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Personnel Warned Against Friendly Acts Toward PWs

All personnel of the field, military and civilian, are reminded of the policies governing Prisoners of War at this field.

Base regulation 80-19, dated 8 June 1945, covers the practices to be adhered to at Pyote Army Air Field. Especially important are the paragraphs concerning Fraternization and News Releases, Censorship and Mail.

Major Ernest A. Swingle, Prisoner of War Project Officer, emphasized the gravity of the violation of any part of this regulation.

No one, soldier or civilian, will fraternize with a prisoner of war in any way. Persons are not allowed to make gifts of any kind to prisoners of war, and no person will pay any prisoner of war for any service. Gifts include anything, even such a small item as one cigarette.

No person will discuss prisoners of war and their activities here outside of official duty. No information will be furnished any news gathering agency or civilian concern regarding the utilization

of prisoners of war at this field.

No prisoners may be photographed at this field.

"Some people on the field who have studied German," explained Major Swingle, "may have decided it would be a good opportunity to brush up on the language by conversing with the prisoners. This is not allowed."

Heavy penalties will be imposed on all violators, Capt. Harnett stated.

WEAR TIES IN PECOS, PERSONNEL WARNED

The Daily Bulletin emphasized this week that all personnel from this field must wear ties while in Pecos. This ruling will be enforced, the announcement stated, and cautioned all Pyoters to be properly uniformed while off the base.

Field Reaches 82.6 Of Bond Quota In 7th War Loan

War Bond sales climbed to \$198,408 at the end of last week, according to figures compiled by the War Bond Office. This brought Pyote up to 82.6% of the quota for the Seventh War Loan Drive.

Total sales were divided as follows:

Officers	\$ 77,400
Enlisted Personnel	65,518
Civilians	55,490
Total	\$198,408

With just 10 days to go before the drive ends sales amounting to \$42,412 maturity value must be made in order to reach the quota of \$240,820.

PYOTE HEAT

Yesterday's soaring temperature set the high for the week, just one degree below the 1945 record of 108, set June 14. Outside of that the thermometer stayed below the 100 mark and gave the field some unseasonably cool weather. Here are the temperatures for the past week and those of a year ago:

	1945	1944
Wednesday	98	102
Thursday	91	100
Saturday	90	98
Friday	89	98
Sunday	99	100
Monday	100	104
Tuesday	107	99

NEW COMMISSARY OPENS



Newest field convenience for GIs is the grocery that opened in Civilian Personnel Bldg., adjacent to the CP cafeteria. Operated by Glenn Stafford and Homer Graham, the store boasts a large supply of meats and vegetables. (Above) Mary Jane Youngholm shops at the serve-yourself store, while (below) Mr. Graham checks the weight of a purchase. Mrs. Pilcher (far left) Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Kildoo, and Mrs. Weaver wait their turn at the register.



The War Department announced Saturday the award of a construction contract in an estimated amount of \$108,187.10 by the Chief of Engineers to the Uvalde Construction Co., of Dallas, Texas, for the construction of an addition to the parking apron at Pyote Army Air Field.

RATTTLER DAY

Due to a change in printing schedules where the paper is printed, The Rattler has changed its publication day from Thursday each week to Wednesday, effective with this issue.

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PYOTE, TEXAS

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These Civilians

Occasionally you'll hear a GI make some comment about the civilians on the field. "Feather merchants", he says with a tone of disgust. That's rather an unhealthy attitude.

In the first place, the character doesn't realize that he HAS to be here. The Army sends him to Pyote, and he has to take it. The civilians, on the other hand, are here at Pyote of their own volition. They don't have to be here.

In the second place, the character seems to think these civilians are stacking gold bullion in the corners. They're not. Though the original paycheck may be healthy enough, the deductions—war bonds, retirement, social security, etc.—make a considerable dent in it.

Many Pyote civilians could be making much more cash in private business, but they're here—at Pyote—because their country is at war, and there's a job to be done.

In the third place, this uninformed character has the idea that all civilians on the field are native Texans, making themselves rich on the Army. The vast majority of civilian workers here are from outside the state. Every state in the Union is represented among Pyote civilian personnel.

Let's check a few facts about Pyote civilians:

Almost 80% of the clerks on the field are civilians—wives of Army personnel.

There are approximately 700 civilians employed at this field—in jobs that range from radio mechanics to maids.

This number includes some discharged veterans, who, though out of the Army, are still doing their part.

Let's keep that in mind. These civilians don't have to be here at Pyote. They're here to do their part—and they're doing it well. Let's not hinder them.

Foul Mouths

From several sources, we hear it's high time to repeat what we have said about foul-mouth boys. The Dirty Word Department is being overworked of late. For example, The Rattler office is located fairly close to the CCD barracks and the EM swimming pool. Some of the CCD boys have to yell out some of the foul-talk so loudly the girls at the pool can hear them. It is highly unpleasant and embarrassing.

A married couple attended the movie one night last week, left because the boys behind them kept up such a dirty-mouth jargon.

Less than a month ago, a woozled GI kept up such a steady stream of putrefaction, the bus driver had to caution him several

times.

All of which Pyote can well do without. Filthy language isn't smart, isn't clever, isn't virile. If some of these sad chaps think that a loud, strong stream of foul words make them "he-men", they'd better forget it.

Dirty language is something we all have to watch. We can do it by reminding the guy with the gutter gab to watch his words.

Big Fellows Are Tough

Reprinted from Army Times.

The B-29 is a tough baby—a plane with plenty moxie. Any doubt as to its ability to take it were scotched by a report from Iwo Island, which stated that it took a direct ack-ack hit, 456 rounds of .50 calibre ammunition and 320 rounds of 20-mm. cannon shells to knock one down and out.

Even this amazing story fails to tell the full story of the durability of the Superfort. The shells were poured into the big 'un to keep it from crashing with loaded bomb racks on the home field after the crew bailed out. How much of a walloping a big fellow would take before going down is still the subject for speculation.

More husbands have been led to the altar by a kitchen apron than ever got there by the evening gown.

June 23rd was the longest day of the year. The longest six months of your life will be the six after the duration.

No girl will ever admit she chased a man. And for that matter, no one has ever heard of a mousetrap chasing a mouse—but they catch 'em, brother, they catch 'em.

It might be time to recall General Sheridan's famous remark about the state: "If I owned both Texas and hell, I'd rent out Texas and live in hell".

Pyote is a grassless place where a guy complains because he can't be home complaining about mowing the lawn.

It's just about that time of year when the guy with a suitcase gets popular.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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Fox-Bentley Top 2-Man Bowling League Entries

Cpl. Charles Fox and Cpl. Russ Bentley copped the two-man league bowling championship that wound up at the GI alleys last week. Pvt. Clyde Kuckenbecker and Sgt. Sheppard placed second, and the teams of Kearns-Plank and Wharton-Scully split the show spot honors.

Individual honors went to Kuckenbecker with a 277 high game, and a 668 for three. Sgt. Pat Kearns bowled 254 for second place in high game honors. Fox toppled the maples for 617 three game.

Comanitz and Kuckenbecker set the high series total with 1251 pins, and an all-time high single game of 493; Comanitz (246) and Kuckenbecker (247).

High average for the 42-game stretch was taken home by Kuckenbecker, again, with a 194 average.

El Paso Tennis Team Smothers Pyote Players

The El Paso Tennis Club team extended its winning string to 19 matches Sunday by turning back the Pyote representatives without losing a set.

Ed Chew, Jr., and Frank Barger, Jr., won the last match of the day by trimming Sgt. Bert Schoenberg and Lt. Bert Crepps, 6-0 and 6-2.

Closest set of the day saw Gordon Dunn of El Paso outlasting Sgt. Corky Van Heusen of Pyote. The first set went 11-9, the second 6-4.

Barger took Sgt. Schoenberg in a singles match, 6-1 and 6-1.

Sgt. Milton Bielfield defeated Cpl. Carroll Steele of Pyote, 6-1 and 6-2, in the top singles match of the day.

Other singles matches: Ed Chew, Jr., beat Lt. Richard Prather 6-1, 6-3.

Joe Pennis defeated Cpl. Buell Warner 6-3, 6-2.

Marshall Finley beat Major William Condy 6-2, 6-3.

Bill Woodul defeated Lt. Bert Crepps 6-3, 7-5.

Joe Pennis and Hugh Kilpatrick handed Cpl. Warner and Lt. Prather an easy 6-0, 6-2 defeat in the shortest doubles match.

Jim McNeil and Sgt. Milton Bielfield defeated Cpl. Steele and Major Condy, 6-1, 6-4.

The Pyote team will play its next match of the season July 7th on local courts when Carlsbad, N. Mex. Army Air Field comes here for a return match.

NO-HITTER



Chuck Finnell, ace pitcher of Squadron A, hurled a no-run, no-hit ball game against the tough CNT Stargazers last Tuesday, chalking up a 4-0 victory.

Everett Moore's home run in the fifth inning, and error-less ball by the A-men helped Finnell to the perfect game. Squadron A's team in the softball league is managed by Joe Ganon.

Squadron A Team Leads Softball League In Stretch

The Squadron A softball entry is still burning up the league with a 5-win, no loss pace. The first round of the Pyote league ends July 3rd, and the 2nd round will begin shortly thereafter. Any teams that would like to participate in the second round are asked to contact Sgt. Berg at the Rec. Hall.

The standings as of Saturday, June 23, are:

	W	L
Section A	5	0
Link Trainer	3	1
Stargazers	3	1
Medics	2	1
Bombsight	1	3
Ground Station	1	3
Section III	0	2
Squadron C	0	4

THUNDERBOLTS WHIP MIDLAND CIVIES, 26-2

The Squadron C Thunderbolts romped over a team of Midland civilians last Sunday and walked home with another ball game, 26-2. Thunderbolters pounded the pill for three home runs, tallied by Sneed, Welch, and Lee. Pride, Sullivan, Jimmie, Bean, Hatchell, Hallimiton and McMath all scored for extra base hits.

Ex-Ole Miss Coach To Lead '45 Superbom'ers

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Major Edgar L. (Ed) Walker, Stanford great, Ole Miss athletic director and football coach for eight years and later Tad Wieman's associate at Princeton until he came into military service in 1942, will coach the Second Air Force Superbombers in the coming grid season, it was announced today at Second Air Force Headquarters here.

For the major, it is a switch from fighters to bombers, and the biggest of them, too. He is just back from a year as a Fighter Group Executive Officer in England and France, where his group many times flew escort to Second Air Force-trained four-engine bombers on the European war fronts.

Robinson Loses Close Decision On Denver Card

Pyote's hopes in the Champ of Champs meet at Denver went down when "Ike" Robinson, 2AF Lightweight champ, lost a close decision to Jim McGurk. Robinson fought a game fight, though out-matched by the tough McGurk—a ring professional who fought Willie Pepp a few season back.

Dick Smith, Pyote's welterweight, and champ of the 2AF in that weight, was counted out before the meet was held, when physicians here said Smith was too ill to participate.

Two other Pyote fistic hopefuls, John Henry Williams, and Otis Delce, were kayoed at the Denver meet.

S/Sgt. Fred Root, Pyote boxing coach, chalked up a successful boxing season, withal. Robinson and Smith captured the division crowns for the entire Second Air Force; and Pyote—with but three entries, chalked up two wins—the only 2AF installation to do so.

PECOS RODEO SET FOR JULY 3 AND 4

The American Legion of Pecos are sponsoring their annual rodeo July 3rd and 4th, and Pyote personnel have been extended an invitation to attend. The ticket price is \$1.25 for adults (and officers) plus 25c tax, and 62c for enlisted personnel and children.



The Japs can meet Yanks on terms of equality in almost every fighting quality except individual initiative. When the Japs are committed to a plan, they always follow it to the end—even if it becomes apparent within a few minutes after the fighting starts that some other plan should be adopted.

He takes over the football squad guided in 1942 and 1944 by Major William B. (Red) Reese, who will continue as Second Air Force's director of physical fitness, a position he held in conjunction with football coaching duties. Under Major Reese, Second Air Force was unbeaten in 1942, and in two seasons won 21, tied two and lost four games. Last year it was the highest scoring team in the country with 513 points, nine more than Army, hailed as the country's No. 1 club.

Major Walker attended Louisiana Poly and was graduated from Stanford in 1927 after starring three seasons as a back and end under Glenn (Pop) Warner. He played twice in the Rose Bowl, scoring the touchdown which gave Stanford a 7-7 tie with Alabama in 1927. He also played against Notre Dame in 1925 when the Irish won, 27-10.

He spent a year each as an assistant coach at University of Iowa, Stanford and Columbia, before taking over at University of Mississippi as athletic director and head football coach in 1930. His teams were outstanding in the South for eight years, during which interval he received a law degree from Mississippi and was admitted to the bar in that state. He led his 1935 team into the Orange Bowl at Miami against Catholic University on January 1, 1936, and lost a 20-19 heart-breaker.

Three of his boys at Mississippi have become grid greats in the pro ranks. They are Frank (Bruiser) Kinard, Brooklyn Dodgers tackle for nine years and an All-National League tackle three times; Jim Poole, New York Giants end since he left college and last year one of the cogs when the Superbombers were grounded by the Iowa Seahawks, their first loss in 18 games; and Parker Hall, Cleveland back, now also in the Navy.

He returned to the United States recently and had a short assignment with the Athletic Branch of Special Services in New York City before coming here. His home is in Alexandria, Louisiana.

This Week--

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.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"NOB HILL" with George Raft and Joan Bennett. (The bad boy from the Bowery meets the queen of society.) Shorts: Overseas Roundup and Paramount News.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

"EAST SIDE OF HEAVEN" with Bing Crosby and Joan Blondell. (A revival of a few years back with Bing busy changing the diapers of a lost baby when he isn't crooning.) Shorts: Army - Navy Screen Magazine.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"BACK TO BATAAN" with John Wayne and Anthony Quinn. (Wayne removes his spurs and wallows through the blood of Japs he slays.) Shorts: Color Cartoon and Paramount News.

TUESDAY

"HITCHHIKE TO HAPPINESS" with Al Pearce and Dale Evans. (A very light comedy with Al repeating gags that you have heard him do on his program.) Shorts: Edgar Kennedy comedy and Community Sing.

WEDNESDAY

"THE CORN IS GREEN" with Bette Davis and John Dall. (Bette breaks her heart for six reels over a guy that she tries to make a gent and scholar out of.) Shorts: Paramount News.

Around the Field

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

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

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

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

CARLSBAD CAVERNS — Trips to Carlsbad Caverns each Sunday; leave from Special Services Office at 6:30 AM second and fourth Sundays for GIs; first and third Sundays for EM and wives (or WACs and husbands). Trips are for Enlisted personnel only. Only expense to GIs is cost of noonday meal (50c). Wives must pay regular admission fee to Caverns. (\$1.80). Reservations must be made prior to trip at Special Services Office, phone 27.

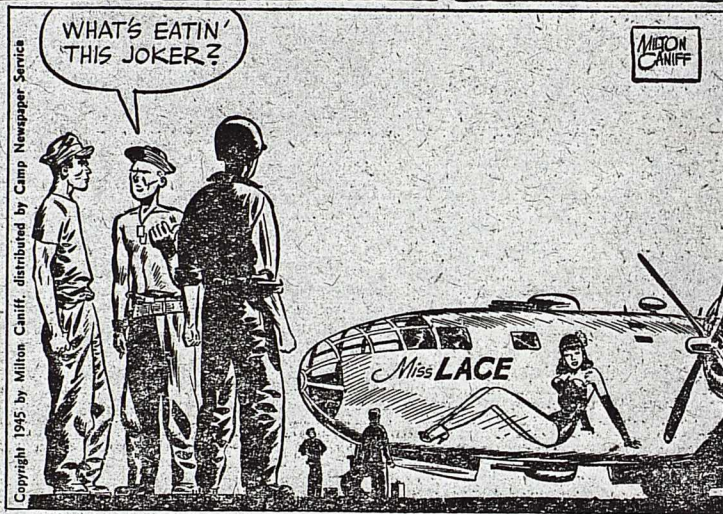
SIDE ISSUE



MALE CALL

by

Milton
Caniff



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

ART AND PHOTO CLUB: Art Club meets Monday and Thursday, Photo Club Tuesday and Friday, beyond the Hospital; 7:30 PM.

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.

OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB: Meets each Thursday afternoon; bridge luncheon the 1st and 3rd Thursday; dessert bridge the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Information concerning the club can be had by contacting Mrs. G. B. Mothersead at the Officers' Club.

TENNIS COURTS: EM Courts diagonally across from Service Club.

MODEL PLANE CLUB: Pyote Prop Pushers, field's model plane club, has quarters in Sq. D area; invites all model-plane enthusiasts to join. Details can be acquired from Sq. D orderly room.

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 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.

At the Chapel

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15. **Daily Mass:** 5:15. **Evening Devotions:** 5:45 PM Tuesday and Friday. Confessions: 7:30 to 8:30 PM Saturdays 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 Monahans USO

Thu.—Birthday Party—Guests of honor—those with June birthdays.

Fri.—Council Meeting.

Sat.—Independence Ball—Formal PAAF Band.

Sun.—11:00 Coffee Hour
1:30 Classic Recordings.
6:00 Buffet Supper.
7:30 Sing Song.
8:30 Movie "My Favorite Blonde" Bob Hope, Madeleine Carroll.

Mon.—Informal Activity.

Tues.—Convalescent Night.

Wed.—7:30 p.m. Picnic and Scavenger Hunt.

GUESTS TO BE FETED

To eat a piece of that delicious home-made cake or two or three pieces, is the ambition of most Pyote Army Air Base guests who have attended the Monahans USO -NCCS Club Birthday Parties. Tonight, June 28th, guests of honor will be all those having birthdays during the month of June.

Hit Parade Shows Tonight At 9:00

Pyote's Hit Parade—a collection of 14 top tunes of the year, selected from the field's juke-box best-sellers—will be presented at Theater No. 1 (Wednesday) at 9 P.M.

The entire program is arranged and under the direction of Cpl. Max Apodaca. Vocalists will be Miss Alice Glas, Cpl. Gene Elston, and Sgt. Frank Scott. M/Sgt. Charles Rudolph will emcee the program.

Apodaca was a big-time arranger before he donned the sacky-khaki and the Hit Parade show will boast some nifty arrangements of 14 popular hit tunes of 1945.

The selection of the program is based upon the field's favorites on juke boxes for the year 1945, including such listenable ditties as "Laura", "Candy", and "Sentimental Journey".

All field personnel are invited to attend the Pyote Hit Parade tonight at Theater No. 1. Admission is free. The program is open to enlisted personnel, officers, authorized civilians, and guests.

Civilian Personnel Picnic Sunday Unqualified Success

The Civilian Personnel picnic, held at Ft. Stockton, Sunday, was acclaimed an unqualified success by the 500 guests who made a full day outing at the park and pool.

Planned and supervised by Maj. James F. Sewares, the picnic ran a full day's gamut of food, refreshments, beer, ice cream, dancing, swimming, games, and floor show.

Seven hundred pounds of barbecued steer disappeared in a hurry when the crowd started to indulge its appetite.

The orchestra played for a matinee and evening dance, directed by T/Sgt. Frank Stone. A floor show at the evening dance included: Charles Rudolph, Frank Scott, Don Moralez, Clyde Eyrick, Bobbie and Terry Tubbs, Mary Jo Adams, Dave Goodman, Gene Elston, Robbie Handlin, Chet Ross, Will Gassell, and produced by Art Hammell.

THEATER COUPON BOOKS SHOULD BE TURNED IN

If you have the remnants of a theater coupon book kicking around in your foot locker, you are reminded that the theater will buy this book from you at a cost-value of 12c per coupon. No unattached coupons will be redeemed. The books should be presented at the ticket office.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate".

Glen Gray Orch To Play Swing Concert Sunday

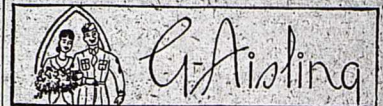
Glen Gray and his famed Casa Loma orchestra will stage a one-hour swing concert at the Rec. Hall next Sunday from 7 to 8 P.M.

Enlisted personnel and their guests are invited to attend this program of dance music by one of the foremost bands in dance popularity.

EAST SIDER



A revival of one of the Groaner's earlier movies is booked for this week-end at the theaters. "East Side of Heaven" plays Friday and Saturday.



DALE - FLOWERS

Married at the Station Chapel June 17, Miss Margaret L. Flowers of Oakville, Kentucky to Lt. William L. Dale of Harbor Creek, Penn. Lt. Richard P. Kruse was best man and Mrs. C. L. North matron-of-honor. Rites performed by Chaplain Anderson.

CAREY - EISELSTEIN

Married at the Station Chapel, June 22, Sgt. Roberta Eiselstein of Dallas, Texas, to Sgt. Denis Carey of Squadron F. S/Sgt. Alfonse Santoro was best man and Pfc. Margaret Shevlin maid-of-honor. Cpl. George Brighton gave the bride away. Rev. J. J. Kehoe of El Paso officiated the ceremony.

ANDERSON - COWELL

Married at the Station Chapel, June 22, Miss Dorothy Cowell of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Lt. Ralph J. Anderson of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. F/O Willard Ewan was best man and Capt. Edith Haslam maid-of-honor. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Edwin Norton.

SMITH - BEAL

Married at the Station Chapel, June 20, Miss Marion Ruth Beal of Independence, Mo., to Cpl. Bobby R. Smith of Kansas City, Mo. Cpl. Robert L. Priestly of Sq. D was best man and Mrs. Alice Beal matron-of-honor. Ceremony performed by Chaplain Philip Anderson.

Talent Hunt Is On Again

The hunt for talent is on again. Cpl. Art Hammell, entertainment director for Special Services, is seeking new faces, figures, and voices for the Pyote Minstrel show to be presented next month.

Any and all interested enlisted personnel, officers, and civilians are requested to contact Cpl. Art Hammell at the Special Services Office, next door to the Service Club, or phone 27.

USO DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

Independence Day will come a bit early to the USO Club. On Saturday night, June 30, a summer formal dance will be held at the club beginning at 9 o'clock. Decorations will be carried out in a patriotic theme and refreshments will be served.

There are only 1,103 strictly Texas Indians left, according to the 1940 census, and only one distinct settlement, located in eastern Polk County.

TAKES THE CAKE



This three-tiered cake, the handiwork of Sgt. George A. Conacher, was auctioned off at the Officers' Club to promote the sale of war bonds. Lt. Col. John H. Goodloe, Director of Administration and Services, won with a \$1585 bid. Col. A. E. Key, Station Commandant, gives Col. Goodloe the bonus of a \$100 bond. The cake was later donated to the Red Cross for distribution to hospital patients.

Spark-Plug Dept. Repairs 3,000 Plugs in a Week

This is another in a series of articles intended to explain to all personnel, both military and civilian, how the mission of this field is accomplished.

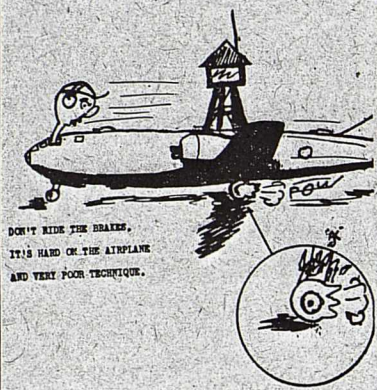
The spark plug maintenance department, in the Sub-Depot Hangar, is a busy and important little department that goes often unnoticed.

The seven members of the department—six girls and one man—recondition an average of 3,000 spark plugs a week. Last week 3,450 spark plugs went through the department.

Mr. James W. Horton is foreman of the department. Members of the department are: Mrs. Wanda Tittle, whose husband is a soldier overseas; Mrs. Hazel Epperson, whose husband is also serving overseas; Mrs. Jeanette Whaley; Mrs. Beatrice Dickerson; Miss Lois DeMasters; and Mrs. Myrtle McKenzie.

A rethreading machine used by the department has been devised by the department foreman, Mr. Horton. This machine cuts a new thread and removes carbon which is imbedded in the old threads. This rethreader saves an average

Flying Short Snorts



of 120 spark plugs daily—and the plugs cost from \$3.50 to \$7.50 each, so the money-saving value of this department can be clearly seen.

PUTTIN' THE SPARK IN SPARK PLUG



The above picture shows five members of the spark plug maintenance department at work. Left to right: Mrs. Myrtle McKenzie operates a rethreading machine; Mr. James W. Horton, department foreman, supervising operations; Mrs. Wanda Tittle, sand-blasting plugs; Mrs. Hazel Epperson, using buffer to remove rust; and Mrs. Jeanette Whaley, spraying plugs to remove rust. Two members of the department not shown are Mrs. Beatrice Dickerson and Miss Lois DeMasters.



S-Sgt. Carl Royster Heads For Armored Forces OCSchool

S/Sgt. Carl F. Royster of Dearborn, Mich., a long-time PAAF "resident" left the field this week to return to his old branch of the service, the Armored Force. He received his appointment to Armored Force Officer Candidate School at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Following the intensive four-month course, successful candidates are commissioned second lieutenants in the Army of the United States and assigned to duty with the Armored Force.

Son of Mrs. Leta Royster of 1110 North Monroe St., Johnston City, Ill., he attended South Illinois Normal University for one year following graduation from high school.

Prior to entering the service in June, 1941, at Detroit, Mich., he was a machine operator at the Cadillac Motor Car Division, Detroit.

Candidate Royster received his basic training with the Third Armored Division at Camp Polk, La. He was assigned to this B-29 Combat Crew Training Field in June, 1943. He has been on duty as a clerk in the adjutant's office.

Because Texas reserved to itself all its public domain, there were no national forests in the state until 1934, when the Legislature invited the United States government to establish one or more as a part of the federal conservation program.

FROM OFFICE OF FLYING SAFETY:

Lost Pilot Can Mean Lost Lives

The AAF continues to lose men and equipment through accidents occurring because the pilot is just plain lost. Getting lost is bad enough, but flubbing around with no definite plan until the fuel is exhausted is criminal. This type of faulty headwork costs untold sums in trained men and material. It is the duty of each crew member to familiarize himself with all aids to navigation available to him and to use them constantly.

The majority of such accidents occur to aircraft flying in their local areas. To prevent this happening to you always know your position, especially in relation to the nearest suitable airfield—but if you do get lost, work out a set procedure and follow it. Don't wander aimlessly around until your fuel is exhausted and think!

The day of flying by the "seat of your pants" has long since past. The B-29 is primarily an instrument airplane. In order to fly it you must be proficient in instrument technique. The only way to get that technique is by constant and conscientious practice. You owe it to your crew to be at peak proficiency all the time so when you go out to practice instrument flying really go to work—**don't just bore a hole in the air.** And stay out of thunderstorms! Remember that "hot pilots burn fast".

Breakfast In Bed, Served By Sq. CO— Dream Come True

Breakfast in bed, for nine lucky Pyoters, will be the order of the day July 10th. The breakfast will be served in bed to the Squadron's highest bond purchaser, by the Squadron CO. Purchases will be reckoned between June 30th and July 7th.

Each Squadron winner gets breakfast in bed, and the high buyer on the field will also get dinner in bed, served by Maj. E. A. Swingle, Commander of Troops.

The person from each Squadron who ranks 2nd high in bond purchases will have his bunk made and bunk-area policed by the First Sergeant of the Squadron.

The final drive to put Pyote over the top in the 7th War Loan commences June 30th, at the pay table, and ends on July 7th. Winners will collect their rewards on July 0th.

SUPERFORTS MOVE FROM INDIA BASES

A great number of the Superforts originally based in the CBI

DICKEY'S QUICKIES

(Pfc. Bob Dickey, Squadron I, gives the field a once-over lightly, slightly, and none to politely.)

A Pyote soldier on furlough asked a ticket taker at a burlesque show, "What's going on inside the theater?" The reply: "Nothing, brother, nothing".

"Hello, is this the Post Engineers? My little boy just got caught in the air conditioner, what shall I do?"

"Turn it off, lady, turn it off!"
"What? In this heat?"

You've heard about the guy standing in the latrine who first shook his head "yes", and then shook his head "no". Seems he was brushing his teeth.

Best post-war new business: A Pyoteer is going to start up a small laundry in Shanghai, China, and print all his laundry tickets in English.

Theater have been moved to more recent B-29 acquisitions, the War Dept. announced this week. The bases "over the hump" were the first bases for the B-29. Newer bases are at Tinian, Saipan, and Guam.

CREW OF THE WEEK



The following crew won the honors for keeping their plane ready for flight the greatest number of hours last week: (left to right) T/Sgt. H. Burch, Pfc. M. McConnell, Sgt. T. F. Martin, Pfc. B. J. Matthews, M/Sgt. W. J. Maness, and Pvt. H. W. Hoepfner.

Water Shortage Partly Eased As Construction Is Speeded

"Watch the water waste!" The reminder was issued again this week to all Pyote personnel. The field still struggles along on two and a half wells, and although the new well is being dug on schedule, the water shortage remains critical.

Until the well's completion and arrival of new equipment, the entire field personnel is requested to observe the following conservation: Shut off faucets; prevent leaky water; cut showers to a minimum; and report any water waste to the Post Engineers.

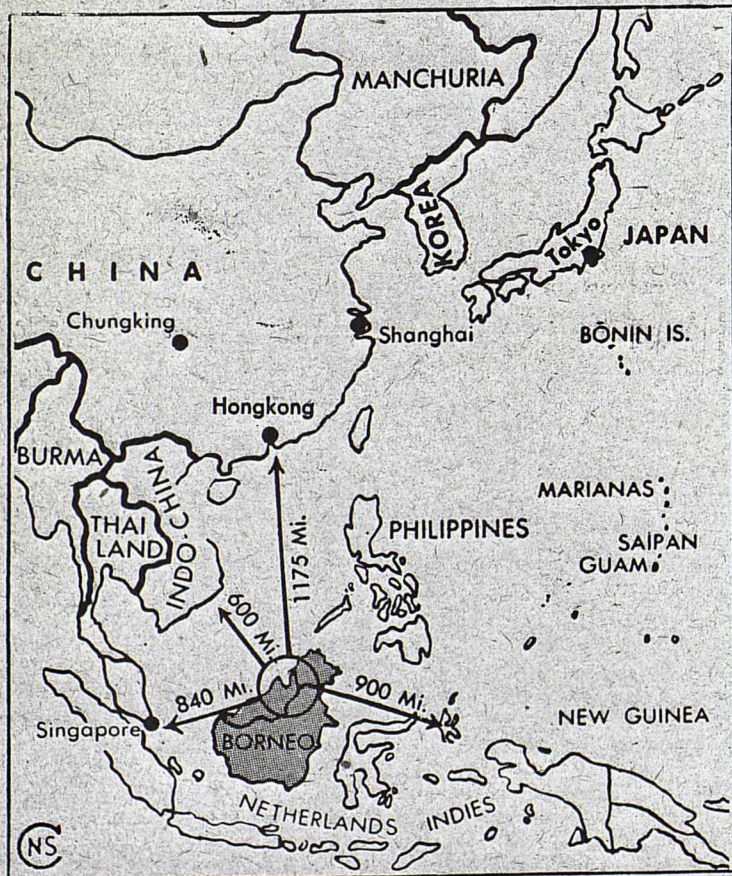
15-DAY FURLO NEEDS DEPARTMENT OKAY

The yes or no to a fifteen-day furlough depends upon the approval of the department officer, according to a base regulation issued this week. 2AF has authorized that length furlough if the officer in charge may determine the number of days a man can be away from his job without upsetting the routine. If advisable a man may be requested to split the time off and six months must elapse between furloughs. One factor is that travel time will be allowed for both trips.

The regulation further stated that length of furlough would be determined by the interests of his department, not by the convenience of the individual.

The second largest meteor crater in the U.S. is near Odessa.

JUMPING-OFF PLACE



The strategic importance of Borneo, recently invaded by the Australian 9th Division, is shown by this map. Distances to Japanese-held territory are shown.

Lt. I. B. Jameson Wins OC Cake With \$2700 Bid

Lt. Irwin B. Jameson of Sqdn. II bid a record-breaking total of \$2700 in War Bonds to buy the large cake containing a \$100 War Bond which was auctioned off at the Officers' Club Saturday night. The cake was presented to his squadron by Lt. Jameson.

Second and third highest bidders also won bonds as a result of their high bids. Lt. John S. Childs, also of Squadron II, was second high bidder with a total of \$2600 in bonds. He was awarded a \$50 War Bond.

Lt. John H. Garcia, of the detachment of patients at the hospital, was presented with a \$25 War Bond for his third high bid of \$1700 in bonds.

The cake, which was donated by the food service section, was trimmed by Sgt. George Conacher. The War Bonds were contributed by the Officers' Club.

The War Bond office is attempting to arrange another Bond auction for Sunday night at the Officers' Club, with a different item as the merchandise to be auctioned.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate".



Films' Number 1 Grandma "Adopts" Pyote Air Field

Pyote Army Air Field has a new sweetheart—a Hollywood actress who really deserves the adjective "lovely". Her name is Adeline deWalt Reynolds, and she's filmtown's busiest grandma. At 83, she has embarked on a movie career that is nothing short of sensational.

When Mrs. Reynolds was graduated from California University in 1930, one of her classmates was Pfc. Barbara Colegrove, now stationed at Pyote. The 35-year-old co-ed kept up a considerable correspondence with Barbara as a result of their meeting in fencing class. So, when Barbara came to Pyote, Mrs. Reynolds added a new affection to her crowded list.

As a token of her esteem for the Rattlesnake GIs, Mrs. Reynolds has proffered an autographed volume of Don Blanding to the Post Library, "Pilot Bails Out", very suitably inscribed, "To my fine boys—my grandsons".

Grandma is a most terrific woman. After raising a family, Adeline entered the University of California. She is an excellent fencer and swimmer, and is now taking riding lessons. Her film career has been a tri-

umphant blaze of glory. You undoubtedly recall Mrs. Reynolds' appearance with Jimmy Stewart and Hedy LaMarr in "Come Live With Me", or as Sonja Henie's grandmother in "Iceland". But the film that gave her the accolade of honor was the one in which she appeared but briefly, and spoke no lines at all. That was in the prize-winning "Going My Way" in which she played the part of Father Fitzgibbon's mother.

Now that Grandma has adopted Pyote, the boys at the Rattlesnake Army Air Field have adopted Grandma, and no mistake. She's the pin-up queen of Pyote, and the boys of Pyote will match Grandma against all comers. Grandma—God bless her!

Flying Sub-depot 2AF's Newest Air Innovation

Speeding up the training of Superfortress crews for their mission of smashing Japan, an unheralded air transport section of Second Air Force has become virtually a "flying sub-depot".

Performing the important job of rushing priority parts and passengers and emergency maintenance men throughout the vast 2AF territory, this transport section is part of the Maintenance and Supply Division headed by Brig. Gen. H. A. McGinnis, deputy commander of the Second Air Force. It has made its workhorse fleet of C-47's a mighty adjunct to the sleek Superfortress.

This is an air line within an air force. It is not to be confused with the world-circling Air Transport Command. It is operated solely for the needs of Second Air Force stations, although it also frequently serves as a feeder for ATC. In connection with the latter, a recent test was conducted to determine the efficiency of coordination between ATC and 2AF's transport system.

A consignment of freight was flown by ATC from Oklahoma City to a 2AF station, Salina (Kas.) Army Air Field. From there it was relayed by a Second Air Force C-47 to Chicago. The two systems coordinated like clockwork.

Second Air Force has a regular daily schedule of flights, covering most of its 40 installations throughout the west from Sioux City, Ia., to Tucson, Ariz. A Superfortress grounded for lack of a part is immediately serviced with supplies from another 2AF station, or from an Air Technical Service Command control depot. Confidential equipment is flown where needed.

A Second Air Force combat crew on a long navigational mission may develop engine trouble over Florida or California. The pilot lands at a field unable to provide necessary maintenance. The home station is notified. Immediately 2AF's transport section plans a special mission, flies an engine and maintenance men to the grounded crew. The plane soon is placed back in operation at a saving of vital days of time.

Since it began operating in October, 1944, the 2AF transport system has flown 3,000,000 miles in its fleet of C-47's without a single accident. Pilots are all overseas combat returnees with good instrument ratings, most of them former four-engine bomber pilots.

A group of "Wacs with wings" serve as radio operators on all the transport planes. They are graduates of an AAF radio school, who are then placed through a special course of instruction at Peterson Field, Colo. Not only relieving male radio operators for possible overseas combat, the flying Wacs have proved particularly efficient in their duties.

STRIPES

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Sq. D: James Bosstick.

TO SERGEANT

Sq. A: James Meeker.

Sq. PY-7-24: Carence L. Kasper and Norman Peters.

TO CORPORAL

Sq. E: Wayne Busby, Richard VanYperen, Frank Dubinsky.

Sq. D: Robert Lodge.

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Sq. D: William Ward, Phillip Hasch, Ray Chandler.

Sq. E: Charles O'Donnell, Robert Bolger, Fred Ken, Jr., Macel Cade, Thomas Sherman, Salvatore Depalma.

Sq. B: Gwendolyn Elmore, Ruth Wiener, Catherine Schoofs, Margaret O'Neill, Muriel Ostrander.

Sq. C: Eddie Aaron.



CANADA—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Paul E. Canada at the Pyote Regional Hospital on June 18, a girl, Lona, weight 7 lbs. 2 ozs. Sgt. Canada is serving overseas. Major Reynolds performed the delivery.

FOWLER—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Fowler at Los Angeles, Calif., on June 19, a girl, Robin Marise, weight 6 lbs. 2 ozs. Sgt. Fowler is assigned to Base Photo Lab.

REDMOND—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Gomer H. Redmond at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 19, a girl, Donna Jeane, weight 8 lbs. Lt. Redmond is on temporary duty here from Second Air Force Headquarters.

MODEL PLANE CONTEST

Hey Fellers! My name is Robert Harris and we're trying to start a Model Airplane Contest. All you kids from the ages of 6 to 12 comon' over to my place on June 28, Thursday, and let's have some fun with our planes. I live at the Civilian Apartments T-1367, Apt. C. Some swell pictures of planes will be given away as prizes!

RATTLER'S LITTLE HELPERS



The job of folding The Rattlers each week is a hand-wrought task. This GI miracle, folding some 4000 newspapers in the period of 120 minutes, is accomplished by hospital patients, under the direction of the Convalescent Training program. Lt. Milan Stancel and T/Sgt. Larry Shipp are responsible for this service which helps speed The Rattler to your inky pinkies. The five folding fiends above are (left to right): Pfc. Edward Lucunski, Cpl. Louis Benjamin, Sgt. Thomas I. Urso, Pfc. Thomas Powell, and T/Sgt. John R. Hill, a small segment of the big gang that does this job.

AAF Aid Society Explains Aims and Purposes of Group

Television Sets To Be Part Of Post-War World

The armchair athlete will really come into his own after the war, with the aid of television. For an outlay of \$150 to \$400, depending on the size set he buys, the ex-GI will be able to see his favorite entertainers and sporting events without moving a muscle.

At present there are eight television stations in the United States located in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles, and they broadcast to approximately 8,500 television set owners.

Rapid progress has recently been made in studio technique and this progress has been more than matched by scientific advancement in the field. Reception is now limited to a 60-mile radius of each transmitter, but the audio-visual broadcasts will go network after Japan is licked.

Postwar television sets will also be good for frequency modulation and regular broadcasts. The \$150 to \$400 price range will be within the reach of the returned GI who has salted away some of his Army pay; and if he wants, he can have a phonograph included for \$100 extra.

"B-29s . . . From Pyote to Tokyo."

With the slogan "The Army Air Forces Takes Care of Its Own", the AAF Aid Society is attempting to inform all Air Force personnel of the aims and purposes of this program.

Four classes of membership in the AAF Aid Society have been established in order to provide all individuals, military and civilian, with an opportunity to participate. Patron members pay \$100 and life members \$50, with no further dues; benefactor members pay

RATTLE-SNAKE HEAVEN

(A series of stories concerning Pyote—the town and field—and how they got that way.)

CHAPTER III

A newcomer to Pyote gets off the train on the north side of the street. What's there? Well . . .

There's a yellow depot, and beyond that is nothing but a ghost town, the like of which you can see in any western movie. A half mile away, across desolate spaces and past jerry-built shacks, looms a modern, red brick school house.

Overseas Accidents Show Vehicles Are Worst Offenders

A study of injury experience is important in any safety program, but especially important overseas. Most of the overseas safety problems are bound to be different from the problems here in the states.

Overseas accident figures show that vehicular traffic, just as in the States, is the worst offender. A breakdown of the causes reveals that most overseas vehicular traffic injuries occur to personnel getting in and out of motor vehicles. Many injuries result from the general practice of hauling personnel in trucks not provided with steps. The jeep is a serious offender because it is used everywhere and for everything.

Other complicating factors in the traffic accidents are differences in American, British and Australian road rules, poor highways, and traffic congestion. In several overseas theaters, vehicular injuries amount to as much as 35 per cent of all ground accidents.

\$5.00 a year and members at large pay \$1.00 a year. Membership cards are issued for each of the four classes of members.

The south side of the street—ah, there is Pyote. There are people walking past decaying buildings, and parking cars on the sandy shoulders of the highway. Indeed, some of the buildings have new false fronts over the old decrepit stores.

If one word describes Pyote, if one word warns the newcomer of what to expect at this most unpredictable place, it is D-U-S-T.

There is a difference between dirt and dust. Dirt is shameful. Dust? Ah, that's an integral part of living. No one mentions it, except the visitors. It's like rain in California or a cold wave in Florida. Dust is Texas, and you don't mention it to a native.

A newspaper columnist had that to say about the Rattlesnake field when it opened in 1943:

"Pyote, to you, may be a spot on the landscape of the most desolate part of Texas. It is that. It is just a spot. It was picked out by the Second Air Force because it reproduces Africa, or northern Australia. The boys at Pyote say it's worse. There's sand and wind and heat and rattlesnakes and all the things you have to take in stride when you go to battle. Now the reason Pyote is important is this: Any lad who gets training there will stand a hundred percent better chance to come back alive".

So This Is Pyote!



Rattler's Free Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

WANTED

WANTED—Portable Typewriter. Lt. T. McGraw at CCD Pool.

GOING TO CALIFORNIA? I'm looking for a ride around the end of the month. George Chelink at Link Trainer Dept., Ext. 136.

DRIVING TO FORT WORTH, St. Louis, Kansas City or Chicago? My wife and I would like to share expenses and driving on or about the first of July. Furloughs come, but once a year. S/Sgt. Willard Gassel at Phone 116.

DRIVING TO CHICAGO? Will share expenses and drive. Leaving on my furlough about the 7th or 8th of July. T/Sgt. R. E. Smith at Ext. 234 R-2.

ARE YOU a projectionist? Theatre projectionists, and theatre help are needed at once. Good pay, good hours, and all that malarkey. If you're interested in becoming a theatre projectionist,

DON'T check shock struts like this!



"Hap" Hazard loosens 14,766 rivets and raises Cain with a \$14,000 wing. Check it right... Look up T.O. 01-25CE-3, page 76.

they'll shoot you an OJT. Contact Special Services, Phone 27.

5000 MEN need 10 swimmers to keep the EM swimming pool open. Lifeguards are needed to maintain the pool. Qualified applicants are urged to contact the Special Services office.

FOUND

FLYING GOGGLES—T/Sgt. R. E. Smith found a pair at the PX lunch room. Identify and they are yours. PS: You'll have to know the other item that was found with them to claim the goggles. At Ye Rattler Office.

THREE KEYS ON A CHAIN—If the lady will come in now we have them—they were brought in a half-hour later. Yep! At The Rattler Office.

"A" GAS RATION BOOK found in Post Office. Owner may have by contacting Mrs. J. J. Harrell at the Trading Post in Monahans.

YALE KEY on ball type dog tag chain. Pick it up at The Rattler Office.

LEATHER GOODS for goggles left in car driving from Monahans to Grandfalls. Pick it up from Sgt. Hanson at Maintenance Control Engineering Office. Head—quarters, Ext. 263.

TRANSPORTATION

PYOTE TO DALLAS—I have a one-way bus ticket for sale. Pfc. Thomas Sherman at Ext. 252.

INSURE your future
Save WITH WAR BONDS

DON'T HESITATE TO SEE

your Information & Education Officer

LT. W. C. GRUBEN
SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE
NEXT TO SERVICE CLUB
PHONE 27

ONE WAY FURLOUGH TICKET to Colorado Springs. Pvt. Joseph Kolbe at Ext. 31.

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.

TWELVE BUCKS buys you a one way ticket from Pyote to St. Louis. Sgt. Leonard, S-1, Base

BINOCULARS — Bausch - Lomb, power 8x40, practically new. \$85.00. Sgt. McCabe, Squadron L. Barracks 528.

CHEVROLET—'36, 4-door sedan, 1 new tire and 3 recaps, \$325.00—Under OPA ceiling price. F/O McClimans, 709 S. Cypress in Pecos. Phone 566.

CARL ZEISS—2 1/4 x 3 1/4 Mirroflex Camera—F 2.8, Biotessar Lens, 120 Roll Film Adapter, Cut Film Holders, Film Accessory Lenses, Filter, Leather Case. \$250.00 cash takes it all. Call Cpl. Hy Helman, 728th Band, Phone 236.

HOT PLATE—Brand new, for sale. Don't struggle with that gasoline or kerosene stove any longer. Pfc. W. T. Fore at Ext. 5.

REWARD for the return of my brown leather wallet which I lost. John W. Shelton, Sub-Depot Office.

BASINET FOR SALE—Mrs. Pilcher at Ext. 18.

PHOTOGRAPHS COLORED, reasonable prices. Professional job. Contact Pfc. Phil Luft at Special Service Office.

TRAILER HOUSE FOR SALE—Reasonable price. Box 96, Pyote, Texas.

ENJOY YOUR SOJOURN at PY.

"You'll have to check with the old man."

HAVE YOU ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS?

Legal assistance may be obtained by military personnel and their dependents by consulting Courts and Boards Office located in Station Headquarters. Important problems such as Wills, Powers of Attorney, Domestic Relations, Claims, and Naturalization, which involve the security of your personal and property rights, should be attended to at once. Neglect or failure to do so may prove very costly in many ways.

OTE: Airline Radio, table model, \$35.00 and automobile Air conditioner \$10.00. Both for sale by Sgt. B. J. Powell. Call 66 on the base or 6 in Monahans.

LOST

OXYGEN MASK & Helmet. Anybody seen them? Please save me that Statement of Charges. Stamped F-2715. Cpl. J. Feldmayer. Crew 711, Bks. 611, Section III.

PERSONALS

GOT A THEATRE coupon book? They're worth 12c a coupon at the Post Theatres. No unattached coupons will be redeemed. Turn in those coupon books now at the ticket office.

THE PARTY THAT STOLE my flash camera overlooked two rolls of film. If you will call at Civilian Mail Room at Post Office I'll give them to you. Pvt. Al Kovach, Post Office.

HOUSING

ROOM FOR RENT in Pecos. No cooking facilities. Air conditioned. Call Cpl. Root at 236.

FOR RENT—Five double and one triple apartments furnished. Located in Barstow. Contact Sgt. Hopkins at Combat Crew Officers Mail Room.

BE American

SHARE Your CAR!

Save GAS CARS, TIRES!

REF-M140 00-40



KOOPS' KORNERS

SUGAR REPORT

(Koops' Girl Friday gives out with a few notes and memos.)

DEAR KOOPS: . . . Didja see where General Joe Stilwell says the war in the Pacific could easily last two more years? Says the boys might have to follow the Japs into northern Manchuria. . . . If you gat any friends in the Marines, you might be interested to know there's no point system there . . .

Cute yarn from a guerilla warrior in the Philippines; he says, "the first six months if ants get in the food, the American throws the food away. The second six months he picks out the ants and eats the food. The third six months he eats the food, ants and all. The fourth six months, if any ants try to escape, he recaptures them and puts them back in the food where they belong." . . . Guess you heard that the dope on furlough gasoline has been changed. The OPA board will now give you a gallon a day for the extent of your furlo.

Rep. Andrews (N.Y.) has a bill pending for a World War II Service Medal to go to all vets, and posthumously to deceased vets of this war. . . . Pfc. Dorothy Nix, visitor at Pyote a few months back, and associate editor of the Lockbourne AAB (Ohio) News is getting a discharge. Her husband is stationed at Pyote. . . . 3AF has boosted critical score for their installations to 110. . . . CTP (Convalescent Training Program) is now CSP (Convalescent Services Program).

According to United Press, but still officially unconfirmed, is the dope that the War Dept. will make a cut in the critical score needed for discharge, currently pegged at 85 points. It's going to be dropped, says UP. . . . Associated Press reports ditto, says the change will take place in July. According to them, the War Dept. set 85 points as an "interim score" in order to see what the critical score would be. The "critical score", to be announced, will govern release from the service in the future. . . . Sometime next month, the Army will fix a new point revaluation time, they say. Those who have the proper score then will be discharged. . . . A Washington news source says the reduction will cut it below 85, but will not be very great. . . . Brig. Gen. Ralph B. Lovett, Adjutant Gen'l. of the ETO said that the surveys indicated the critical score will be reduced to "well below 75 points, but above

40". . . . The War Dept. denied that in toto, however, according to the Army Times. According to them, the WD says the reduction from the interim score of 85 will not be very great. The new critical score will be announced in July, and computation will include newly announced battle stars, if won before May 12. . . . Again, according to the Army Times, the AAF has put all enlisted men with a score from 40 to 43 points, inclusive, into a reserve status, designed to prevent assignment overseas or to certain types of work. It's all quite an argument, and nobody seems to agree. . . . One thing is sure: Possession of 85, or whatever the point number will be, is no indication that the individual soldier will be discharged in the near future. In the Air Forces and Service Forces the contrary is true, because these are undergoing much less reduction than Ground Forces. . . . The Army Times also reports an item from the Washington Post that says the Army is making preparations to discharge EM over 37, probably in early July. No official word is coming from the War Dept. on that.

Government priorities on civilian passenger autos will be lifted the first of the year, says the WPB co-ordinator for the auto industry. He says a scheduled 215,000 cars will be thrown on the market to any and all buyers come Jan. 1. . . . Speaking of cars, did you spot the item that Ford and Gen'l. Motors will concentrate on lighter automobiles after the war? A similar announcement is said to be forthcoming from Chrysler. . . . Trains and buses are now selling one-way furlough rate tickets to guys heading home after discharge. That's only for discharges, remember. . . . In the Inquiring Reporter column of Bigg Stuff, Biggs Field newspaper, they asked the question: "Which is your favorite air base and why?" One guy, Cpl. Carl Moser, answered: "Pyote. Less chicken. Less red tape. A good service club

and good dances." . . . Lowry Field in Denver has become a B-29 Transitional Training School.

Just fed up with the language a sergeant in the office spat, a local Pyote gal tried doing him one better. She reversed the sputtering and let out a blue-black streak whenever she ran into a drawer or upset an inkwell. Believe it or not it worked, and when the sergeant heard it coming back at him, he aired out his vocabulary. . . . Remodeling has begun on the Service Club and the area has been cleaned. Work had better start soon if they hope to meet that Sept. construction deadline. . . . Speaking of the EM Club, the Patio has been policed and dances should be going on out there soon. Last summer, they threw two a week, if you recall, Tuesdays and Fridays. Hope they do it again this year. . . . "Egg In Your Beer" was slightly tee-riffic. And you oughta pass out a few ribbons to the CP picnic, too. . . . Not to mention that sultry character in the pink swim suit. She made Sunday hotter than ever. . . . Scuttlebutt says all non-overseas men eligible will be over the waves by Jan. 1. Don't know how definite that date is. I've heard others. . . . Les Brown is pencilled in for an early July appearance. He's one of the top names in the downbeat biz. . . . Whozzat blue room blonde you treat so nice, huh? . . .

The Monte Carlo night, so successful last month, will have a sequel around the end of July. Bigger 'n' better than ever, I'm told. . . . Pfc. Mike Vozzella, Jr., was born on June 9th, at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, N. J. Poppa works at the Photo Lab, here. What gives a twist to this yarn is that Mike has another son, now two years old, who was born June 9th, 1943. Two years to the day. . . . Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry, assistant chief of staff, says some men now eligible for discharge won't be released for a

PYOTE 'NAZI'



Cpl. Dave Goodman, of the Information and Education Dept. models the Nazi uniform on display at the post Theater. The collection of knives and guns, as well as the Luftwaffe flying suit, has attracted considerable attention. The display is sponsored by the Information and Education Dept.

year. The Army intends to release 100,000 men this month and the same number next. 125,000 in August, 150,000 in September, 175,000 in October, 190,000 in November and December, and 200,000 a month for the first 5 months of 1946. . . . Henry also says the War Dept. indicated unwillingness to lower the automatic discharge age below 40—despite Congressional clamor that it be cut to 38, 35, or even 30. . . . We see by the Smoky Hill sheet that Pfc. Monty Ash is turning out a column for the Group stationed at Salina. Monty is an alumnus of Pyote Special Services. . . . That's it. Love, Sugar.

