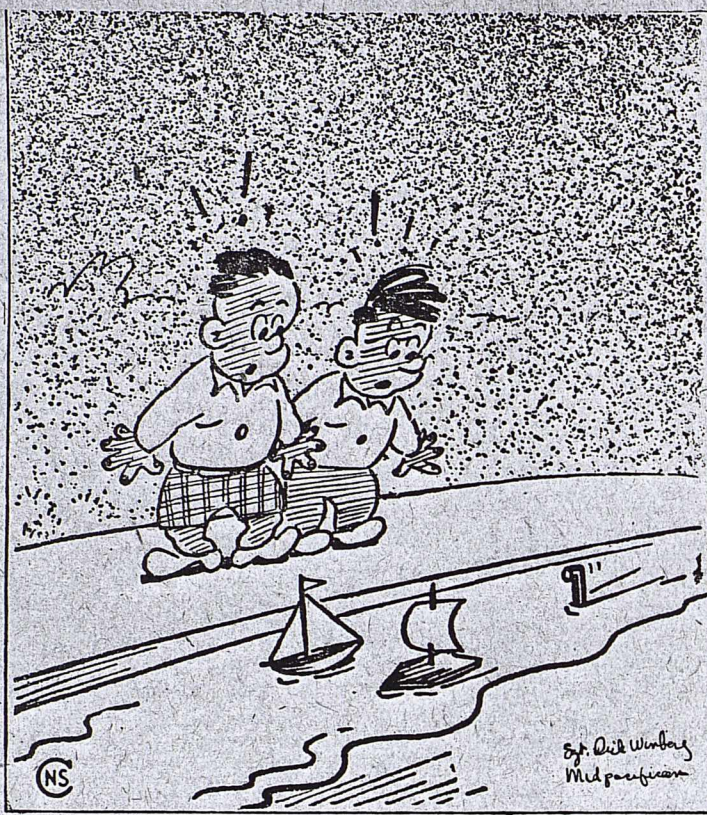
Over-42s Head For Separation Centers In Discharge Flurry

In a few brief and whirlwind moves, the "Over-42" boys found themselves discharged from the Army, upon their own request. Red tape was slashed to the core and by Thursday orders were out on eight Pyote "old-timers" to move on to their final separation centers.

T/Sgt. Ben Tylee of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, headed for Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Sgt. Cecil Olmstead of LaCrosse, Wash., headed for Fort Lewis Wash.; Sgt. Peter P. Urban of Fall River, Mass., went to Fort Dix, N. J.; Cpl. Joseph Teska of Berwyn, Ill., headed for Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Other vets headed home in the near future are: S/Sgt. George Weber, and Pfc. Erick W. P. Rusch, Sq. A; Sgt. Thomas Gordon, Sq. F; and S/Sgt. Webb C. Coffee and Sgt. Oliver deLong of Sq. D.

Over 25,000 military pilots have gotten private flying licenses from the CAA in the past five years.



"Damit" Leads a Dog's Life But There's String Attached

They're always saying "Damit" in Crew 606 of Section I—but it doesn't mean what you think.

Damit's the name of their dog—a wiry little black Cocker spaniel who weighs about three pounds and boasts a parachute as big as herself.

"We'll have none of this useless mascot stuff around here," said the crew of 606 when they picked up Damit for good luck shortly after starting training.

Damit—who has really found a home—hasn't logged any flying time yet, but has been taken on several dry runs in preparation for her solo. So far she has taken her ground schooling with a great deal of aplomb and is fast developing into an expert "tunnel" dog.

She carries messages back and forth through the tunnel of the Superfort, will deliver messages from one end of the ship to the other. Now she's studying proper ditching procedure and is slated to make her first training flight soon.

If she qualifies she'll be given a 123 (K) MOS and assigned to the crew. So far her biggest difficulty has been in learning to wear the tricky parachute harness provided for her by the crew members.

When first introduced to the harness, Damit was quite shy. But after some coaxing she learned to wear it, plus the parachute, and is learning to get her oxygen mask properly adjusted.

The name, Damit, wasn't an accident. One day before she'd had time to get plane-broken, Damit was allowed to stay by herself in then aviator's compartment. When Lt. Armand Zuckerman walked in,

GIANT OCS IN FRANCE GRADUATES 6000 A MONTH

A giant OCS, staffed to turn out more than 6,000 platoon leaders a month, has been opened at Fontainebleau, France. Thirty-two officers, 52 enlisted men and 4 Wacs, under Col. Harold E. Potter, executive officer of Ft. Benning have been transferred from the Georgia Infantry school.

he took a glance at the floor and blew up.

"Damit!" he said. "You'll have to get out of here. Go back and stay with the tail gunner."

The rest of the crew heard him and promptly hung the name on the poor little pooch, disgraced for the rest of the day. But now the friendly little spaniel has made the crew a good mascot, a better tunnel dog, and has wiped out the air of opprobrium in which the name originated. The tag, however, hangs on.

Over at the BOQ they've rigged up a little girl dog's BOQ for Damit, and there she rests when her day's work on the line is done. A maneuverable ramp lets her down from the porch of the BOQ to her own quarters. Her furniture includes a rock garden, feeding

City Of Chicago Thrills To Sight Of Pyote Superfort

While a million Americans watched breathlessly below, a Pyote Superfort wheeled in the sunlight above Chicago's Municipal Airport to show the home front what the war against Japan will take in planning, work and airmanship.

It was a part of the Seventh War Loan Drive.

At the two exhibitions which were given Saturday and Sunday, the crowd was estimated at one million.

Some famous ships were present. But the one which attracted most attention was the B-29 piloted by Capt. Fred Sherman, which exhibited a combat training mission for the benefit of Chicago spectators. The mission, called for by the training calendar, was written into the books and is considered training for the war against the Japs for the crew trainees who participated.

Next to Pyote's B-29 representative was a B-19, the huge craft from which the Superforts developed. The B-19 is now being converted into a cargo ship which will carry 20 tons of air cargo to Borneo non-stop.

Next to the B-19 was the President's personal ship, the C-54 which carried the late Commander-in-Chief to the Yalta Conference and on many other important flights. It is piloted by Lt. Col. Miller.

The B-29 while in Chicago took off and circled the field, the crew pulled a pre-flight inspection for the crowd, pulled a routine inspection and the other chores which are necessary for the success of any mission.

Other air stunts:

C-46's and C-47's dropped cargo chutes, and paratroopers on the Chicago airport. Gliders were towed by C-47s.

In one spectacular stunt, a C-47 towed a glider onto the ramp. A dime was placed on the ramp and the glider landed and came to a full stop with its nose exactly over the dime. The crowd was impressed.

A Chicago department store bought the dime for \$250,000 in war bonds.

An armada of 100 planes—B-17s and B-24s—took off on two-hour flights both days and participated in mock dog-fights over the airport.

The House Judiciary Committee approved a bill to award the Congressional Medal of Honor to Franklin D. Roosevelt posthumously.

trough and separate sleeping quarters.

Postmark Pyote
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Plow Jockeys are going to migrate to Brooklyn after the war, then you can feast your eyes on real curvacious, eye-appealing, with-body-to-match!

It burns me up to see these Texas girls going around with short skirts, trying to show off their legs that in my estimation wouldn't even pass for pogo sticks. Brooklyn and Long Island girls have the whole country beat—both with figures and legs and looks, and in closing let me add: when you Texas gals walk down the street you throw off as much sex appeal as a dead cow.

Brooklyn Larry

Editor, The Rattler:

For eighteen months, I have been trying to convince DYs from above the Mason-Dixon line that Texas is a wonderful place to be from. Trouble is, most of them agree too heartily by doing the same thing to the preposition at the end of the sentence that Crosby does to the positive.

I was met with no little success in my campaign and went so far as to organize a Texas citizen's Candidate School—and got some applicants!

So Mrs. Anonymous resented my remarks about the gams on the Stephens College co-eds? So maybe some of the other girls had nice legs too—but I DID see puh-lenty of Texas limbs outside of slacks. Sure our girls wore slacks and sloppy sweaters, but beinly nicely reared girls the sweaters did more for them than to keep them warm.

My stay at the U. of Missouri was short (I couldn't take their favorite drink of straight alcohol mixed with cherry phosphates) but I was there long enough to find out that the things Missouri men wanted to be shown, showed best on Texas beauties.

Next time you're in Hollywood, go to the Florentine Gardens and take a look at the legs of Gypsie Stell—she's from Texas. Pecos, yet! Nyah!

Cpl. Clyde Melton

● Melton, ex-editor of the Pecos Flying Times is continuing his pin-game at San Antonio AAF OCS.

DIRTY WORD DEPT.

Editor, The Rattler:

Have been reading your column for the last couple of weeks and think other GIs and also civilians, should read it. It might, if possible, remind them on how ungentlemanly they have been acting on the late buses from Monahans to Pyote.

My wife is a WAC and I respect her as other GIs respect their civilian wives. I respect her more because she is in uniform, doing her share like thousands of other

WACs to help, my brothers and friends and even the dirty mouthed GIs get home to loved ones sooner. So fellows—think! Would you use this dirty profanity around your mother, wife, or sister? Then let's not use it in front of some other fellow's wife, sister or mother. Just because these women are in uniform does not give you the right to use filthy profanity around them. I personally think you could express yourselves without making every word a curse word. Remember, the war can't last forever, so you might as well start now to reconvert yourself into gentlemen. You'll have to know how to be one of you want to get anywhere in civilian life.

Name Withheld.

SHOULDA STOOD IN PYOTE.

Editor, The Rattler:

Just a line to say hello and to wish I was back at Pyote. I miss Pyote so much. The people aren't the least bit friendly. It's cold and rainy. Why don't you put in big headlines in The Rattler: "Stay In Pyote!" I never realized how nice the place was. This field is so small compared to Pyote. I don't think the library here has over a thousand books—if that many. Must close, so will say again—I wish I was back at Pyote.

Pfc. Jo Kane, Herington AAF, Kans.

● Many Pyoters will remember Jo, the chubby cherub of the library.

CHOW HOUND

Editor, The Rattler:

Tell the boys at Mess Hall 3 that I miss them. The mess hall here is not as good. The town is okay. All the boys enjoy their liberties. Will be here a few more days.

Chowhound.

SURVIVING SON

Editor, The Rattler:

Can a man be shipped back to the States if his brother has been killed in action in this war? I tried to check this with my CO but he didn't seem to know anything about it. My brother was killed in France, and I am serving in the Philippines.

(Name withheld).

● No, only a sole surviving son of a family that has lost two or more sons in the war can be returned to the states under WD policy. Even then, if he is engaged in non-hazardous duty overseas he may be kept at his overseas assignment.

LAST B-26 MARAUDER LEAVES ASSEMBLY LINE

Christened "Tail End Charlie" the last B-26 Marauder medium bomber rolled off the Glenn L. Martin Company's assembly line recently and was turned over to the AAF. Its mission fulfilled, the B-26 has been replaced by longer range bombers.

GIs Favorite Cartoonist Gets General's Goat [With Beard]

Bill Mauldin's famous GI cartoon characters aren't going to have to shave after all. That, despite Lt. Gen. George Patton's orders. The GIs favorite cartoonist, Mauldin almost got into a scrape with the general over the bearded and begrimed soldiers he portrays in his cartoon strip.

Gen. Patton, it seems, insists on spit and polish and recently threatened to ban the newspaper "Stars and Stripes" from his area unless Mauldin's cartoons got a shave.

Mauldin—who fears no man—replied with the cartoon reprinted below. At this point, feelings were at such a pitch that Gen. Dwight Eisenhower directed Gen. George Patton and Sgt. Bill Mauldin to get together. Mauldin rode in a jeep for 36 hours to reach Patton's headquarters.

Bill was scrubbed, shaved, and saluting. General Patton explained that Mauldin's cartoons were playing hob with morale. Not every soldier could wash and shave every day, but the General claimed that some who could didn't—just to look like Mauldin's boys.

Said the Sergeant to the General: "The only Army morale cartoons ever hurt is in the high places . . . sir."

What else took place is not known, but Mauldin's drawings

Ban Lifted On Wire Greetings From GIs

The ban on congratulatory telegrams has been lifted for the exclusive use of GIs. The Government, in an effort to cut down excess use of telegraph service, banned messages of congratulation and holiday greetings, back in 1942.

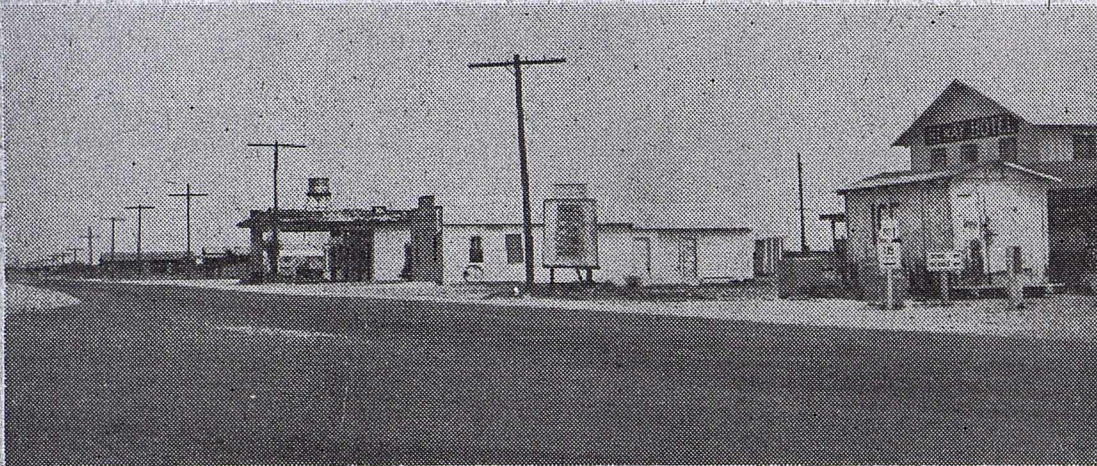
However, last week this ban was lifted in the case of servicemen and women. According to the Pyote Signal Office, telegrams may be sent extending greetings or congratulations. There are no pre-written forms and the regular wire rate is charged.

still appear unwashed and unshaven. And Mauldin remains the favorite GI of the whole blamed Army.



"BUT GAD, SIR, I TRIED!"

So This Is Pyote!



(This is the second in a new series of photo-stories of the most legendary town in the 2AF—Pyote. They're great for scrapbooks, or as a feature to send home.)

This week's picture is one of the first sights to meet the eye when you disembark from the T. & P. train. It's the town of Pyote, as you look eastward to Fort Worth.

The road is Highway 80 that runs from Fort Worth to El Paso. But to Pyote, it's "Main Street"—that is, if Pyote had names for their streets. But they don't have to. There's only one street in town, and this is it.

The look east from the station gives you a view of half of Pyote. Almost hidden behind the sign posts is the ice house, which is next to the Highway Hotel, Pyote's only hostelry. The small white frame shack next door used to be a mission church. It's now a feed store.

After that is Lacy's filling station—which has been closed and dust gathering to these many months. After that? Why, after that you're out of Pyote and into the miles and miles of mileful Texas.

(Next week: Looking West.)

Local WAC Featured On Nation-wide Radio Salute

A radio reunion yesterday—the third anniversary of the Women's Army Corps—brought together a Texarkana, Ark., mother and her two daughters, all three of whom are serving as Wacs.

Pfc. Vivian Brown, of Pyote Army Air Field, spoke to her mother, Sgt. Eva H. Brown, in Rome, Italy, and her sister, Sgt. Gladys Brown, stationed in Washington, D. C., with the Air Transport Command.

The program was CBS' "Wacs on Parade", which goes on the air each Wednesday afternoon.

Mother's Day, 1944, was the last time Vivian saw her mother. It was then the "all out" Brown family held a big reunion at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. The roll call showed all members present.

Gladys and Vivian had just enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and were taking basic training. Pvt. Eva H. Brown, who had been serving in the WAC a year then, was being staged for overseas movement.

"We didn't have any boys in our family, but we did the best we could," says Vivian, a sturdy, hazel-eyed girl with a sun-tanned smile.

It was not a Mother's Day broadcast—instead it commemorated the third anniversary of the war-born Women's Army Corps—but the date was close enough for Vivian. "I just wanted to say hello and then listen to Mother talk. It was the sweetest voice I've heard

in a long time."

The Brown sisters grew up at Groveton, Texas, where Vivian graduated from high school in 1941. Mrs. Brown had been widowed a year earlier by the death of her husband. Moving to Texarkana, the three went to work in the Red River Ordnance plant, where they were employed until their enlistment in the WAC.

Pfc. Brown's fiancé, Sgt. Robert Glenn Smith of Groveton, has been serving in England a year with an OSS radio communications outfit.

As a civilian employee in the ordnance plant, Pfc. Brown was a supply clerk. She does practically the same work at this field, where her job is drawing supplies from Air Corps Parts and Equipment and delivering them to mechanics on the line. She has been stationed at this B-29 crew training field since June 7, 1944.

The British Empire has sustained 1,126,802 casualties during five years of war.

15-Day Furlough Is AAF Offer For Suggestions

Military personnel of Second Air Force now may be granted as much as 15 days additional furlough, plus travel time, for outstanding suggestions submitted in the "Ideas for Victory" program.

Under consideration for some time at this headquarters, authority to permit additional furlough time as compensation for adopted suggestions is currently being released in 2AF Regulation 37-1A, 1 May 1945.

Normally, maximum furlough time allowed by existing 2AF Regulations is limited to 15 days plus travel time. The new amendment to directives of this command will permit the maximum under ARs of 30 days plus travel time, as a reward for helpful military suggestions.

Military personnel who submitted worthwhile ideas in 2AF's suggestion program previously were eligible for recommendation for the Legion of Merit, promotion or letter of commendation from the individual's commanding officer. The new furlough award does not replace any of those formerly offered, but is available as an additional incentive.

The 3rd Infantry Division, serv-



Two of the world's best athletes and finest sportsmen died recently. One of them, T/Sgt. Torger Tokle, America's greatest ski jumper, was killed leading his platoon during an attack by the 10th Mountain Division across the Apennines. The other, Steve Donoghue, Britain's greatest jockey, died in London after a V-2 attack at the age of 60.

Tokle, Norwegian-born idol of the ski trails, was a great performer to the end. When the end came he was leading his platoon of mountain troops on an Apennine peak in one of the most daring assaults ever attempted in war. The objective was won and Torger was fighting off a counter-attack when he was cut down by shell fragments. He died in the snow covered mountains, the kind of country he loved.

Donoghue, the most durable jockey who ever lived, won 1840 races in 40 years. Best known in the U.S. for riding Papyrus to defeat behind Zev at Belmont Park in 1923, he was the biggest money winner in the history of the British turf. His death, like so many others in Britain, was indirectly caused by the war. Five years of living the grim, hard life the war brought to London finally killed him. His death, like Torger Tokle's, was period at the end of the story of a champion.

Vince Tries Philly Cooking

The Pittsburgh Pirates have swapped Vince DiMaggio, the well-fed man, to the Phillies for Al Gerhauser, a left handed pitcher. DiMaggio, who brings to the Phillies some of the slickest fielding and footwork in the league, has been persona non grata at Pittsburgh since last July when he ate a \$9 meal and charged same to the club. "I was hungry," Vincent explained.

THUNDERBOLTS WIN FROM MONAHANS TEAM

The Pyote Thunderbolts coasted to a 10 to 5 victory over the Mexican baseball team. The Thunderbolts started pounding their opponent's hurlers as early as the first inning and never relented building up enough lead to ease into the win column. This was the winner's third victory in three starts. M/Sgt. Elmore, the manager, extends challenge to all teams caring to engage his charges.

ing with the 7th Army, has been awarded over 25 Congressional Medals of Honor.

Maintenance Control Serves As Pulse of the Flight Line

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 this field is accomplished.

The heart of the entire maintenance organization of Pyote Army Air Field is Maintenance Control, the department located upstairs in Sub-Depot Hangar.

It is supervised by Capt. Willard E. Bauman and is the liaison office between the Maintenance and Training departments.

It is charged with maintaining control of the movement of all aircraft and maintenance personnel. The administrative section coordinates all administrative matters among all sections of Aircraft Maintenance, supervises the many branches of Maintenance Control, and is responsible to the Supervisor of Maintenance.

The nerve center of Maintenance Control, as it regulates the movement of all aircraft undergoing maintenance, is Aircraft Control. The section is under Capt. Kenneth R. Parrish. It is responsible for having the following information at all times:

Location of all aircraft; status of all aircraft (flyable, non-flyable, operational); job progress of all aircraft undergoing maintenance; time on each aircraft and engine; complete status on all accessory equipment installed in aircraft for training purposes; accurate estimated Time in Commission of all aircraft undergoing maintenance; and status of all aircraft being, or having been, cannibalized for parts.

To assist in gathering the required information, Aircraft Control has in effect a two-way intercommunicating system with all aircraft maintenance sections. A jeep equipped with two-way radio operates on the flight line. This jeep, known as "The Expediter," is the eyes and ears of the section. It patrols the ramp and checks on ETT's, accurate up-to-the-minute status of all aircraft and is always on the alert to clear up any delays which might slow down maintenance.

This section plans and schedules all inspections, tech order compliances, engine, cylinder and turbo changes for the immediate 24-hour period ahead. It also maintains a complete history on each aircraft.

An elaborate and complete Status Board is maintained by T/Sgt. Dominick V. Camella, assisted by Sgt. Joseph E. Jensen, Sgt. Howard F. Long, Sgt. Gus W. Cady, Cpl. Stephen P. Gusso, and Pfc. Robert W. Foss. This status board gives at a glance complete information about any aircraft. Pfc. Patricia Parent and Pfc. Cecilia Warner operate the switchboard which connects maintenance control by field phone with all the various maintenance sections.

Production control is a subsection of maintenance control under the supervision of Lt. Arthur J. Kjøntvedt. Its functions are to expedite the flow of work in the third echelon shops, provide a record of the utilization of specialist manpower on the station, make time studies on work, report on work loads on each shop and section, keep backlogs in the shops under control and controls repairable items to be locally manufactured.

Technical order compliance—another sub-section—is supervised by M/Sgt. Mark F. Davis, assisted by S/Sgt. Marvin T. Morgan, Sgt. Olaf W. Olson and Pfc. Thomas L. Kister. It schedules and controls the accomplishment of all technical order compliances and maintains many specialized AAF Forms pertaining to the aircraft. This section is responsible for the requisitioning of all necessary technical order kits used in complying with technical orders.

UR-Weight and Balance—Service Test. This sub-section, under the supervision of Lt. Hugh M. Braughtigam, assisted by S/Sgt. Jim Castner, investigates malfunctions and unsatisfactory conditions of aircraft, accessories, and aircraft maintenance and servicing equipment and when warranted prepares unsatisfactory reports. This section processes all UR's submitted by specialized sections such as Radar, Armament, Bombsight, etc., and disseminates to all sections concerned recommendations regarding unsatisfactory reports which have been received at this station.

Personnel—is under the supervision of S/Sgt. Lester I. Bell. It accounts for man hours expended by all officer, enlisted and civilian personnel assigned to duty with the supervisor of aircraft maintenance.

It is divided into two sections—one for the military and one for civilian personnel. The military section under the supervision of S/Sgt. James L. Marron, assisted by Pfc. Max R. Farrell, maintains complete informational rosters on all military personnel assigned to aircraft maintenance and makes all duty assignments in aircraft maintenance.

The civilian branch of this section is supervised by Mr. Frank A. Williams and is assisted by Miss Helen D. Williams and Miss Brette E. Terry and they perform



T/Sgt. Dominic Camella makes a few changes in the Maintenance Control Time Chart that keeps an accurate count and condition of all planes on the field. Pfc. Robert Foss shoots Camella the information from the swivel chair.



HAGEN—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Hagen at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 5, a boy, Larry William, weight 7 lbs. 14 ozs. S/Sgt. Hagen is assigned to Sq. F.

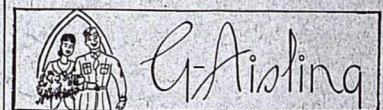
O'TREMBIA—Born to Pvt. and Mrs. Edward O'Tremba at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 9, a girl, Patricia Anne, weight 6 lbs. 2 ozs. Pvt. O'Tremba is assigned to Sq. A.

TISHER—Born to Cpl. and Mrs. Clarence Tisher at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 12, a boy, Ralph LeRoy, weight 7 lbs. 7 ozs. Cpl. Tisher is assigned to Sq. D.

GRAHAM—Born to M/Sgt. and Mrs. E. J. Graham at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 12, a boy, John Edward, weight 6 lbs. 2 ozs. M/Sgt. Graham is assigned to Sq. E.

duties for civilian personnel in aircraft maintenance similar to those performed by the military branch. The personnel section sets ratios of authorized absences in proportion to the number of personnel assigned for the various sections in aircraft maintenance.

Quality supervision, under the supervision of Lt. Robert D. Eisenhart and M/Sgt. Robert B. Hawkins, inspect each aircraft after an inspection has been performed by maintenance sections to check on the quality of the maintenance work. This section is not related



SECOR - COOK

Married at the Station Chapel May 10, Miss Norma L. Cook of Los Angeles, Calif., to T/Sgt. Leonard M. Secor, Sq. F, of Bozeman, Mont. T/Sgt. Harold M. Hoke was best man. Rites performed by Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

HALL - ATKINS

Married at the Station Chapel May 9, Miss Lucille Francis Atkins of Eccles, W. Va., to S/Sgt. Eugene G. Hall, Sq. D, of Eccles, W. Va. S/Sgt. James D. Buck was best man. Rites performed by Chaplain Philip F. Anderson.

BURDICK - SCOFIELD

Married at the Station Chapel May 12, Mrs. Dele M. Scofield of Salt Lake City, Utah, to Capt. Mitchell Burdick of Sq. M. Rites performed by Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

to the base technical air inspectors. Checking of all hangar equipment and the maintenance and distribution of all pertinent technical orders to the various sections in aircraft maintenance are also the responsibility of this section.

Flight-Test section consists of a group of highly skilled officers and enlisted personnel under the supervision of Lt. George Cameron. The responsibility of this section is to flight test each aircraft on the completion of each 75 and 150-hour inspection, after engine change and after each repair or alteration that might affect the flight characteristics of the aircraft.

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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.

FOR SALE

ALL AUTO ADS in Rattler must conform to OPA regulations. Ads must list make, body model, year, price, and that the price is in line with OPA ceiling.

A 22-FOOT house trailer, two rooms, butane equipment, good tires, and reasonably priced. Can be seen at Camp Pyote, one mile east of field. Lt. Long.

HERE'S A completely furnished house-trailer for sale. It's in excellent condition. Price: \$750.00. See it at No. Pacific or call Ext. 257 on the field.

AN 18-FOOT Covered Wagon trailer house for sale, cheap. Call Ext. 261, MAAF, Midland, Tex., and ask for Pfc. E. E. Hensley.

TRAILER HOUSE, with Venetian blinds and electric ice box, up for sale for only \$750. Contact Lt. Parker at Cottage Courts, Monahans, any evening.

GOING TO New York or Saint Louis? One furlough ticket, one-way to New-York, one furlough ticket, one-way to St. Louis. Contact Pfc. Scattergood in Sq. F orderly room.

SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE—I still have it and the price is \$40 this week and if I don't sell it I'll take \$35 next week. See S/Sgt. Orr at Mess Hall 5.

FOR SALE—Heywood - Wakefield baby carriage, all metal, rubber tires and leather in navy blue and white trim. Nearly new. \$20.00. Call Lt. Dunbar at Ext. 79.

FOR SALE—1935 Standard Ford. Good condition. \$325.00. Ceiling OPA price. See Cpl. Hungate, Sq. F or call Ext. 18.

FOR SALE—'41 Ford, black, four door, radio, heater and good tires. \$935.00 ceiling OPA price. Call Ext. 216.

THE WORLD'S *Safest* INVESTMENT
WAR BONDS

WANTED

WILL BUY bus or train tickets from El Paso to Pyote. See Cpl. F. Tiburi, Bks. 537, Sq. F.

LT. GABLER is interested in purchasing a 1941 or 1942 Buick or Cadillac convertible. You can contact Lt. Gabler at Ext. 79.

A 15 TUBE Silvertone radio, a toaster, a 12 lb. 3-heat tailor's iron—they're all for sale at the Sq. D orderly room. See Cpl. Donald Widman there any evening Monday through Friday after 7 PM.

WANTED—Four passengers to commute daily to Pecos. Now working graveyard shift. See Sgt. Bob Opitz, Sq. D, Bks. 516 or phone Ext. 271 at 0800.

LOST

WILL THE Combat Crew Officer who thought he mailed a letter to "Slim" put it in the mail? Obviously he didn't. The letter, addressed to "Dear Slim" and signed "Bill" is at the Special Services Office. Obviously, a Special Service.

A WALLET, containing money and identification papers, was lost on the Monahans-Pyote bus Tuesday, May 8th. Finder please return wallet and keep money. Contact Pfc. C. J. Brutico, Sq. E or return to Rattler.

I LOST a heavy sterling silver identification bracelet with my name on it, "John Kush, Jr.". Please return to Rattler office.

LT. ROBERT H. THEDE lost a wallet containing money and identification papers, etc. He says finder can keep half the jack as a reward and return balance and wallet to Thede at BOQ 713.

LOST—Purse containing specially ground sun-glasses of no value to anyone but me. Reward offered if finder returns them and other items. Mrs. Jackie Beeman, Base Signal Office, Ext. 0.

PERSONALS

HAVE YOU met USAFI? Latch on to those courses that will help your post-war plan. Learn now, and get that college or high school credit. Only \$2. See Lt. Gruben at the Special Services Office. Phone 27.

MAKE UP your mind, chum. Are you gonna or aintcha gonna? Skeets.

WILL TRADE Ronson lighter on camera range finder. Phone Sgt. Retterbush at 229.

MBW: Yes. Love, C.

WOULD YOU LIKE to rent a portable sewing machine? Cpl. Donald L. Widman has two for rent. Contact him after 7 and evening, Monday through Friday, at the Sq. D orderly room.

GOING MY WAY? Leaving about the 28th for Muskogee, Okla., and prefer feminine companion (one who can drive). Will drive through either Dallas or Oklahoma City. '41 Ford Coupe. Please phone Mrs. Servaas at 389-J in Monahans.

MAKE A DATE WITH A DISC: Recordings made with portable equipment. Send the folks a verbal greeting from Pyote. See Bob Opitz, Sq. D, Bks. 516 or phone Sgt. Nystrom at Ext. 271.

WANT A BOX OF TOLL HOUSE COOKIES? Any combat crew member, or any member of this field who leaves for overseas service can secure a box of homemade Toll House cookies. Here is all you need to do. When you have reached your destination, send your request with your correct APO address to: Mom Weir, 1107 Robinson, El Paso, Texas. One box is mailed out each day.

WANA PLAY SOFT BALL? We challenge anyone any time any place. Call T/Sgt. Kuna at Ext. 88.

WANNA BUY a discharge? Then simply invest in war bonds; the dough you plunk in them will bring that precious white paper around a heckuvalot sooner.

GOT A YEN to face the footlights? Right now's the time to sign up for the Dramatics Club being formed by Cpl. Art Hammell. Call 27 for all the details.

FOUND

A LADY in Amarillo picked up two soldiers from Pyote in her car in Amarillo on May 6th, and drove them to Dumas. One of the GIs left a package in her car. The lady now has the package and if the guy will contact Mr. Gibbs at the Red Cross he will get in touch with her and retrieve the package.

S/SGT. R. R. ROBERTS who it seems has nothing to do but find lost articles, has a ring that some joker left in the Hangar 2 latrine. The guy can get same by contacting Roberts at Flight Line Maintenance (phone 65) and identifying ring.

ANOTHER ROBERTS' find is a wallet that was left in one of the planes. Owner may have same by identifying. Contact Roberts at phone 65, Flight Line Maintenance.

THE RATTLER has a silver cross on plexiglass cord that belongs to some Catholic on the field. Somebody found it and turned it in; owner may have same by calling at Rattler office for it.

BE *American*

SHARE

Your

CAR!

Save GAS
CARS, TIRES!

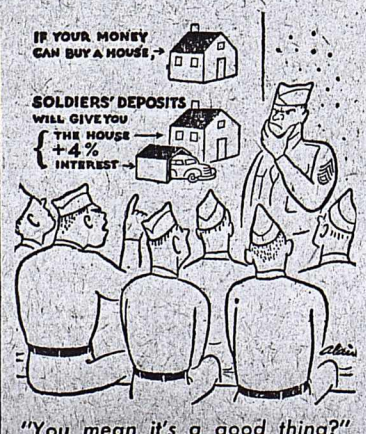
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IF YOUR MONEY CAN BUY A HOUSE...

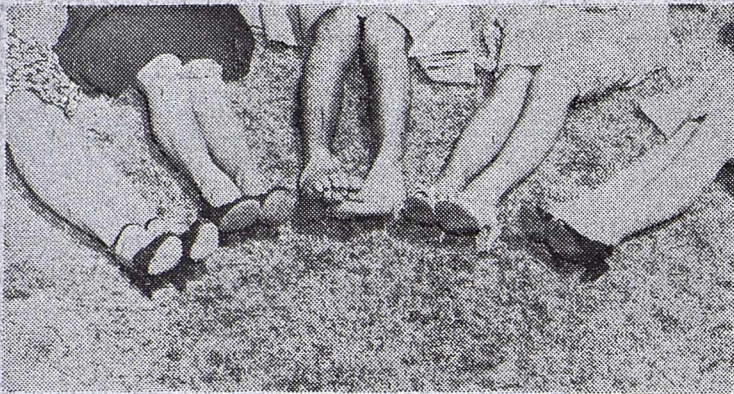
SOLDIERS' DEPOSITS WILL GIVE YOU THE HOUSE +4% INTEREST

"You mean it's a good thing?"




Before you pull a boner... and the wrong knob...
CHECK UP WITH THE RIGHT T.O.!

TEXAS EDITOR TALKS BACK



"THE MIDDLE PAIR ARE FROM MISSOURI"

(See story below)

—Photo by Doris Sue Potter

El Paso Editor Talks Back; Defends Texan Gamhood

Editor Pooley of the El Paso Herald-Post rose sternly to the defense of Texas legs a few weeks ago. Since then Pyote GIs have been knocking Pooley hither and yon. Not one to take a beating meekly, Editor Pooley raises his bloody but unbowed hoggin, and takes a few parting slaps at the rest of the United States

"I'm righteously indignant. That bird in your May 3 issue (who signs himself A.J.K., El Paso) reflects on my vitality and the vitality of all newsmen. Maybe once he had a look at my gray hairs (just enough to lend distinction, the girls say) and came to a wrong conclusion. But I would remind him that a bit of snow on the roof is no sign there is no fire in the cellar.

"I note also that a couple of Brooklynites have edged into the discussion but I am surprised to see they are not on the side of Texas. I like Brooklyn and Brooklynites. After all, Brooklyn has been just about the best ally Texas has had. I go so far as to doubt if Texas could ever have won the war if it had not been for the help of the boys from Brooklyn. And not the least of Brooklyn's charms are its girls and the legs thereof. I admire them immensely. They are more like Texas legs than any others in the world.

"The boys from Missouri seem to have piped down. They must have been shown. But just to clinch that end of the argument I am enclosing a picture.

"These are Texas legs except for that pair in the center. That's from Missouri. The gams here depicted are attached to co-eds at the TEXAS College of Mines. Even Stanley Schoenfeld can glance at these and see that Texas legs have far better uses than merely to separate a girl's body from the ground. This cheese cake isn't limburger, boy."

The Rattler, snowed under with comments to Pooley suggests indignant Brooklynites and other non-Texans who care to respond do so to Mr. Pooley personally. His address: E. M. Pooley, Editor, El Paso Herald-Post, El Paso,

Discharge—

chanic, 383 Fire Fighter, 405 Clerk-Typist, 409 Medical Technician, 425 Tabulating Machine Repairman, 437 Piccolo or Flute Player, 438 French Horn Player, 485 Petroleum Storage Technician, 508, 510 Information Center Operator, 522 Guard Patrolman, 538 Voice Interceptor, 543 Radio Intelligence Controlman, 548 Fabric and Dope Mechanic, 550 Airplane Wood Worker, 555 Airplane Sheet Metal Worker, 583 Engineer Supply Technician, 609 Leather and Canvas Worker, 623 Finance Typist-Clerk, 648 Radio Repairman, 665 Fuel Cell Repairman, 684 Airplane Power-plant Mechanic, 685 Airplane Electrical Mechanic, 686 Airplane Instrument Mechanic, 687 Airplane Prop Mechanic, 689 Airplane Cable Mechanic, 709 Radio Traffic Analyst, 739 Intercept Operator J, 760 AACS Radio Operator, 777 Automatic Hi-Speed Radio Operator, 790 Teletype Technician Weather Observer, 798, 799, 801 Airplane Instrument Mechanic Repairman, 803 Bugler, 808 Cryptanalysis Technician, 826 AAF Supply Technician, 852 Radar Mechanic, 853 Navigational Radar Mechanic, 861 Surgical Technician, 865, 867 Radar Mechanic, Bombardment, 901 Munitions Worker, 903 Small Arms Weapon Repairman, 915 Artillery Anti-Aircraft Repairman, 917 Artillery Anti-Aircraft Repairman Director, 926 Carburetor Specialist, 932 Special Vehicle Operator, 952 Gunlaying Equipment Radar Repairman, 953 Reporting Equipment Radar Repairman, 956 Carburetor Repairman, 957 Airplane Electrical Instrument Mechanic, and 965 Auto Repairman.

Koops' Korner—

said: "I don't mind your necking with my girl, but I'll thank you to take your hands off my fraternity pin!"

The couple took an early morning stroll to observe the beauties of spring. "Hmmm", quoth he, "some dew on the grass." "Hmm-mm", quoth she, "Not me."

You've heard about the boys who made a slight mistake on the firing range. They hit the wrong target. Now the field gets it's air-mail by bus.

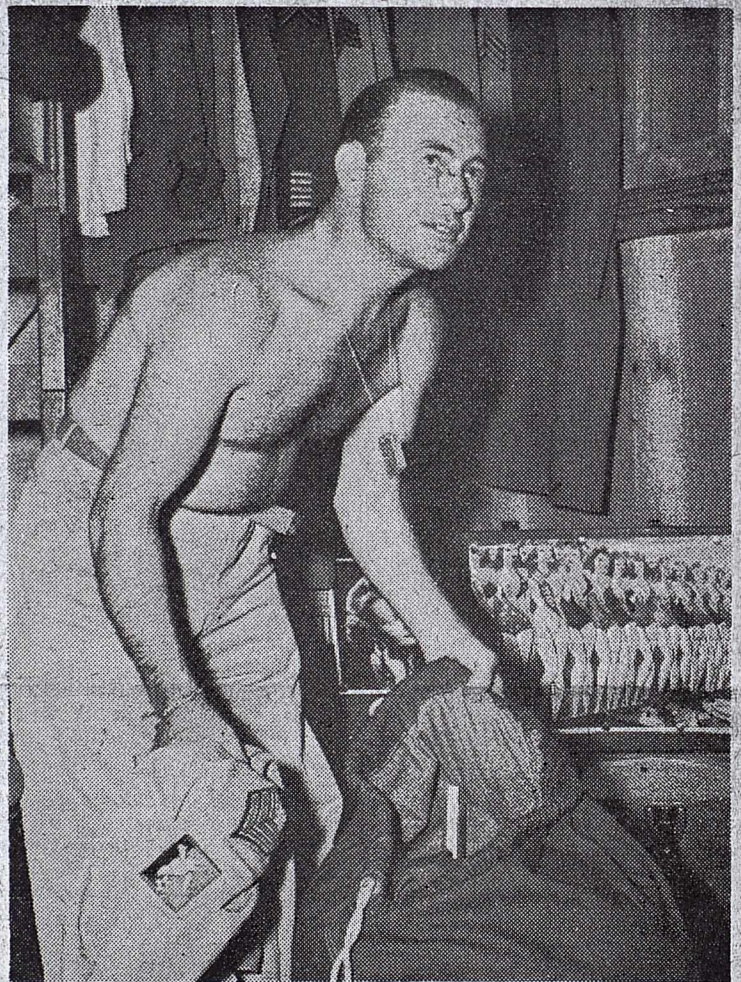
Making love to an indifferent woman, says George Toles, is like playing a violin with an axe.

An old Ozark hermit died recently when he wandered out of the woods and saw an automobile for the first time. He didn't see it soon enough.

As long as there's someone kicking you in the pants, there's no chance of his getting ahead of you.

The girl who does everything under the sun is likely to get her hide tanned.

PETE GOES HOME



One of the typical Pyoters to move home on the "Over-42" ruling was Sgt. Peter Urban of Squadron A who worked in the orderly room. Pete's had 33 months service in the Army and 28 of them at Pyote. By now, he's toasting his tootsies in front of a fireplace in his home at Fall River, Massachusetts. Urban was a merchant seaman in the first world war.

Pete, who's 45 years old, plans on taking a good rest before going back into his old business. Before the war he ran a delivery service at Fall River that employed seven people. Back then the gas situation was cutting into the business. If it's that rough now, Pete may forego the delivery business and go back to his old job—cooking.

"I've got ten years of experience at that", Pete confided with a wink, and tucking his separation orders in his hip pocket headed for Fort Dix, Fall River, civilian clothes, red neckties, and home, ever so sweet, sweet home.