

OFF-DUTY CLASSES UNDERWAY

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PYOTERS CELEBRATE END OF WORLD WAR II

Field Acclaims News That War Is Over

Sirens screamed the news to Pyote that the Japs had surrendered unconditionally. The field took the news with many emotions.

Overseas vets, stateside GIs, civilians heard the news from one source or another. The chapel was open and a number of GIs and civilians paid a visit to the chapel in thanks for this final victory.

Reaction around the field was varied.

T/Sgt. Joe Tuscan, Sq. E, was in the Service Club having a beer, when his pal Ruge walked in and told him the war is over. Joe had heard that too many times in the past few days. "I didn't believe him till he offered to bet me \$50 to a dime."

Cpl. Alton Olson was listening to a shortwave newscast when the flash came over. "The first thing that crossed my mind was—when am I going back to Evansville for keeps?"

Cpl. Orin Franks, Sq. A, did as many other Pyoters—he went over to the chapel and greeted the glorious news with the reverence it deserved.

Cpl. Faye Smith, Sq. B, rushed to the door when the news came

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Algebra, Spanish, Writing Courses Start Tomorrow

The first group of off-duty classes in the field's big education program are scheduled to start on Thursday, Lt. W. C. Gruben, Information and Education Office, announced today.

These first classes open tomorrow night at 7 p.m. and classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday evenings at that time at the Technical Training Gunnery School. No registration in advance is necessary. Interested parties are merely to report tomorrow night for the class in which they care to join.

Classes Announced

This first group of classes will include courses in Algebra, Spanish, and Creative Writing. A course in basic psychology is destined to begin next week. Other classes tentatively set are Aeronautics, Small Business Operation, and high school Physics.

The Algebra course will be divided into classes—a first section covering all phases of elementary Algebra for beginners, and a second which will review basic Algebra as a refresher course. The Introductory High School Algebra course will be followed by classes in Geometry, Solid Geometry, and Trigonometry.

The class will be taught by Chaplain Phillip Anderson who

holds a Math degree from Hope College, New York, and by Sgt. James C. Ross, former advance Engineering student at Mississippi State.

The course in Spanish will be taught the Army method which emphasizes speaking rather than grammar. No background is necessary for this course. Recordings will be used to teach the course. Classes will be conducted by Pfc. Herman Slotkin who holds a degree of education and has taught high school courses in the New York City school system.

The Creative Writing course will cover the basics of short story, novel, poetry, newspaper, and radio writing—emphasizing the "writing to sell" school. The course will be taught by Cpl. Ed Koops, editor of The Rattler.

Books for all courses are free. (No text is available for the Creative Writing course.) Tests will be given at the end of the classes and certificates of completion will be received by all who pass the course satisfactorily. Requests for high school credit in any of these courses will be submitted, if the student so desires.

Additional off-duty classes will be announced in next week's Rattler.

Pyote Mercury Reaches 102 Last Monday

The mercury pushed over the hundred mark the early part of the week for the first time since the month began. Sweltering Pyoters got a spot of relief Saturday when Pyote had seven-hundredths of an inch of rainfall.

Temperatures for the past week are compared with those of a year ago, courtesy Base Weather Office.

	1945	1944
WEDNESDAY	91	98
THURSDAY	96	98
FRIDAY	99	99
SATURDAY	89	99
SUNDAY	99	100
MONDAY	102	103
TUESDAY	100	103

SORRY!

Due to a shortage of newsprint The Rattler is forced to curtail its size to 8 pages this issue, in order to continue our necessary distribution. The many features discontinued for one issue will be back in their groove (and we in ours) next week.

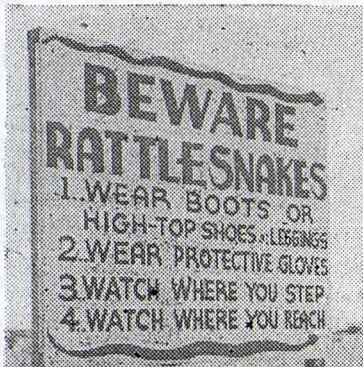
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The \$64 Question

(Latest war developments have been piling up so fast on our befuddled editorial writer during the past week that he has quite given up the idea of writing an editorial on Sunday that will not be outdated by Wednesday. After writing three editorials, only to see them scrapped by the swift pace of events in this past eventful week-end, our editorial writer threw in the towel. The Rattler herewith reprints a previous editorial which seems to us to pack as much, if not more, good sense now than it did then.)

The phrase "post-war world" is taking a beating lately. It shoots at you from soft-drink ads in the slick-paper magazines, it oozes out of your radio in connection with soap, beauty cream, or baking powder. Newspapers tell of autogyros, vacuum-packed autos, floating houses, and airports in every backyard when Victory comes.

But in spite of the hoopla and ballyhoo, the phrase "post-war world" rings beautifully in the ear of any soldier.

Frankly, we doubt that the Army will give a jeep with every discharge, or that helicopters will land in our kitchen . . . but we think it is high time that we all give a little thought to what happens when V day comes and that long-awaited paper rests safely in our hands.

There is a personal post-war world that all of us have to build. There are a hundred vital questions that concern each of us as individuals—questions that we have to answer ourselves.

Are you going back to your old job? To your old town? Are you going back to school? Are you going to marry the girl? Are you going to build a home? Are you going to tackle a new profession?

Just what ARE you going to do when you get back in that white shirt, red tie, and suede shoes? That is a post-war world that concerns you, and you alone.

The poor underslung GI of today will be a vital factor in the world of tomorrow. Ten million men—men who have given up time, health, and sometimes—much, much more—will be a potent force in the U. S. A.

And their collective opinions on issues of the day will carry immense weight. Are you prepared, brother, to shoulder that responsibility? What do you think of unions, politics, security benefits?

How can we improve the U. S. A.? Remember, it's going to be our job, and it's going to be a big one!

Post-war world is much more than gadgets and push-buttons. It is a responsibility of the soldiers of World War II, ten million strong, to make the country they were willing to die for better to live in.

It gets right down to a personal issue. What benefits the country as a whole, benefits Main street in Topeka, Kansas, benefits the big white house on the shady street where you raise your family.

What are you going to do when the war ends? That's a 64 dollar question that deserves plenty of thought.

A Cooler Uniform

Capt. T. F. McLaughlin, whip-cracker at the Grand Island AAF newspaper, has come out of his summer coma to start demands for a summer uniform. The Captain, an ex-Rattler slavey, comes up with some admirable suggestions regarding the cooler uniform.

"What this man's army needs but badly is a new summer uniform with the accent on comfort", he writes.

So while resting his bean-lean form in a favorite bathtub, the Captain has come up with the following ideas:

Sun helmets: They look good and will serve some purpose which is more than can be said for those garrison caps now perching precariously on well greased hair. The sun helmet would shade the face and the back of the neck and for no other reason would justify its use.

Neckties: Throw 'em away. Do away with the neckties entirely, day and night. It is a useless ornamental piece of cloth foisted on the public by some astute textile manufacturers and it does nothing but help strangle our swan-like necks.

Sleeves: Cut 'em to half-length. We can't roll our sleeves up without an MP or two swooping down on us, so why not fix things so there'll be no sleeves to roll up.

Trousers: Short pants for on-duty hours. The British summer uniform uses short pants and they don't look half bad. For those who are very conscious of the dimples in their knees, long, present-day trousers would be optional.

The good Captain seems to have a few points that we sweatily approve of. But as long as we're day dreaming about a new summer uniform, let's make the issue wide-open. The Rattler will gladly print any further suggestions on this subject.

There are five secrets of happiness: money, money, money, money, money.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.

All work and no play makes jack the dull way.

A smart girl is one who knows what she's saying and "no's" what he's thinking.

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

The Wolf

by Sansone

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USO's 'Jolly Times' Shows Here Friday

"Jolly Times," the August USO attraction, plays Theater No. 1 Friday night for two shows, 1 and 9 p.m. The show will play Saturday at the Regional Hospital for patients and hospital personnel only.

The cast of "Jolly Times" is headed by Alfred Latell, comic. Latell's act, which has been going for years, in "Bonzo, the Dog". He's considered quite an animal impersonator with many stage and screen titles to his credit.

Other acts on the bill are the LeShonnes, ballroom dance team; Johnny Reading and Billy Thomas, a knockabout comedy and tap-acrobatic act; Ruth Whitney, a vocalist; and the Elaine Seidler girls, a dance line of six comely wenches.

The "Jolly Times" USO show is free to all military personnel, their guests, and authorized civilians. Seats are first come, first served.

Hollywood Show Delights Audience

The Hollywood Jamboree in a 2½-hour stand brought more than forty stars and starlets before a packed audience at the field last Wednesday night.

Headlining the show was Arthur Lake, Dagwood" to the many radio and film fans of "Blondie". Other entertainers who entranced the jammed drill-field bleachers were: Jackie Coogan who made one of his first stage appearances since his discharge from the AAF, Christy and Miller, two knockabout comics who kept the GIs and their guests in the aisles; and Butch and Billy, two juvenile comics who handed out a mean hunk of jive.

In addition to these show-stopping acts a tidy bevy of Hollywood belles were featured in sundry songs and dances during the two-and-a-half hour show last week.

Rodney Bell, up-a n d-coming screen comic handled the duties of master of ceremonies and kept the entire show moving at a fast and solid pace.

One of the largest crowds, this year, to attend a variety bill turned out to greet the group of Hollywood artists.

Previous to the show the film-land gang toured the base and were accorded a vast welcome reception.

FOUR NEW SEPARATION CENTERS IN OPERATION

The Army has announced the addition of four new separation centers, brining the total to 22. The new centers are at Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Gordon, Ga., Indiantown Gap, Pa., and Fort MacArthur, Calif.

"The Golden Gate Gaities" Due Here Next Wednesday

The latest show to play the field is due a week from tonight, Wednesday, August 22nd, when "Golden Gate Gaities" comes to Theater No. 1 for two performances.

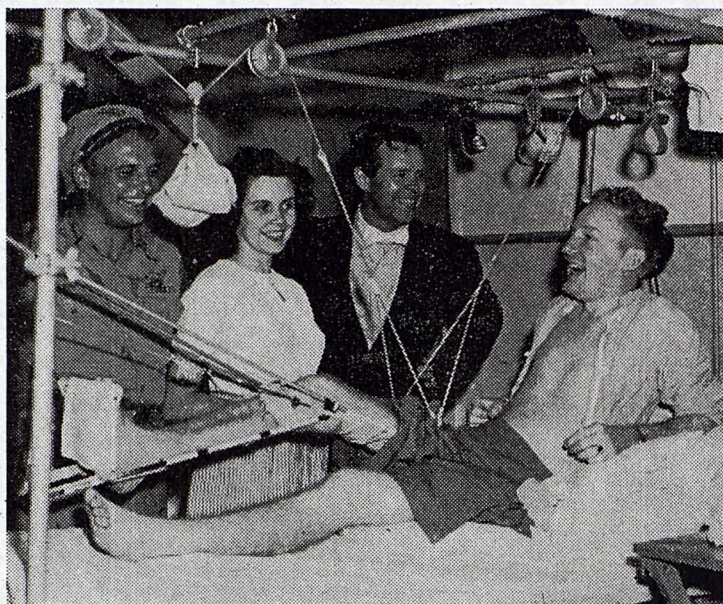
Advance notices plays the variety bill high in entertainment value. A cast of 9 girls and 14 men make "Golden Gate Gaities" an uproarious attraction, with a heavy accent on some amorous glamor-pusses.

Two shows will be presented next Wednesday night, at 6 and 8 p.m. Following the second show, the pit orchestra will play a dance at the Rec. Hall to which all Pyote enlisted personnel and their guests are invited. Dancing begins at 9 p.m.

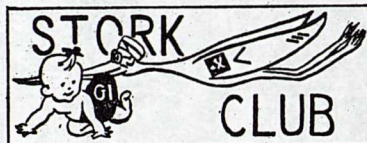
Complete details concerning "Golden Gate Gaities" will be available in next week's issue of The Rattler.

Send The Rattler Home!

FILM TROUPE VISITS PATIENTS



Two of the headliners at the recent Hollywood show pay a visit to Cpl. Richard Forsgren, patient at Pyote Regional Hospital. Lt. Jackie Coogan, Mrs. Forsgren, and Arthur "Dagwood" Lake all seem to get a kick out of it.



PITMAN—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Robert E. Pitman at the Pyote Regional Hospital on August 4, a girl, Suzanne Marie. Sgt. Pitman is assigned to Squadron A.

HELMBOLDT—Born to Cpl. and Mrs. Richard E. Helmboldt at the Pyote Regional Hospital on August 5, a boy, Richard Lee. Cpl. Helmboldt is assigned to Sqdn. F.

2AF Lieutenant Court-Martialed For Low Flying

Lt. Milan G. Kosanovich, bomber pilot at Rapid City, AAB, South Dakota, has been sentenced by a 2AF general court martial to forfeit \$100 for nine months, and to be reprimanded for violation of flying regulations.

He was found guilty of flying at an altitude below minimum AAF regulations in a B-17 on or about June 24th over the town of Deadwood, South Dakota.

USO TOSSES WATERMELON PARTY



A large crowd of Pyote GIs turned out en masse for the watermelon and swim party at the Monahans USO last week and sponsored by the Monahans fire department. The accent was on watermelons, as any fool can plainly see. Another such party is planned for the near future, USO officials announced.

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.

TODAY AND TOMORROW
"PRIDE OF THE MARINES" with John Garfield, Dane Clark, and Eleanor Parker. (This is the story of Schmidt, the boy who was blinded by a Jap grenade on Guadalcanal. Life magazine ran the story about him, and his hesitancy in marrying the home town girl friend from Philly. Dane Clark is an up-and-coming young comic you should remember from "Stage Door Canteen".)

FRIDAY
"ON STAGE EVERYBODY" with Jack Oakie and Peggy Ryan. (Another one of these class B musicals with Oakie and Ryan mugging their way through. At least it gets you out of the heat.) Shorts: Overseas Roundup, "What It Takes to Make a Star", and "Speakin' of the Weather".

SATURDAY
"THE SOUTHERNER" with Zachery Scott and Betty Field. (A dramatic story that might prove to be a "sleeper". The cast looks good and if the story is worthwhile, it should be a good film.) Shorts: "Yankee Doodle Daughters", and "Smoky Joe".

SUNDAY & MONDAY
"ANCHORS AWEIGH" with Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson, and Gene Kelly. (An entertaining musical that lines up with other Technicolor extravaganzas.) Shorts: Paramount News.

TUESDAY
 (Double feature) **"THE WOMAN IN GREEN"** with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. (Another Sherlock Holmes mystery.) **"MAMA LOVES PAPA"** with Leon Errol and Elizabeth Risdon. (If you aren't too tired of these class B comedies...).

WEDNESDAY
"OVER 21" with Irene Dunne, Alexander Knox, and Charles Coburn. (Concerning the amusing sophisticated perils of a married man at OGS.) Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

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.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp.

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JUST DREAMIN' AND SCREAMIN'

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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 8:00; Bible Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service, 7:30.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Weekly service Sunday at 2:15 PM.

Around the Field

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.

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

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

DANCING: EM dance Friday

evenings, 9 to midnight, at Rec. Hall.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS—Trips to Carlsbad Caverns each Sunday; leave from Sqdn. A Orderly Room 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.

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

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.

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

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.

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

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

At Monahans USO

Thurs.—Bingo, cigarette prizes.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—Dance.

Sun.—11 a.m., Brunch; 6 p.m., buffet supper; 8:30 p.m., movie, "Star Maker", with Bing Crosby.

Mon.—Game night.

Tue.—Hospital night.

Wed.—Arts and Crafts.

SENATE CONSIDERS CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR DISCHARGES

Eight Senators are sponsoring a bill which would provide each discharged serviceman below the rank of Major, coupons worth \$150 in exchange for civilian clothing. The bill, if passed, will effect only those soldiers thereafter discharged. It is not retroactive.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Any Umbrellas Today?

Byron Nelson, the big bag and ball man from Toledo, Ohio, sells umbrellas when he isn't playing golf. When he is playing golf, however, he plays the most amazing game seen anywhere since the Emperor Jones rode out of the south to win his "Grand Slam" of four major tournaments in 1930.

Nelson's play this year, in many ways, has been even more phenomenal than was that of Jones in 1930. Lord Byron, a Texan operating out of Toledo, won his last 9 matches, beginning with the Miami best-ball tournament and ending with the PGA championships at Dayton—golf's biggest wartime prize. Earlier he cleaned up everyone in sight on the winter circuit winning 6 tournaments and \$25,000 in cash and war bonds.

The Umbrella Man is no flash in the pan. Day in, day out, he has been the best golfer in the country since 1939 when he won the National Open in a 3-man playoff. Last year he won more money playing golf than any other man in history. And today he plays such a mechanically perfect game that at times it's almost monotonous.

He's a great competitor, too, perhaps the greatest since Hagen. In the PGA finals he was 3 down to Sam Byrd, going into the last 9, then uncorked a string of birdies than sank Sammy 4 and 3. In 171 holes he shaved 36 strokes off par.

Off the links, Nelson is a friendly, open-faced kind of a cookie. Thirty-one years old and 4F with a bum back, he just goes around minding his own business like any other umbrella salesman. Any umbrellas today?

Freak Accident Recorded Here

An unusual accident occurred at this field recently, when a radio headset cord struck and broke the lens on an EM's eye glasses as he was running to his plane, causing injury to the eye. Headsets should be carried in the hand, or the cord ends should be secured, to prevent this type of accident, the Ground Safety Section advises.

WEST POINT AGE LIMIT JUMPED FROM 22 TO 24

The House Military Affairs Committee amended the existing law to permit appointment to West Point of cadets up to the age of 24 instead of 22, providing that such appointees must have served honorably in the armed forces not less than one year during the war.

B-29 Loss Due To Gas Fumes Teaches Lesson

A B-29 was lost because of gas fumes. The Office of Flying Safety reminds crews that should fumes be detected in flight, oxygen masks should be put on and either the auto-mix should be turned off or the emergency should be turned on.

"Gasoline fumes can knock you out in a hurry", advises the Flying Safety Office. "If these fumes dissipate or seem to dissipate, air your cabin out thoroughly. Open the bomb bay doors first. Opening the forward windows will only suck the fumes into the cabin. Open the rear hatch and let the fumes get out that way. But above all take nothing for granted. Make no assumptions. Take no chances. If you go into the bomb-bay to inspect for leaks, please, for the sake of our safety record if you're not interested in your own life, wear your parachute. If fumes are detected or even suspected, take a walk around bottle and mask with you. The boys in crew 806 will tell you that gas fumes hit in a hurry. Let's have no cockpit confusion as a result of fumes."

AN OPEN LETTER TO AIRPLANE COMMANDERS

Gentlemen:

Please see that your men inspect their parachutes before each flight. A piece of paper hidden under the inspection flap with a note to return it to you at crew inspection might help to keep them on the ball. A proper pre-flight of the parachute will insure its operation. Too many crews have been neglecting this 30-second job. So, for the sake of your conscience and the families of your men—enforce the parachute pre-flight requirements.

FLYING SHORT SNORT

AHT DOC! LET'S FLY SOP FROM NOW ON AND AVOID ACCIDENTS!



PIOPS PHONE 2348-2

Hollywood (CNS)—An annoying squeak kept cropping up as they were filming the latest Bette Davis movie. Turned out her corset was groaning every time she moved. Instead of having her take it off, the silly people oiled the thing.

Bulldog Turner, Bear Star, To Spark 2AF

Durable Bulldog Turner, the Superbombers' giant center, has hung up quite a few records as defensive stalwart of the Chicago Bears, but at heart he is just a would-be halfback burdened with repressed desires.

The big boy, who's cut a swath in pro football quite commensurate with his tonnage since joining the Bears in 1940, doesn't think as much of his four-year string of all-National League honors as he does an opportunity of escorting the pighide over the double stripe.

As the Bulldog says, the greatest thrill in football is carrying "that old apple over the goal line." You can quote him—Pfc. Clyde Turner—on that.

The record shows that the 250-pound Turner has accomplished this seven times during his four-year tenure with the Bears. During every one of the four years he was named on the National League all-star team. Inasmuch as the play-for-pay boys attract only the best of the college talent, it would seem that this is thrill enough for the average gridiron performer.

Not for the Bulldog, of whom it might be said in passing that he's anything but average. Here are a few of his more notable accomplishments:

In five seasons he played in every scheduled game for the Bears, a total of 58 consecutive contests, including playoffs.

He played on more championship teams than any other center in NL history, the Bears winning the playoff in 1940, '41 and '43.

He was a 60-minute performer in eight NL games.

He participated in four Chicago all-Star games, playing with the College All-Stars in 1940 and with the Bears in 1941, '42 and '44.

There is one record, however, which Pfc. Turner is content to leave in the books without assault from his rugged frame. That's the longevity mark of 13 consecutive seasons of play set by Mel Hein of the New York Giants and George Trafton of the Bears. After the war Turner hopes to play a few more years and then become a pro coach.

He has another ambition, too, which is more pressing than his post-war coaching career. Turner likes to score. Maybe it started back on Dec. 8, 1940, when the Bears swamped the Washington Redskins by the whopping score of 73-0. Our Pfc. Turner, then referred to mainly as Bulldog, was new with the Bears. During this 73-0 exhibition, Turner intercepted a Redskin pass and raced 24 yards to add to the deluge of touchdowns.

That touchdown and game stand out most vividly in Turner's memory. Last year the Su-



'BULLDOG' TURNER

perbomber star also got quite a bang out of rushing the ball for a touchdown. Playing the Chicago Cardinals-Pittsburgh combine, the Bears ran out of halfbacks. Turner was shifted to the backfield because he knew the assignments of all positions. Playing safety, he fielded a punt. Then, on a play through center, Turner carried the ball 48 yards to score.

The deceptively agile Turner has picked up fumbles and interceptions out of the air to score his five other touchdowns—which all add up to a big thrill, singly and collectively.

He rates the '41 Chicago Bears as the greatest team he ever played with or ever saw.

"Three deep at every position, the Bears were as near perfect as a football team could be," states Turner.

This was the team which had such players as George McAfee, Norm Standlee, Sid Luckman, Ray McLain, Hugh Gallernau, Bill Osmanski, Ray Nolting, Joe Stydahar, Ed Kolman, Lee Arto, Dan Fortmann, Ray Bray, Alto Forte, Ken Kavanaugh, Dick Plasman, George Wilson, John Siegel, Al Matuso, Hampton Poole and many others. It set all-time league records in ground gaining (4,265 yards) and point scoring (396 in 11 games).

Caterpillar Members Can Thank This Dept.

Although "hitting the silk" isn't very likely, it is nice to know that if you do have to jump there is a safe, reliable chute to depend on. Responsible for this is the Parachute Department and its 15 employees. Miss Loya Huffman, forewoman of the group, sees to it that the chutes are inspected every ten days and every 60 days the chutes are opened, aired and checked for needed repairs.

The open chutes are hung in a loft for anywheres from 12 to 24 hours with a huge fan airing them. Taken down, they are stretched on a long table and the shroud lines tested for breaks, and faults. The small necessary repairs in harnesses are made on a huge Singer power machine. A closer look at this monster reveals the needles are as large as nails and the thread the size of cord.

Folding the chute and packing it takes about two hours. After packing, the chute it is inspected and sent down to Central Issue for distribution. Most of the chutes are assigned to individuals and are

fitted for their exclusive use.

Among the enlisted personnel are Pvt. Jenny Amaya who has been a rigger for over two years, Cpl. James Wilshire, Pfc. Luther Meyers and Sgt. Frank Scott. The civilian personnel, many who are servicemen's wives and sweethearts, are: Louise Joiner, Mona Smith, Floy Cowan, Jane Cearly, Jule Ball, Alberta Ward, Linnie Joiner and Oneta Thomas.

To a woman, the yards of soft white silk and nylon usually mean beautiful clothes but to the men who fly, it means the difference between life and death.

ZING GO THE STRINGS



Mrs. Oneta Thomas, folding the shroud lines, is assisted by Miss Linnie Joiner in packing a chute.

2 Pyoters Head For Ordnance OCS

Two members of Squadron D, former 19th Bomb Group men, left the base last week for Officer Candidate School.

S/Sgt. James R. Carr, airplane mechanic of Oil City, Pa., and S/Sgt. Peter J. Geissler, crew chief of Ironwood, Mich., will attend Ordnance Officer Candidate School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

After successfully completing an intensive four-month course, candidates are commissioned sec-

VOTING BALLOT BLANKS AVAILABLE AT ORDERLY RMS.

Voting application cards, by which servicemen and women may receive ballots from their respective states, are available at the orderly rooms of the GIs and officers stationed here, Lt. E. R. Goldberg announced.

Each individual wishing to vote in elections announced in last week's Rattler must call at the orderly room for his ballot application, Lt. Goldberg stated.

ond lieutenants in the Army of the United States, and assigned to duty as ordnance officers.

CREW OF THE WEEK



The Crew of the Week who received honors for keeping their aircraft ready for flight the greatest number of hours in the past week are (left to right): Cpl. John Eisenring, Cpl. E. J. Gilbert, Sgt. R. B. Tallant, and Cpl. Charles Wyatt. Other crew members not included are: Sgt. J. J. McGraw; Pvt. R. C. O'Brien, and Pvt. E. L. Long.

WD Hopes To Issue Battle Jackets In U.S.

Conversion of regular army blouses into battle jackets and distribution of the new type garment to enlisted personnel in this country for the first time will be made by the QM Corps as a means of carrying forward the wool conservation program, the War Department has announced.

Also under consideration is a proposal to authorize the wearing of battle jackets by Wacs, in the belief that the jackets will give the WAC a "snappier" appearance.

Heretofore the battle jacket has been issued only abroad. When issuance was made, EM were required to turn in their old blouses, making excess nearly two million blouses. Contracts have already been let for the conversion of 100,000 of these into battle jackets, probably ready for fall issue.

It is considered likely that the jackets may be put on sale at the PX, thus being made available to officers who wish to purchase them. Aside from the conservation phase of the program, the QM Corps is of the opinion that the battle jacket has proved itself to be a utility garment under actual wartime conditions.

NAVY ADOPTS POINT SYSTEM FOR OLDER EM OFFICERS

The Navy has adopted a point system, not for demobilization, but for the release of 30,000 older officers and men. The formula is one point—for each four months of active duty since Sept. 1, 1939, and one point for each year of age.

WACs, Husbands Can Take Furloughs Together, Says WD

WACs married to men in the Armed Forces may now be granted concurrent furloughs for periods in excess of 15 days to correspond to longer furloughs of their husbands, whenever practicable, under provisions of WD circular No. 17, dated Jan. 13th of this year.

EM May Join Enlisted Reserve Upon Discharge

Enlisted personnel, upon discharge, will have an opportunity to join the Enlisted Reserve Corps in the rating or grade held at time of discharge, the War Dept. has announced.

Applicants for enlistment in the reserve Corps will be permitted to select any appropriate arm or service in which they have served in the AUS. Enlisted men who have served with the AAF may elect Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

The offer is extended to all enlisted personnel except those currently enlisted in the National Guard, and includes men who are physically qualified for general service or limited assignments, who are qualified under applicable laws and regulations and have served honorably and have not been separated for unsatisfactory service.

Medical, dental officers, and chaplains are not eligible for discharge because of shortages. Fifty-three points is the quota for discharge for most Navy men.

Don't Shoot Your Wife! Use Classifieds

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.

FOUND

ANOTHER SET OF KEYS were found at the swimming pool. Keys are on cord and with the State of Texas seal on it.

ROBERT C. KEMPF, 35467938, can pick up his dog tags at Civilian Personnel Office.

DID SOMEONE LOSE TIME? A watch was found by Section II's mail room and is now reposing at The Rattler Office. The loser may have it upon identification.

THE CHEMICAL WARFARE OFFICER has found an Eversharp pencil that can be had at his office upon identification.

Still at The Rattler Office are most of the articles that were advertised in last week's Rattler. How about checking to see if they are the ones you lost? We'll list them again:

ONE PAIR of black leather gloves. Size M.

ONE PAIR of black Rosaries. In good condition.

ONE DOUBLE-FLOWERED earring. Amber stones.

ONE WEDDING RING. Small size, and dainty.

ONE PINK BIRTHSTONE RING. Also small size.

TWO YALE KEYS. One on chain and the other single.

TWO CATHOLIC MEDALS. One on plastic cord. Miraculous medal, single.

WILL NICHOLAS A. SAQUELLA please come for his dog tags and key?

IF ANYONE CAN TELL US where these boys are we would appreciate it: Fred Paulini, Douglas Maure, and Marvin Yeatts.

AMONG THE NEW FOUNDLINGS are a pair of GI glasses.

THE TEXAS HANKIE IS still in The Rattler Office.

TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE as the saying goes but this watch was evidently waiting for its owner. An honest GI found it in the Ice House about 10 a.m. on Monday, August 6. It was

still running when turned in at The Rattler Office. Can be had upon identification.

LOST

AN IDENTIFICATION BRACELET has been lost by Lt. Theodore V. Delaney. Will finder please contact The Rattler Office.

AND A SET OF KEYS were lost. This set contains about 8 keys on a short chain. Probably lost in the hospital area. If found please contact The Rattler Office.

HAS ANYONE FOUND a second-class return ticket to New York? Cpl. Max Eisenstein of Section II CCD, lost his.

ANYONE SEEN a blue fountain pen? Sgt. Ed Whitbeck lost a Carter pen with his name cut into the barrel. If you find that you picked it up by mistake, call 150.

MY WALLET'S GONE—I think somebody took it from my coveralls hung up in the EM swimming pool locker room. I would certainly appreciate it if someone will return the papers and pictures which it contained, and which were valuable only to me. Pfc. Stanley Stockton, Box 539, Sq. D.

MISSING—My bracelet with the name THEODORE V. DELANEY inscribed on it. Please return to The Rattler Office if found.

THERE'S A REWARD ATTACHED to this lost watch. It is a Bulova: gold with black band. Finder please contact the hostess at Special Services.

LOST—Two ration books in an envelope. Return to Cpl. John R. Winder at Sheet Metal department in Sub-Depot.

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.

EXCELLENT TIRES, radio and heater are for sale along with a 1937 Packard club sedan. Although the OPA ceiling price is \$1497, I will sell it for \$650. If interested contact Sgt. Bernhard O. Hougo at Ground Gunnery Range on Phone L.

FOR SALE—A '41 model 25 foot Glider House Trailer. See it at Camp Pyote.

S/SGT. CHARLES SMITH has a 2-wheel trailer for sale. Call 222.

FOR SALE—Two first-class transportation to Los Angeles or San

Francisco. Arrival destination must be by September 17. Cheap. Phone 259-J, Pecos.

THERE IS A "RADIO SPEED KEY" for sale. T/Sgt. Eicher at Radio Maintenance Shop says contact him if you want it.

TRANSPORTATION

ANYONE READY TO GO TO DALLAS? Pfc. Gotlinsky of Sq. F, Bks. 537, has a one-way ticket to sell.

TWO PEOPLE WANT A RIDE from Pecos to the base daily. Their working hours are from 8 to 5. If you have room in your car please call Sgt. Bankers on extension 90.

PERSONALS

WILL THE PERSON who found

my isinglass case with pictures and a pass in it at the USO please turn it in to The Rattler Office? Cpl. Paul Bridges is anxious to have those pictures of his Mom and Dad.

DID YOU GET YOUR OWN laundry this week? I DIDN'T! Please check and see if you have yours. Contact Cpl. R. M. Hetherington at Squadron F if you find his.

WANTED

WOULD LIKE TO BUY a '37 or newer car for spot cash. Contact Combat Crew Personnel Office and ask for Pfc. Meyer Cohen.

HAVE YOU A CAR TO RENT for Saturday and Sunday? Cpl. and Mrs. Dan Morris would like to know. Contact them at Monahans, Phone 187.



YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME

Visit your Information-Education officer today. Ask him about USAFI courses to help you prepare for the job you want. If you plan to go back to school or college, your I&E officer will gladly explain educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights. USAFI study now will give you a head-start later.

What would you like to learn?

USAFI offers more than 300 high school, college and trade courses. Work can be submitted for academic credit in civilian schools. All it costs is \$2. All it takes is a few hours a week of study. Begin now!



KOOPS' KORNER

GAMES FOR GAFFERS

Someone has written me wanting to know if I've ever heard of the game called "Mileage". The idea is to read the lettering on the bottom of a Coca-Cola bottle. The lettering tells the city where the bottle was issued. The person having the bottle from the city furthest from the base gets out of buying the drinks.

That's a new one on us. But we always liked the chug-a-lug game. You deal a deck of playing cards to all the participants. The cards are left face-down in a stack on the table in front of each player. Then each man, in rotation, turns over the top card. Whenever a jack is turned up, everyone chug-a-lugs their drink. Last man to finish his drink and put the glass back on the table pays for the round. He can challenge, though, and any man who has not consumed his entire drink then has to pay. The game goes on till the players can't see the cards or find the table.

But still and all, my favorite game is "Beaver". A bunch of us get on one of those open-deck buses in Chicago and go Beaver-hunting. First man to shout "Beaver" collects five points. A man with a red beard is called "King Beaver" and nets the finder 25 points. After so long a time, the game is called and the players retire to the nearest bar. Each 5 points nets you a drink from each of the other participants.

Any more such games? Always like to hear em.

GRAPEVINE INTELLIGENCE

Your attention is called to a petty scoop The Rattler dished out in the July 25th issue. A story on Page 10 says: "At the end of the war, the Nazis had nearly devised a method of splitting the atom and possibly destroying the world in the process, according to Herbert Agar, special assistant to the American ambassador. "I sincerely believe", said Agar, "that in a very few years the human being will know how to destroy the human race." Little did we know then that the atomic bomb was in the offing.

Bob Christy, the guy who resembled Jack Carson in the Hollywood show, had one comment to make the morning after. When sharing a latrine with Christy, I mentioned I'd been stationed here for twenty-six months, he said, "When they do discharge you, you'll be leaving the foreign legion."

Our nomination for the roughest story of the week concerns the GI who is allergic to cosmetics. Face powder makes him sneeze and lipstick makes his lips sore. Back from New Guinea, he hasn't had a date in six months.

Just in case you separate ration men wondered where the extra jack came from last month, the WD increased furlough and separate ration payments from 65 to 66 cents per day. The order was retroactive to July 1.

The ceiling price on the new civilian jeeps is \$1,090—f.o.b. plus taxes and other incidentals.

EM between 18 and 38 who are being sent to separation centers for discharge, and subsequently want to re-enter the service, have to re-enlist within 90 days of discharge if they want to get back their old ratings.

And war trophies may now be kept without subjecting the collector to punishment under the Articles of War. So says WD Circular 155. War trophies must be taken only in a manner consistent with the principles of international law.

Henry Ford says he sees a prosperity era ahead and adds that the country will look for leadership to the World War II veterans.

PYOTE QUOTES

Giggle piffle eavesdropped around the field . . . At the Theater: "Naw, I ain't worried about getting old. When you stop getting older, you're dead." . . . At the Service Club: "Oh, she's a cultured babe all right. She can, by a mere shrug of her shoulders, adjust her shoulder strap." . . . At the PX Patio: "A wise monkey is the monkey that doesn't monkey around with another monkey's monkey." . . . At the Rattler office: "That what you don't do today doesn't have to be undone tomorrow."



"You got your beer, didn't you? Do you have to be choosey where it comes from?"

Sweating It Out

One of the first questions asked by personnel of this station, upon hearing of V-J day, was: "What happens now?" That's a question we are unprepared to answer. The future of this field, from a military standpoint, will be or has been decided by the Generals.

However, The Rattler makes a suggestion for the Pyote personnel, a suggestion The Rattler is prepared to back every inch of the way.

When hostilities ceased after World War I, personnel throughout Europe and the U.S. were drilled morning, afternoon, and evening. It was something "to keep them out of mischief".

In this period between war and peace—the period of "sweating out"—we hope the same mistake is not made again. The possibility that training will be curtailed, in whole or in part, means added time available for every GI.

Let's put that valuable spare-time to use. The library has a vast storehouse of books—mysteries, westerns, romances, and non-fiction. Let's catch up on our reading. Moreover, the library has a sizable stack of technical volumes. It is prepared to aid you in studying for any subject that compels your interest—plumbing, architecture, art, drama, bookkeeping—to name but a few.

The field is packed with a number of men qualified to instruct various subjects. Already, The Rattler has some names of men qualified to teach art, sculpture, and creative writing. There are numerous other GIs who could handle typing or shorthand classes, or teach elementaries of math, carpentry, or handicrafts.

One of our static complaints is "We don't have the time." It appears that now we might have that added time.

Surely there is no more profitable way to utilize this sweating-out period than to learn subjects that may be of interest or benefit in each individual's post-war world.

The Rattler is ready to back such a Pyote classroom to the limit, and extends to interested individuals the use of its columns for any idea, suggestion, or program that will be of value.

This program is the top peg in The Rattler's post-war platform.

End Of War—

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over the radio. "I thought sure they were going to shoot the cannon. I was so disappointed."

Pfc. Pat Riff, a Marine Corps auxiliary, heard the news while at Pyote—on a brief stop during a B-29 flight. "We were just coming in to Pyote when they woke me up and told me that Admiral

Nimitz had announced over the radio the news to all Navy personnel.

The Rattler extra hit the field about 3 hours after the first flash—amazing time considering the distance the printing office is from the field and the facilities The Rattler had to cope with.

One GI summed up reaction to the paper with "This is one newspaper I'm gonna keep the rest of my life."