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B-29s FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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Pyote Grade, High School Opens Sept. 4

School bells on the morning of Tuesday, September 4, will welcome Pyote's juveniles back to the opening of both the elementary and high school scholastical year. Children living on the base will be transported into Pyote by bus from in front of the Civilian Personnel building at an hour to be announced later.

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Wright Chrane, announces a vacancy existing in teaching the 7th and 8th grades. The position offers a salary of \$155 a month plus a bonus of \$3.30 monthly for completing the 9 month school year. The school hours are from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The applicant may be either married or single. Anyone interested in the position should contact Supt. Chrane at the Pyote school.

Pyote's school is a first-class school affiliated with the 12 grade school system.

Discharge Plan For Officers Now Revised

Since the original story on the release of men under the point system was printed in last week's issue, another TWX has been received which gives more complete information on the separation of officers.

The recent TWX states: "Army Air Force Officers with 36 to 70 discharge points are being released from service at their own request based upon grade point ratio, the lower grades being released on lower points except those officers in essential specialties. All Army Air Force officers 42 years of age or older, requesting discharge, are being automatically discharged regardless of their point scores."

(For further information concerning discharge of officers, see the Demobilization story in column 3.)

INNOVATION



Air Force Magazine Heralds Two Pyoters

The current issue of AIR FORCE, the official service journal of the AAF, contains items giving recognition to two Pyote officers.

A brief story on the rocket-propelled "Power Bomb" first used by the AAF, and tested by Col. Key when he was with the Eighth Air Force in England, is printed on page 54.

Leading maintenance tip in the column on page 52 is a "mechanical Arm" for use in penetrating deep into airplanes and engines without dismantling, is described. It was devised by Major Joe Brady, Supervisor of Supply, back in the days when he was a Captain, and the sub-depot supply officer at Majors Field, Tex.

The August 1945 issue of PLANE FACTS, official publication of the AAF Air Technical Service Command, has a half-page article accompanied by three photographs of a B-29 rudder hoist developed at Pyote.

The hoist, for attachment to an aero stand, permits B-29 rudders to be removed quickly and safely. It is made of 1½ inch chrome moly steel tubing and attached to the aero stand. The device permits two men to remove the huge

Point Score to Drop To 80 When Japan's Occupation Secured

AF to Demobilize Million In Year, Says General

(This is the second in a weekly series of size-ups on the Army's demobilization program, bring-up-to-date the answer to that Number 1 question: "When do we go home?—The editors.)

Two tip-offs in the press this past week have indicated that all is not milk and honey on the Army's demobilization program. At a press conference last Thursday, a reporter asked the President if he had heard of public dissatisfaction with the demobilization program. President Truman admitted that he had, and had been in conference with Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, Stimson, Secretary of War, and Chief of Staff General Marshall, in an endeavor to speed demobilization.

Mead Criticizes

The other straw in the wind came from Senator James M. Mead, (D-NY), who went on record as the first Congressman to express dissatisfaction with the GI discharges. Senator Mead stated that he hoped the Army's announced intention of releasing 7,500,000 in the next 12 to 18 months was a "conservative estimate" and hoped the time element could be cut down.

Senator Mead's statement said that one of the several factors which tend to slow up discharges (See DEMOBILIZATION, Page 6)

B-29 rudder.

It was designed and constructed by Capt. Joseph G. Jordan, Lt. George Wachter, Jr., and M/Sgt. Willard M. Casso.

A press association release from Washington, Wednesday announced that War Dept. spokesmen, testifying before the House Military Affairs Committee, said that the present Army of 8,050,000 would be trimmed to 2,500,000 by next July 1st, provided that the Japs offer no resistance to occupation forces.

Maj. Gen. I. W. Edwards, chief of the Army Training program, stated: "the day that General MacArthur tells us we will not have to fight in Japan, we will stop sending men to the Pacific with 60 points or more. On that day we will also recompute the point system and lower the discharge score from 85 to 80."

General Edwards also disclosed that MacArthur requested about one-third of the combat divisions he was requested to receive before surrender was a possibility, to police.

August Records Only Six Days Over 100 Mark

Those cool Pyote evenings were back with us this past week, as the thermometer minded its business and stayed below the hundred mark, like good little thermometers should. In a surprisingly cool month, August has only had six (See WEATHER on Page 7)

Any officers who are willing to certify for battle stars for enlisted men are requested to contact Special Services Office (phone 27) giving their name, and the group and wing in which they served.



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Case of Tommy Atkins

If you kiddies remember when the Selective Service Act was passed back in September 1940, there was considerable talk that the bill did not sufficiently protect the draftee.

In short, the section of the act that provides that the employer must re-hire the individual after he has served his country has holes enough to look like Class X salvage.

Therefore, we greeted the information last week, that President Truman wants to see the vets protected, with real enthusiasm.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, head of selective service, made the statement earlier in the week that re-employment provisions of the draft was not hole-proof.

Naturally, it isn't. The employer does not have to rehire the veteran if his business has altered since the guy left. Any employer who so desires can say that the war or reconversion or the stock market or his Aunt Minnie's funeral has altered his business.

The President has now stated that if the act does not protect the veterans' rights to their old jobs proper legislation will be put into effect that does.

Now that wartime patriotism can be tossed out the window, there are all too many employers who will spit on their service flags. Being the harsh realists some of them are, they will see that the veteran is older, has been away from the business too long, and invent any number of excuses why they don't care to rehire the veteran.

When the cheering and shouting dies—the vet may find himself selling apples on Randolph street.

We urge the veterans, and we urge Congress to make that legislation fast. We urge this country to re-hire the veterans that left to serve, and fulfill the promise that was made to them.

Because somehow we can't help thinking of Kipling's "Tommy Atkins" who was "Mr. Atkins" when the guns started firing, but when they quit, it was "chuck him out, the brute".

Old Man Depression

Crowded into insignificant portions of the paper due to the Jap surrender headlines was an item of importance. Washington officials are expecting 8 million unemployed by Christmas. Last Wednesday's El Paso Times carried a picture of crowds milling around U.S. Employment office in Dallas after being laid off war jobs.

Unfortunately, we notice that the prediction on the number of unemployed ties in closely with the number of Armed forces discharges.

There is no hard and fast rule of stopping unemployment. But

there are several preventive measures we can take to keep it to a minimum and avoid any recurrence of the bleak days of the early 30s.

We can see that there is no inflation. We can ward off attempts to jack up wages, which in turn hoist prices, which in turn hoist wages. We can try to see that supply and demand balances.

We can see that proper legislation is passed to assure work for every man.

How can we see these things accomplished? By advising our senators and representatives to take such action in Congress. The weapon you have to fight for your rights and fight for a better country to return to, lies in an envelope addressed to him.

You have hired that man to represent you—to act as your proxy in molding the nation's laws. It is up to you to watch with careful vigilance to see that those laws protect you and yours and make for a better United States.

Clothing for Dischargees

Some congressmen have been working on a plan to allow discharged GIs additional funds with which to purchase civilian clothing.

In this connection, we thought you might be interested in how the British Army handles this matter. The dischargee gets a suit made of the "highest grade utility cloth with best quality art-silk linings and trimmings (choice of 7 or 8 styles in a wide range of colors and over 100 patterns), a lined raincoat, a hat (in a wide choice of shapes and colors), a shirt (choice of over 100 designs), with two collars to match, a tie (choice of over 50 designs), two pairs of socks, and a pair of brown or black shoes."

Even the smallest details are provided such as studs, cuff links, and shoe laces. Suits will be in stock at depots throughout Britain. The British soldier is allowed also to retain a pair of GI shoes, two towels, two shirts, two sets of underwear, two pairs of socks, a sweater, and a pair of gloves.

We regret that MacArthur chose the battleship Missouri for the signing of the surrender. We were in hopes it would be one of the ships that was refitted after the Pearl Harbor attack, to remind the Japs it's a tough job to knock out the U.S.

A GI is the only animal that can be skinned more than once.



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State Dept. Offers GIs Opportunity As Diplomats

Proposed expansion of the foreign service of the State Department, necessitated by the increasing responsibilities of the U.S. in world affairs, offers to military personnel a career in the foreign service.

Members of the armed forces and honorably discharged veterans are being given the first opportunity of joining this service, which comprises counselors or embassies or legations, diplomatic secretaries, consular general, consuls and vice-consuls.

All military personnel are eligible for appointment. However, applicants must have received a degree from accredited college or university, or have completed at least three-quarters of such course. They must be able to read with reasonable facility either French, German or Spanish. Commissioned officers must have at least "excellent" on their last efficiency reports.

Applicants must have been born between 1912 and 1924, and must have been citizens for 15 years. They must not be married to an alien and must have at least one year of service in the Armed Forces. Written and oral exams will be given applicants.

Information regarding commissions in the State Dept. are available from your orderly room.

Ex-Pyote Officer Is Named CO At Pueblo AAField

Lt. Col. Lyle G. Zumwalt, who served at Pyote as assistant director of training this winter, has been named Commanding Officer of Pueblo Army Air Field, 2AF base in Colorado.

Colonel Zumwalt reported to Pueblo from Pyote last June and took over the position as director of training.

A native of Richmond, Texas, the Colonel wears the silver star, DFC with two clusters, the air medal with one, and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with six stars.

GIs Busted Without Prejudice May Regain Stripes

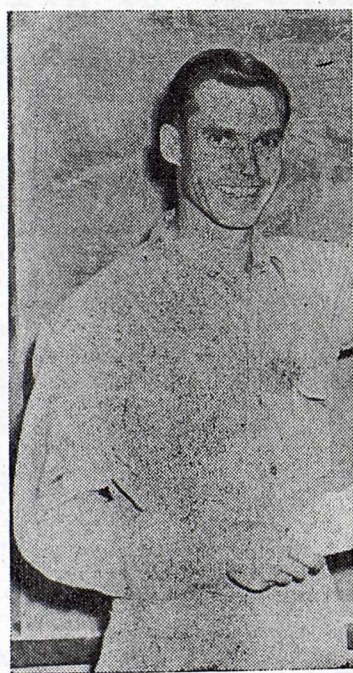
GIs busted without prejudice prior to last November may regain their old grade, according to an article in the Army-Navy Journal. Busted GIs may regain those stripes if their services since have been satisfactory. Excess in grades created by this circular will be carried as excess until absorbed and will not prevent a man from

COMMENDED



LT. STEPHEN HAM

Lt. Stephen Ham (above) and M/Sgt. Edward Vasse (below) were specifically commended by the Inspector General at the annual field inspection earlier this month. Lieutenant Ham is in charge of the Flying Safety program and was commended particularly for the splendid record maintained by his "understaffed" department. Sergeant Vasse is in charge of the Communications School and the IG commended him for the brilliant job done in spite of the absence of commissioned officers.



M/SGT. EDWARD VASSE

OCS COURSES NOW LAST SIX MONTHS

Current classes at Officers' Candidate Schools have been extended from 17 weeks to six months. No drastic changes in OCS are contemplated and scheduled classes are continuing.

receiving his old rank.

War Dept. Accepts Enlistments In Army

The War Dept. has announced that it will accept enlistment applications for the Regular Army from enlisted members of the AUS and from discharged members who apply within three months of discharge.

The War Dept. announcement read as follows:

"Enlistments in the Regular Army for a period of three years will be accepted. Qualified individuals now in the Army who desire to enlist in the Regular Army will be discharged and re-enlisted. Men who have been honorably discharged from the Army of the United States may be enlisted if they apply within three months of their date of discharge and upon re-enlistment will be promoted to the grade held at the time of separation. Individuals without prior service and those who have been out of service for more than three months may enlist by volunteering for induction. Such individuals upon induction will be enlisted in the Regular Army.

Economy Stressed In Future Use Of Army Funds

In a recent letter from the adjutant General's Office, a reminder has been set forth on the expenditure of government funds, and the necessity of economy in the future at all Army installations.

All personnel, civilian and military, are reminded of the increasing importance of their wholehearted and active cooperation in the control of expenditures of public funds, especially now during the coming months.

The most effective planning of future needs, both in the utilization of personnel and the economical use of supplies and equipment is necessary in order to keep all expenditures to an absolute minimum.

The employment of all existing supply channels in the procurement of required material is essential in order to avoid needless and expensive local procurement of items.

All obligation of funds in an allotted status must have prior approval of the Budget and Fiscal Officer, both as to the availability of funds and the propriety of such obligations.

Victory Medal For Vets Delayed, Says Adjutant General

The new Victory Medal, authorized by Congress for all veterans of World War II will be delayed for some time, according to information from the Adjutant General's office.

Preparation of designs for the new medal and drafting of regulations governing its award will require some time, inasmuch as the medal is of general award, Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard, as well as Army officials must reach an agreement on design and regulations.

The medal will be awarded all those who have served on active duty in the Armed forces between Dec. 7, 1941 and the cessation of hostilities and whose service shall have been honorable.

"Men now in the Army who enlist in the Regular Army will be granted furloughs up to 90 days depending on their length of service. Those overseas qualified for furlough will be returned to the United States to enable them to spend their furloughs at home. In addition, those now in the service, upon re-enlistment, become eligible for a re-enlistment bonus. The amount of the bonus is dependent upon the grade of the individual at the time of his discharge and upon length of continuous service."

American Legion To Finance Test Case For Vets' Job Rights

The national executive committee of the American Legion has authorized the use of Legion funds to finance a test case in U.S. courts on re-employment rights guaranteed World War II veterans under Section 8 of the Selective Service Act.

"When and if a veteran is denied such rights", the Legion is determined to establish beyond question the re-employment rights of veterans.

Five Additional Separation Centers To Open Soon

The War Dept. contemplates opening five additional separation centers to speed discharges of 5 million men in the next year.

New centers will be located at Fort Custer, Mich., Fort Monmouth, N. J., Fort Riley, Kans., Camp Wolters, Tex., and Camp Haan, Calif.

This Week--**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. 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.

The Jewish High Holy Days are approaching. The New Year starts at sundown on Friday, 7 September, and the Day of Atonement starts Sunday evening, 16 September. Plans are being made for Services. Anyone with cantorial experience is asked to contact Chaplain Norton at the Station Chapel, extension 112.

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

Services for Latter Day Saints (Mormon) will be held at the Station Chapel each Sunday at 3 p.m.

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

"YOU CAME ALONG" with Robert Cummings and Elizabeth Scott. (Wounded aviator comes home, knows he's going to die, finally decides to get married. He does both.) Shorts: Paramount News.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

"THE HIDDEN EYE" with Edward Arnold and Frances Rafferty. (Blind detective solves murder while his assistant gets shot at.) Shorts: "Hi Ho Rodeo", Pop-eye cartoon, and "America the Beautiful".

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"JOHNNY ANGEL" with George Raft and Signe Hasso. (Raft is the grandson of a sea captain who finds the old boy's gold cache and marries a hostage.) Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

TUESDAY

(Double feature) **"THE GAY SENORITA"** with Jinx Falkenburg and Steve Cochran. (Guy wants to build a warehouse in Mexican quarter, girl wants to build a monument. They fall in love. Ho-hum.) **"ARSON SQUAD"** with Frank Albertson and Robert

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Armstrong. (Insurance investigator solves mysterious fires.)

WEDNESDAY

"RHAPSODY IN BLUE" with Robert Alda, Alexis Smith and Paul Whiteman. (The life story and romance of George Gershwin.) Shorts: Paramount News.

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: Noon to 11:00 p.m.

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

DANCING: EM dance Friday evenings, 9 to midnight, at EM

Club Patio.

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

SEWING: Free sewing work at Red Cross office, Thursdays from 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.

SCHOOL: USAFI Correspondence courses—details from Lt. W. C. Gruben, Special Services office, next door to Service Club. Off-duty education program—details at Special Services office. Phone 27.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS—Trips to Carlsbad Caverns each Sunday; leave from Sqdn. A Orderly Room at 6:30 AM second and fourth Sun-

days 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 noontime 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.

At Monahans USO

Wed.—Arts and Crafts program.
Thu.—Moonlight picnic and swimming party sponsored by Monahans Lions Club.

Fri.—Informal activities.
Sat.—Dance, 9 to midnight.

Sun.—Classical recordings, buffet supper, community sing, and movie—"Cat and the Canary" featuring Paulette Goddard and Bob Hope. (Here's a chance to re-enjoy one of your favorite films from a few years back.)

Mon.—Game night.
Tue.—Convalescent night.

INITIAL PATIO DANCE SUCCESS



The first dance of the season at the EM Club Patio was voted a considerable success. A portion of the dancing throngs is pictured above. Besides "dancing under the stars" a floor show was also presented.

Rambunctious Rudolph To Bid Adieu to Pyote Stage

One of Pyote's most familiar faces is spending his nights recounting his points. They add up to over 85 which explains why he hopes he won't be a Pyote familiar face for much longer.

M/Sgt. Charles S. Rudolph has been one of the sparkplugs of the Pyote theatrical ventures. Since the rosy-cheeked, balding Master Sergeant arrived on the field a year ago, he has been active in every play and entertainment offered, in addition to his duties as chief clerk in the Special Services Office.

"Chuck" arrived on the field just in time to be pressed into action as General Farraday in the local musical comedy, "Off Limits". As the backside-patting General who wants to give "E" awards, Chuck walked off with the show.

Three months later, he repeated his larceny in the role of "Gramps" in "Easy Does It". As the senile old coot with an eye for the ladies and leer to match, the audience loved him.

Then this spring he played the role of the principal in the Henry Aldrich farce "What A Life". In addition to these legit roles, Chuck has given some vodvil routines in "Cactus Capers" and "Victories of '45"—running the gamut from impersonations of Bonnie Baker and the Andrews Sisters to Bing Crosby.

Chuck entered the Army in June, 1941, from his home town St. Louis. There he had been active in Little Theater groups, amateur theatrics, and occasional appearances on WIL and KWK as announcer, actor, or vocalist. He had put in one year at Washington U. majoring in Drama when he joined the Army.

As a vocalist Chuck brought the house down at the "Gay Nineties" parties at the EM Club patio last summer, particularly with his ver-



M/SGT. CHARLES S. RUDOLPH

sion of "Trees":

**"Of all the things I had to be,
I had to be a lousy tree.
I'm nothing else but this, alas!
A comfort station in the grass!"**

He joined the 12th Bomb Group soon after his enlistment, and had an overseas tour through Egypt, Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was a 1st Sergeant for two years and organized entertainment for the guys in the outfit.

The roly-poly Rudolph was a shoe salesman prior to his Army career, but now with some good performances under his belt, he's aiming at a career in broadcasting after D—(Discharge)—Day.

Add Business Class To School Program

Another course has been added to the off-duty classes being held evenings at the Technical Gunnery School, free of charge to all military personnel and authorized civilians.

A class in small business organization and operation got underway last Monday. Sgt. John Mangan, instructor, has operated several types of retail businesses prior to entrance in the Army, and has served as instructor of such courses before.

Carlos Molina's Orchestra Due Here Sept. 7th

Next big-time dancing date for Pyote personnel and their guests is set for a week from Friday, September 7, when Carlos Molina and his orchestra move into the Service Club Patio for a one night stand from 8 to midnight.

Carlos Molina, director of the "Music of Americas", has been featured at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles, Miami Biltmore, and the Congress Hotel in Chicago.

A handsome senior, Molina and his orchestra emphasize the South American tempo and put the accent on south of the border tunes. Molina is a native of Colombia, South America, and played bit parts in films before going into the dance band business.

Classes in Small Business Operation are being each Monday and Wednesday evening from 7 to 9. Pecos and Monahans Chambers of Commerce will present guest speakers to assist the course in some practical experiences.

It is not too late to enlist in any of the courses now being offered by the Information and Education Dept. (See list of classes in adjoining column.) To join any class, merely put in an appearance at the Technical Gunnery School on the evening such class is being held. Students may join as many classes as they desire. Text books are furnished free, and upon satisfactory completion of the course, students may apply for high school credit if they so desire.

GIs with teaching experience in any phase of school work are urged to apply to Lt. W. C. Gruben at the Special Services Office. Additional courses are being planned.

Talent Needed For GI Shows

The need for talent is urgent, according to the Special Services Office. All personnel on the field who would like to participate in local entertainments are asked to be on hand at the Special Services Office next Tuesday evening at 7 P.M.

Definite plans are underway for some big shows at Pyote, and the talent for these shows will be selected from the personnel of the field. Officers, enlisted men, and civilians are urged to visit the Special Services Office, next door to the Service Club and lend their services.

No experience is necessary. All that is needed is an interest in being in the show or helping with technical crews. So if you sing, dance, tell jokes, look pretty, or have a kind face—you are urged to join up.

WACs Get Extra Summer Clothing

Mandatory allowance of khaki tropical worsted skirts for enlisted WAC in the continental US has been increased from two to four. The former allowance of three old style summer skirts has been abol-

OFF-DUTY CLASSES

The following off-duty classes are being held, free of charge, to field personnel at the Gunnery Training school. You are invited to attend.

PLANE GEOMETRY

Monday, 6 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 to 10 p.m.

CREATIVE WRITING

Monday and Thursday, 8 to 10 p.m.

SPANISH

Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.

ALGEBRA

Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.

PSYCHOLOGY

Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m.

SMALL BUSINESS

Monday and Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m.

ished, though three may be authorized by commanders of the Service Commands.

Allowances of tropical worsted garrison caps has also been increased, from one to three. The changed orders state that a cotton waist and summer skirt no longer will have to be turned in when herringbone twill skirt and trousers are issued.

This increase in issue has been in effect at this field for sometime, the WAC detachment announced

Fire-Fighting GIs Help Demobilization— To Keep Base Fireproof

A really thankless job is that of the Auxiliary firemen of Pyote Army Air Field. Every Monday and Thursday these men, assigned from various squadrons, meet for instruction at the Fire House. That means whether it is their day off or not . . . and without any glory they go about learning the duties of emergency firemen.

This week they simulated fire conditions in Mess No. 5. With real professional flourish they hopped on the truck and sped to the scene of the supposed fire. Within a few minutes the ladder was up and hoses stretched around the area and on the roof, with Fire Chief Thomas Gregg supervising the activity and giving suggestions.

Each class is about one and a half hours long and the entire course is about 12 hours all told. Learning to climb a ladder without a hip wiggle is no cinch . . . have you ever tried it? Then try carrying a hose and ax up with you.

These men were chosen from various squadrons to assist the scarcely adequate crew of firemen on the base: Sgt. Dave Appenzellar, Sgt. Lewis E. Scott, Sgt. George Willich, Cpl. Oscar B. Blackwell, Cpl. Charles H. Keeton, Cpl. Horace Stevens, Cpl. Florian Sosnicki, Cpl. Frances E. McGlynn, Cpl. Marston R. Mischler, Pfc. James S. Hensel, Pfc. Norman R. Halverson and Pfc. Peter H. Nutley.

Chief Gregg announced that a new series of classes will start Monday night which will total 10 hours of firefighting. These men will be used to supplement the men of the fire dept. which is now working with a skeleton crew. A plan is being formulated by which there will be three shifts of 20 men who will be assigned to the fire dept.

Many thanks are due to the men who, with a blast of the siren, hop on the nearest vehicle and speed to the fire to do their part.

New York Bar Admits Vets Without Exam

The New York State Court of Appeals in a recent ruling has opened the door whereby GI law students may obtain admission to the state bar without taking the prescribed examinations.

The exams were dispensed with by the court for those who entered the armed services before completing their studies and whose duties have prevented them from taking the succeeding examinations.

The GI applicant, however, must have received his law school degree from a school recognized by the State Board of Regents and must have been in active service for at least a year before he may

DRY RUN



Pyote's auxiliary firemen make a dry-run on Mess Hall Five to keep in practice for those days when real alarms ring out.

Cost of Living Goes Up 15% For Army Men; Now \$533 Per GI

The War Department reports that this year the cost of equipping and maintaining a soldier in the Zone of the Interior has risen nearly 15 per cent over 1944 costs.

Breaking down the total of \$533.89 the results are: food, \$226.30; clothing, \$128.19 with \$83.82 added for a year's maintenance. Individual equipment \$47.72 plus \$16.21 for maintenance; barracks equipment comes to \$28.15, with \$3.50 added for maintenance. Last year's cost per GI was \$465.06

Equipment and clothing in theaters of war run higher than in the United States. There is an expenditure of \$145.10 for clothing and \$33.88 for individual equipment. Quite a costly family for Uncle Sam to raise.

be admitted to the bar.

Send The Rattler home.

is the "very human tendency" to preserve large organizations. Another, he added, is the fear that dumping too many men into civilian life might flood the job market.

"This latter fear", said the Senator, "should not for a moment be permitted to interfere with the right of the boys to return home promptly. This is a right they have earned all to well and of which we have no right to deprive them for an instant."

He also took the Army to task for declaring men in routine jobs as "essential" members of the service, but was pleased to note that the War Dept. now recognizes this fact. Mead said further that the Army discharge age limit should be reduced from 38 to 35 immediately. Lack of separation centers "cannot be condoned", he said.

AAF to Release

The AAF, now more than 2,400,000 strong will discharge over 1,400,000 in the next 12 months, according to Maj. Gen. Fred A. Anderson in a network broadcast.

The assistant chief of air staff said the peak discharge rate would be approximately 150,000 monthly. An additional 300,000 will be released later as world conditions permit, paring the AAF down to a strength of about 700,000.

The AAF demobilization program calls for high point men overseas to be replaced by low point men and volunteers.

Effective August 15th, he disclosed, all units destined for overseas were stripped of EM with more than 75 points and of WACs with more than 43 points.

The points necessary for discharge of officers in AAF, according to Associated Press, were scaled as follows: 70 for captains and above, 58 for first lieutenants, 42 for second lieutenants, 36 for flight officers, and 65 for warrant officers. All AAF officers 42 or older may be released upon request.

Air Force Officers

A United Press dispatch of last week stated that the War Dept. had confirmed the orders to discharge AAF officers with point scores ranging from 36 to 70, and promised to issue details later.

The United Press dispatch continued: "This disclosure came after it was revealed that the Army will send to the Pacific only four to six of the sixteen divisions originally scheduled for service under Gen. Douglas MacArthur." (A division is composed of from 12 to 15 thousand men.) "The final decision on the numbers of divisions will be left to MacArthur. His decision will depend in part on conditions he encounters after



GLEN—Born to Capt. and Mrs. C. L. Glen at the Pyote Regional Hospital on August 10, a boy, John Leonard, weight 6 lbs. 4 ozs. Capt. Glen is assigned to Sq. F.

SCHWARTZ—Born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. William A. Schwartz at the Pyote Regional Hospital, on August 22, a girl, Nancy Mae, weight 7 lbs. 6 ozs. T/Sgt. Schwartz is assigned to Sq. D.

PARRISH—Born to Cpl. and Mrs. John F. Parrish at the Pyote Regional Hospital on August 24, a girl, Lynda Suzanne, weight 6 lbs. 7½ ozs. Cpl. Parrish is assigned to Sq. A.

7 AAF Men Killed In Cycle Accidents During Month of June

Seven AAF personnel were killed in motorcycle accidents during the month of June, according to Capt. Robert Downey, Ground Safety Officer. Seven deaths in one month to AAF personnel in the U.S. from leisure time operation of privately-owned motorcycles shows a need for prompt remedial action.

Captain Downey cites TM 10-515 as the authority on safe operation of motorcycles and advises that all cyclists check its contents.

the occupation of Japan begins. The order does not apply to officer personnel with critical skills, such as radar specialists, physicians, and key administrative officers."

Somervell's Statement

Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, CG of the Service Forces, announced that four million troops will be home by June 30th—two and a half million from the ETO, and a million and a half from the Pacific. Fresh troops will be going out to relieve these men of the occupation duties. He stated that though the railroad freight crisis would ease, the passenger transportation problem would continue. Demobilization would reach its peak in January, said the General, when the War Dept. hopes to be discharging five hundred-thousand men a month.

Peacetime Navy

Senator Walsh, Mass., chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs committee forsee a peacetime Navy of about five hundred-thousand men, as contrasted to the present force of 3,300,000. This would be the recommendation his committee will make to Congress upon its return.

Library Suggests You Try These Brand New Books

Here's a rapid resume of some more new books at the library. If any of these appeal to your reading taste, the books are now available at the library.

"The Half-Haunted Saloon" is bound to tickle the palate of any cocktail lounge. The dizzy doings of a Billy-Burkish woman and her three daughters who inherit a saloon (and a haunted one at that) is thoroughly enjoyable. The mother puts flowers on the tables, daughter gives a puppet show for the tavern trade, and a large dog demands ice cream cones. Fun from start to finish.

"Manhattan Furlough" tells the psychological story of a guy on furlough, burdened with the thought that he was responsible for his buddy's death. Two weeks in Manhattan — with some nice girls and some terrible drunks—is well painted. The GI's reply to some civilian clinches are bound to win admiration from his partner;s in khaki.



"Black Weather" is one of those dark, morbid stories of terror coming into the lives of weak-willed people. A man-hungry old woman makes life for a young fellow and his pregnant wife sheer horror. A moody, morbid book that, for this reader's money, is the best of its kind.

"Speak of the Devil" is a collection of stories about Satan in his many forms. Some of the stories are poor and some excellent, like any anthology. You're bound to like "Mr. Beelzy" and "The Djinn in the Bottle".

"77 Willow Road" is more apt to please the femme readers than the male. The story concerns a young girl who rooms at a bleak, foreboding house. She patches together the horrible story of what went on in that house years ago. It has its moments—and the girls should love it.

Charles Grayson's two anthologies of "Stories for men" are something that should go straight to the heart of the GI. Grayson has compiled two large books of meaty short-stories, all of which emphasizes plot. Grayson's dedication sums the book up: "To my dad, who believed a good story was one that told a good story".

The library also boasts a number of books by Frank Graham, who writes nostalgic histories of the Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants and Yankees, and St.

Senate to Consider Appointment Of Officers to RA

The outlook for permanent commissions in the Regular Army is discussed in War Dept. Circular 243. The plan for selecting officers and integrating them into the Regular Army will finally be decided by Congress; however the WD will recommend that those officers integrated into the Regular Army will be of such age and physical condition as will permit them to serve for a reasonably long period before being retired.

No officer, says WD, will be appointed to a grade higher than that which he held in wartime. Officers interested in being considered for commission in the Regular Army, following enactment of appropriate legislation, will submit a statement of interest in letter form to their Commanding Officer. This letter form is available in Circular 243.

Congress will consider, upon its return, legislation appointing, in company grades, commissions in the Regular Army to non-Regular officers on active duty. Passage of the bill was stymied last spring as the House Military Committee did not agree that the number chosen, 250, was sufficient.

With the termination of the war, the Army must now make some determination of its future requirements and open commissions now to the number of officers it needs before good potential candidates leave the service.

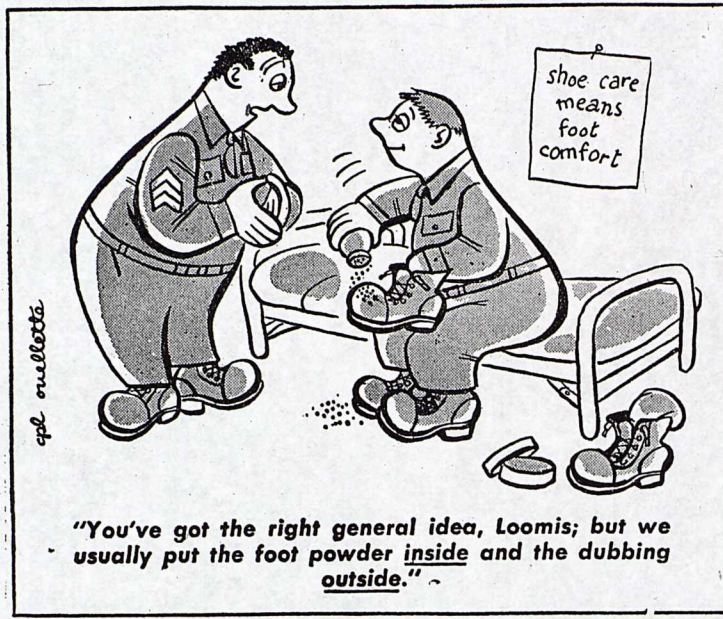
One War Dept. spokesman last week, stated the figure would probably be in excess of 1000.

The pending bill offers appointments in grades of second and first lieutenant and captain.

Louis Cardinals. He weaves the history of these teams down through the years, series, and players. If you're a baseball fan, you'll like.

"The Shape of Danger" is something new in romantic murder yarns. A typical P. G. Wodehouse character gets involved with Norwegian patriots and beats the dickens out of Nazi occupation forces. The yarn is a little stale now, but it's still exciting reading, and has some nice babes in it, besides.

Incidentally, the library also receives daily copies of Chicago,



This Wacky World

The following daffy collection of yucks and screwballs added up to this dizzy week:

Bloominburg, N. Y.—Two fathers have passed a law prohibiting a display of any part of the anatomy between knee and shoulder. **George Houston of Greenwich, Conn.**, was playing double solitaire with his wife when three masked men entered his house. One of them continued the game while the other two looted the house of \$75 and 9 cases of whiskey. All three left after kissing Mrs. Houston goodbye. And **Martinsburg, Va.** postmen aren't bitten by dogs anymore; lately they've been nipped



on the leg by a small boy who sneaks up, bites, and vanishes into the bushes.

A 17-year-old kid from **Indianapolis, Ind.**, saw the movie "Dillinger"; then stole a car, knocked over three trees and six front porches. He said to the judge: "I felt mean". A **Missoula, Mont.** guy was irked when fined \$5 for overtime parking. He wouldn't pay it, went to jail instead, and spitefully flushed \$1000 down the cellblock toilet.

Houston, Fort Worth, El Paso, New York, St. Louis, New Orleans and Detroit papers. Open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Weather—

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days of 100 or above, up to and including Tuesday August 28th.

Temperatures for the past week, compared with those of a year ago, are listed below through the courtesy of the Base Weather Station.

Wednesday	86	101
Thursday	90	94
Friday	91	95
Saturday	89	92
Sunday	85	92
Monday	92	75
Tuesday	9	76

FAG RATIONING STILL IN EFFECT

The Army Exchange Service has announced that there is no relaxation contemplated of cigarette and tobacco rationing at Army installations. Current rations continue at six packs of cigarettes or 12 cigars weekly.

Though some Navy installations have suspended cigarette rationing, the Army will continue using the ration cards issued this spring. These cards expire October 29th of this year, and no further information is available on renewals of them.

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'House on Stilts' Keeps Plane Traffic On Beam

Although the Army Airways Communication System isn't heard of too frequently, the detachment at Pyote Army Air Field has been on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Principal duty at the field is the operation of the control tower, commonly known as "the building on stilts". The control tower operators of the AACS direct all landings and take-offs. These operators have to be on the alert every minute as difficult predicaments are cropping up all of the time at a heavily scheduled training field such as this.

Such calls from pilots as "one engine out", "wheels locked", "visibility poor", which are enough to send chills running up the back of any crew member, are handled coolly, safely, and with a minimum of fanfare by the Pyote operators.

Another important system of communications is the radio range. This is so constructed that if bad weather sets in the AACS operator can help the pilot find his way to the field by sending out radio beams. The pilot can then determine the course by instruments and return to the field. Using these facilities, an airman can fly across the entire United States without once seeing the ground.

After a plane is brought to the field by radio, the AACS operates its Instrument Approach System, which enables the pilot to land the plane if the field is "weathered in". By this system, radio beams are sent out and picked up by radio receiving apparatus in the plane. This operates instruments on the control panel and the pilot can land his plane without even seeing the runway, merely by watching the instruments.

Sometimes a pilot radios in that he is lost. The men of AACS immediately put their direction finding equipment to use, obtain bear-

ings on the plane, and soon the pilot is orientated as to his correct heading.

The function, since its beginning, is to operate and maintain communications and navigational aids along the AAF supply routes—by this service to help make possible the safe, orderly conduct of military aircraft from point of take-off to destination.

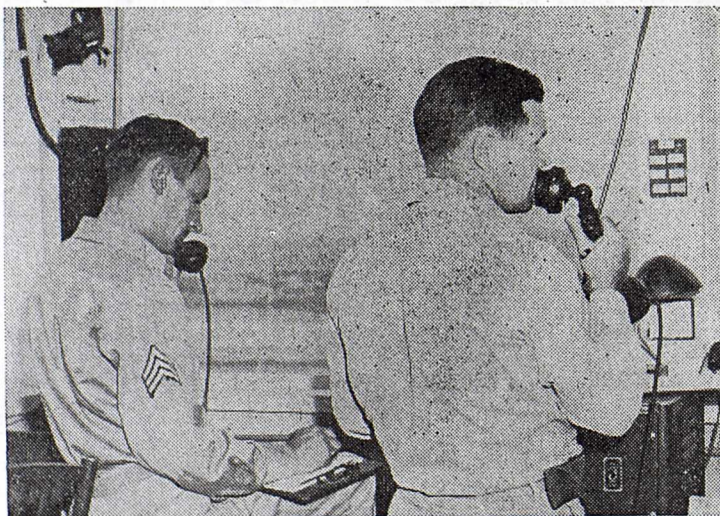
Commanding General of the AACS is Brig. Gen. Ivan L. Beriman, whose headquarters are at Dallas, Texas. The local organization is the 105th AACS Squadron. Detachment Commander is Lt. Borris Kleiner.

Another major job of the AACS is tracking down the movement of army aircraft on cross-country flights, via point-to-point, and ground-to-air activities. By this system the course of a plane from Pyote to New York or any other destination, is tracked down minutely, and should the pilot lose radio contact, AACS can easily establish the exact position that the plane has been forced down.

The Army Airways Communication System was established by the AAF to furnish specialized radio service wherever the military air routes should stretch. It was first activated on paper in 1938, but it was not developed fully until the pre-Pearl Harbor year, 1941.

Now the AACS is in operation throughout the world.

LIVE IN THE HOUSE ON STILTS



Sgt. Gerald Brick gets flight clearance from Albuquerque while S/Sgt. Neal C. Crowthers gives take off instructions over radio to plane on runway.

DIRECTION FINDER



Cpl. David Sommerville operates the Direction Finder.

Butch Throws Hat in Ring For Governorship of Wisc.

Wisconsin's political picture—which usually tends to the harum-scarum—is going to be more of a taffy pull than ever when Sgt. Stanley Fajkowski makes his race for Governor of that state. Fajkowski, who was steward of the Officers' Club, will be shipped to Fort Dix, N. J., this week, has a 13-point platform which he hopes will find his pudgy physique resting neatly in the gubernatorial chair.

Fajkowski, who labors under the nickname of Butch, is no amateur in politico fields. In 1942 he finished fourth in a field of six candidates, and took his home county — Milwaukee — by more than a thousand votes. And his campaign cost was a mere ten bucks—to defray "thank you" notes sent to his supporters.

Butch's platform for his 1946 campaign includes these 13 points: All returning veterans will be given a \$500 bonus for each year of service in the Armed Forces from October, 1940. State loans will be issued to veterans in addition to the GI Bill of Rights. Immediate institution of a 40-hour week for all employees of industry. Minimum wage of 75 cents an hour with time-and-one-half for overtime. Unemployment compensation of \$30 a week for a minimum of 26 weeks. Unions rights will be recognized as collective bargaining agencies. Establishment of a fair hiring and firing board to avoid discrimination. Increase in school teachers' wages. Broadening of the civil service program. Construction of super-highways in Wisconsin. Provision of state loans to farmers



SGT. "BUTCH" FAJKOWSKI

and small businessmen at a low rate of interest. Institution of a socialized medical program. Lower taxes and state loans to aid big business.

George Leenheer came home to his Chicago apartment tired from his day's work. "Let me make you comfortable, dear," said his wife. She removed his shoes, brought his bedroom slippers, then shot him.

GI Separation Center Readies White Paper

When your name appears on orders to head for a separation center, here's what happens. The system of getting the men out fast has been streamlined and organized to a cat's whiskers to solve all the problems of separating a man from the Army in a minimum amount of time.

Army trucks disgorge groups of men, laden with baggage, at the separation center. The GI first reports to the initial receiving point, which is much like a hotel desk. Here a locator card is prepared for him and he turns over all his records.

A little later an officer welcomes him to the center and explains the routine he will be put through on the final leg of his journey back to civilian life. Next he is provided with a pamphlet entitled "Information for Soldiers Going Back to Civilian Life", which he reads before going through the center.

When his turn comes he is first called for a final medical examination. This includes a medical interview, chest and X-rays, if necessary, analytical laboratory test, surgical examination, eye, nose, and throat inspection, dental exam, hearing and vision tests and a neuro-psychiatric examination. The results of all these are carefully recorded.

The next step takes him into a large room fitted with private booths. Here he is personally interviewed by a classification and counseling officer. He is given a statement of his military experience, advised as to the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, and other matters regarding getting a job. If he wishes, he may ask for advice on family affairs.

A report of this interview is made on the Army separation qualification card form. This form describes the GI's main and secondary civilian occupations, includes a history of the soldier's various military assignments, an dtraining courses, experiences into related civilian occupations which the man might follow. One copy is given to the discharged soldier, the second is sent to the Veterans' Administration regional office (near the GI's home town) and the third to the Adjutant General's office.

Next step: Your boss is notified of your separation from the service.

Then comes the final step. As each man's name is called, he steps up to a window, receives in cash his final pay, the first installment of his mustering out pay, and his allowance for travel pay home, at the rate of five cents a mile. At the same time he is given his lapel button and the all-important discharge certificate. After that he is a civilian.

Pyote Tennis Team Challenges Crack Salina AAF Squad

Under the tutelage of Corporal Carroll Steele, Pyote's tennis team is rapidly reaching top form for its challenge match with the crack Salina Kansas Air Base racquet-eers. No definite date has been set for the match leaving Coach Steele fearing the shipping rosters may riddle the ranks of his eight-man team.

Major W. L. Condy, one time National Boys Tournament finalist, paces the strong doubles squad. Lt. Bert Crepps is molding into number one man of the singles strength.

Coach Steele, former professional tennis instructor, would welcome new candidates to the squad. The team is open to both officers and enlisted men.

The present squad includes Major W. L. Condy, Lt. Bert Crepps, Sgt. Arthur Schoenberg, Sgt. George Van Husen, Cpl. Buell Warner, Sgt. Elliot Leonard, T/Sgt. Eugene Sweeny, and playing coach Cpl. Steele.

Aquatic Survival Program Due For Expansion Soon

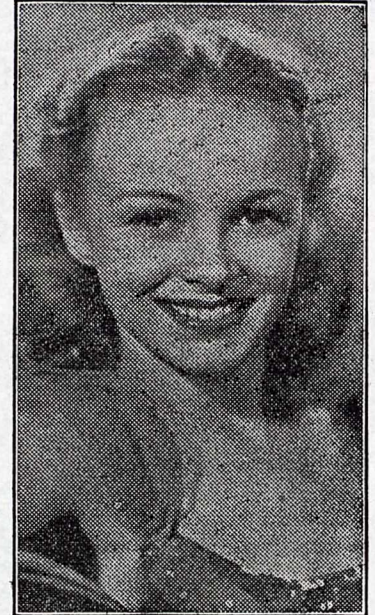
With the present emphasis on trans-oceanic flying, Lt. Paul Bodi's physical training department is carrying a complete program on water survival for all air crews. The program, Survival Aquatics, is under the direct supervision of Sgts. Harry P. Berg and Lamar K. Smith.

The instructions tend to cover all phases of survivorship in event of an emergency landing at sea. Lectures are given on edible and poisonous fish which may form the crewman's diet. Both the parachute and 10-man life rafts are used in the base pool.

Swimming tests are given and crewmen classified according to individual ability. The non-swimmers receive swimming instructions. Very favorable results have been noted in these men. Finished sections report a minimum 91% of the crewmen are able to pass the basic swimming tests.

As the aquatic program expands, Lt. Bodi expects to inaugurate a swim class for static personnel.

RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



These four Charmers are (top left) Dorothy Malone, (top right) Dee Turnell, (bottom left) Virginia Mayo, and (bottom right) Trudy Zegel. All are recruited at no small cost from radio, movies, and night club to show you that a woman is only a woman but a good cigar is a smoke.

Arnold Announces Latest Bomber— "Bigger Than B-29"

A more powerful bomber than the B-29 is now in development with which it will be possible to police the Pacific from island bases, Gen. H. H. Arnold revealed last week.

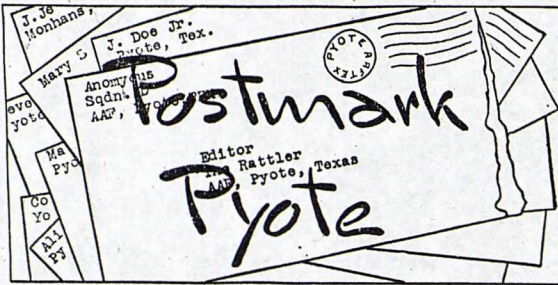
War heads are now in the experimental stage, he said, which will

direct rocket missiles to targets of metal, light, or heat.

Together with the new bomber (with a range of more than 5,000 miles), jet propelled bombers and guided missiles, coming wars would be "so terrible there should never be a future war".

General Arnold also stated that the time is coming "when all bombers will be crewless and guided from distant fields. It's all Buck Rogers, but it's coming."

"Postmark, Pyote" opens the columns of The Rattler to any and all correspondence. Letters should be signed but names will be withheld on request. Address: Editor, Rattler, Pyote AAF, Texas. The Rattler reserves the right to edit letters, and decide which are to be published. No letters will be returned. If your barracks bag's in salvage, blow it out here!



DURATION

Editor, The Rattler:

Just settle one question for me: When is the "duration" over?

Pvt. J. G. F.

• The war will be officially over (and your six-month sweat start) upon conclusion of a peace treaty, upon a Presidential proclamation, or by joint Congressional resolution. World War I didn't end officially until almost three years after the last shot was fired.

BONUS

Editor, The Rattler:

I read where my home state (Illinois) is considering a soldiers' bonus. I hope they do better than Congress did with the mustering out pay. The law should be designed to reimburse the soldier for what he lost by going to war. He needs new clothes, he lost opportunities to make war plant dough; he's going back at the same salary (generally) that he left. The bonus, if passed, should measure as near as possible the losses the serviceman has endured through his military service. So much a month is not a bad idea.

Illinoisian.

MIMEOGRAPHER

Editor, The Rattler:

In reference to an article published in the August 8 Rattler, I noticed an item pertaining to various sorts of occupations being employed, and obtaining overseas assignment, with the exception of the skill "mimeograph operator". Upon receipt of this letter, the undersigned requests information as to the policies involved. Are we available?

Pfc. M. H. Hatchell.

• We find no such item in The Rattler of August 8. Classification says there is no ban on sending mimeograph operators overseas.

MISSUS MAZUMA

Editor, The Rattler:

Last month I got married and applied for a Class A allowance for my wife. She hasn't received the dough yet. How soon is the allowance payable after application?

Pfc. L. V. B.

• The initial payment for Class A dependents (contributed

entirely by the Government) is payable for the month in which the soldier enters active duty in a pay status, provided he applies within 15 days of such entry. Thereafter, regular monthly payments are payable from the first of the month following the month in which the application was made.

OCCUPATION

Editor, The Rattler:

As a guy with over 80 points, I don't believe the disease of Occupation-itis will hit me, but it seems to me that the GIs who have already given their energy, taken the risk, and lost the years, should not have to make added sacrifice.

You would think that Congress would say, "Continue the draft and take into the service the men who have avoided service by working in war factories and let them take the place of the men

Discharged Vets Urged To Take Jobs With Busy Railroads

Discharged vets with no plans for employment are being encouraged to accept jobs with American railroads, which, faced with the burden of redeployment, need 92,000 more employes by December. Western roads are particularly hard up for help.

Counselors at separation centers can provide info concerning railroad employment, as can representatives of the Railroad Retirement Board and the War Manpower Commission.

Skilled workers needed, in order of urgency, are: machinists, boilermakers, car repairmen and inspectors, pipefitters, telegraphers, sheet metal workers, signalmen, electricians, blacksmiths, brakemen, firemen, and switchmen. Some 62,000 unskilled workmen are also needed.

who have seen wartime service."

Yet, all I read in the papers seems to indicate that Congress plans to eliminate the draft and place the burden of occupation on the men who have already suffered the hardships. Is there any logic to this?

Seems to me the GIs have pitched their 9 innings and want to be relieved. Let the substitutes finish the game. They're available.

(Name Withheld.)

Superbombers Announce First String Backfield

Maj. Ed Walker, coach of the '45 edition of the 2AF Superbombers, named his quartet of "varsity" backs for the eleven-game schedule.

The first string backfield will boast Pvt. Frank Sinkwich, Lt. Ray Evans, Cpl. Bill Prentice and Cpl. Don Fambrough.

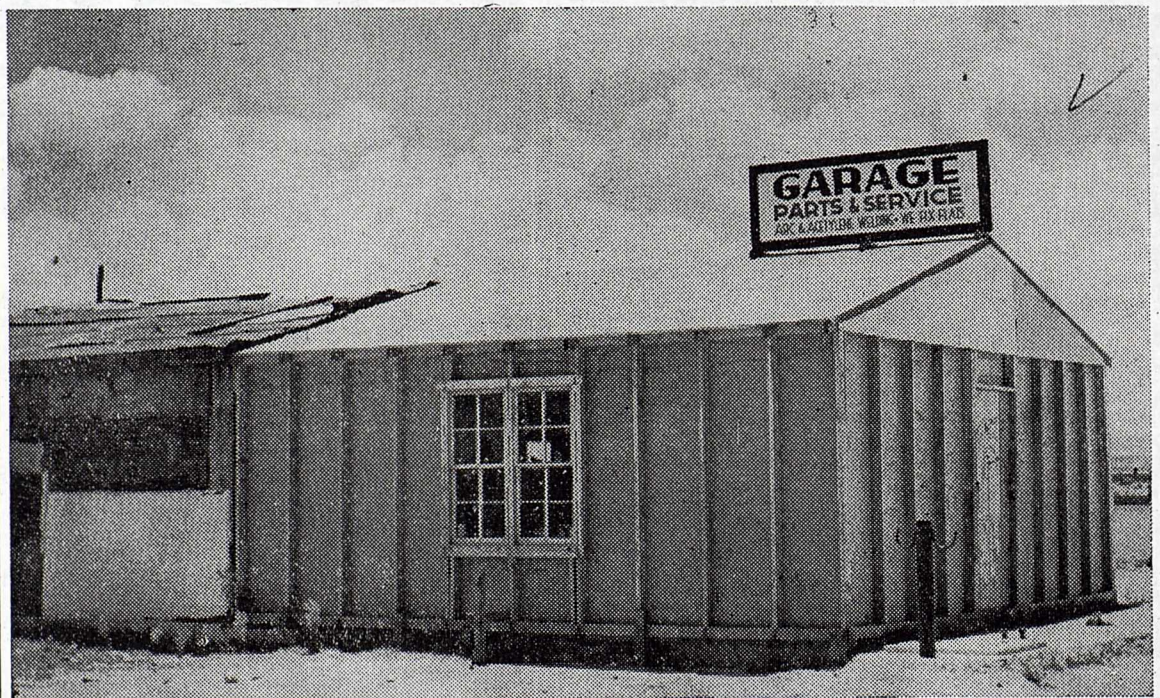
Sinkwich was voted most valuable player in last year's pro ranks. Evans, hailing from Kansas U., did a workmanlike job with last year's Superbombers. Prentice is a swift youngster from Santa Clara, Calif., and Fambrough is a blocking back from the U. of Texas.

Other backs on the roster are: Lt. Binks Bushmiser, Vanderbilt; Sgt. Bill Luongo, Pennsylvania; Lt. Bob Dean, Indiana; Sgt. Roy Preston, Missouri high school; Capt. Bill Earley, Notre Dame; Sgt. Bill Hogan, U. of Delaware; Cpl. Russ Gilpin, Michigan State; Cpl. Joe Milito, Detroit U., and Pfc. Jack Armstrong, Tennessee.

Added to this array of backs are such linemen as Bulldog Turner, Chicago Bears; Dick Barwegan, Purdue; Bill Huber, Notre Dame; Archie Kodros, Michigan; and Tom Fears, Santa Clara.

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

FOUND

A CHECK BOOK FOR THE Pyote Bank. Pick up at Rattler Office.

AND THE USUAL COLLECTION of things not yet claimed at The Rattler Office: A man's silver ring with stone setting; A gold high school class ring; large silver ring with wings; one watch—the one found in the Ice House; man's khaki cap with miraculous medal on it; same pair of black gloves; we still have two medals here; dog tags of Nicholas Saquella; Yale key on a chain; pair of black rosaries.

TURNUED IN AT THE RATTLER Office this week was a gold class ring with the initials LJB inscribed.

A PILOT'S RING WAS TURNED in to Capt. Lawrence, Training Section II. The owner may have it upon identification. Phone 66.

PAIR OF PINK SHELL RIMMED GLASSES, in a leather case. Pick them up at the Rattler Office.

TWO KEYS THAT LOOK like suitcase or trunk keys. At the Rattler Office.

LOST

A WATERMAN'S MAROON pen with a broken clip was lost by Sgt. Stewart. If you have found it, call 34.

2 PAIR OF GABARDINE PANTS, 1 pair of khaki trousers and 1 khaki shirt has been lost, strayed or stolen. If anyone finds these articles contact Lt. Dees, BOQ 418, Bed 1.

THE BOTTOM HALF OF MY green Eversharp pen was lost on V-J Day somewhere on the line. Contact Lt. Dempsey, BOQ 732.

HAVE YOU A HEART? Pfc. Mary Flynn of Sq. B returned from furlough to find her 6 mos. old honey-colored Cocker Spaniel missing. Please return "Topper". He's lost and she's lost without him.

BROWN LEATHER MEXICAN STYLE wallet lost in Civilian personnel area. Contains valuable papers and pictures. Will finder please return to Rattler Office.

PERSONALS

WILL ANY OFFICER who was in the 458th Bomb Group please contact Sgt. Ruben at Personnel Affairs Office. Phone 168.

CALL CPL. WILTSHIRE at 156, between 8 and 5, if you want a truck for moving.

WILL ANY OFFICER WHO WAS with the 93rd Bomb Group between June 1, 1943 and June 13, 1945, please contact Sgt. Barnes at 136 or at Flight Control DF Station.

KILLROY—This field is too small for the both of us, let's have it out. SMOE.

LIKE PIN-UPS? The Rattler Office has got some left. Come in and take all you want. Also a few pictures of offices and individuals left. No airplane, no Pyote, no field shots.

SAVE RATTLEERS? The Rattler Office has five big stacks of old

Rattlers (including those that contain "So This Is Pyote") and you're welcome to come in and bring your Rattler file up to date, or start one. Last chance before we salvage.

WILL ANY OFFICER from the 461, 451 or 484th Bomb Group certify for my battle stars? Contact Pfc. Clifford W. Pohren, Sec. D.

WILL THE PERSON who picked up the wrong laundry bundle at Sq. D Laundry Room please return it or contact S/Sgt. Talbert, Barracks 518. Reward.

WILL DO TAILORING—Anything. Contact Cpl. Widman, Sq. D Orderly Room anytime after 7 P. M. or S/Sgt. R. R. Roberts, Hangar No. 2 anytime between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. Phone 65.

WILL ANYONE WHO CAN READ Danish please contact F/O George Reimer, B.O.Q. 726. Very Important.

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.

FOR SALE—AT A GREATLY reduced price, a house trailer in the \$1100 range. Selling for \$850. A 25 foot glider with two good tires, electric brakes, sleeps four, has two rooms. If terms are necessary, we have some liberal ones. See trailer owner at Camp Pyote, Cabin 7.

ZENITH 6 tube combination electric portable radio for sale. Desk model. Contact S/Sgt. Zemans at Aerial Photo No. 234.

DIAMOND RING, 1/2 Karat stone, with three stones one each side set in platinum. Retail price \$550, will sell for \$325. S/Sgt. Veneziani, Hangar No. 4, Crew 2 or Pecos AAF Apt. 3-CD.

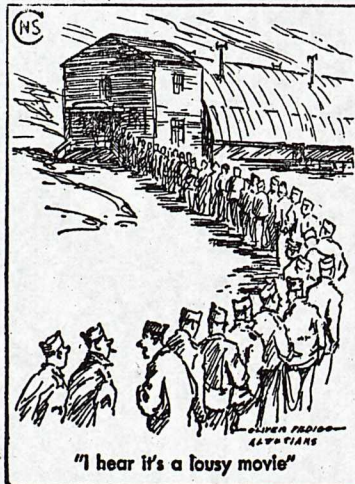
1935 BUICK—1937 engine, clean, good rubber, \$250. See F/O W. E. Hutchinson in BOQ 429.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY a recent model automobile. Any make or model. Contact Sgt. R. H. Austin at Hangar 4, Tech. Supply.

WANTED—SMALL OR MEDIUM 2 wheel lightweight luggage trailer. Contact Sgt. H. W. Cooper by calling 257.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS needed. Experienced help desired. Apply at Signal office. Here's the job for the little woman who has the voice with the smile.



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LT. W. C. GRUBEN
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(Koops' girl Friday shows up with her monthly re-hash of notes and memos):

KOOPS' KORNER

SUGAR REPORT

DEAR KOOPS: Considerable comment about your last week's straight-from-the-shoulder column. The item concerning "cream of the jobs for officers" disgusted officers and EM alike. Mr. Worley, Civilian Personnel, sent over the following item from the Lumbermen's Association: "Word comes that over the country, some firms, in rebuilding their organizations are inclined to give preference to officers from the services over enlisted men. This is not only unwise but dangerous. We have many fine and capable officers. But the Army is organized and operated far different from private business. You will find just as much natural ability and talent among the enlisted men. Service rank, many times, is no true measure of a man's capabilities". . . . And word now comes from the War Manpower Commission that the order to its offices (that told them to give best jobs to officers) has been rescinded.

There is considerable dither over what makes a "duration". Many calls on it. Hooten, editor of the El Paso Times, has the mistaken idea that the duration ended August 14th. Time Magazine says that the duration will be over when either the President or Congress declares a "cessation of hostilities"—which should come, according to Time, within 3 months. International News Service says the duration will be over when V-J day is celebrated, probably August 31st. The Detroit Free Press, on the other hand, says the duration won't be over until the national emergency ends or a peace treaty is ratified and signed—which will be years. A story, as yet unconfirmed at this desk, says Attorney General Clark is writing an "opinion" of what makes a duration. I have written for further dope on this and should have it within a few weeks. It seems inexcusable that the boys that signed a contract with their government or took an oath to serve a stated length of time—"the duration and six" can't be told when that time is up. And if the fault is that no one knows, that's even more inexcusable.

The home-front picture is rapidly changing. Washington officials predict the end of "war time" in the near future, and that meat will be unrationed by autumn, and tires by the first of the year.

Crowds are storming U.S. Employment offices by the thousands after losing plush wartime jobs. A Chicago paper reports that the USES has plenty of jobs available but that the war-workers won't take them because of the differences in wages. One guy says: "Me? Take a job that pays 75c an hour? Hell, the job I had paid me \$1.00 an hour!" What I can't understand is—when they had a few million to redeploy last summer, all the newspapers printed articles and editorials on the crowded travel conditions, urged people to stay off trains in order that the GI could be redeployed. But now—with 12,000,000 men to bring home, travel bans have been lifted—its okay to take trains to horse-races, football and baseball games, excursions, etc. It's my suggestion, Koops, that every GI sit down and have a heart-to-heart talk with his Congressman about that. The library has posted a list of Senators from all 48 states for the convenience of the guys. . . .

A WAC Sergeant stationed in Germany wrote "Stars and Stripes" asking if WACs could fraternize with German men. The GIs are squawking loud and long in reply. . . . Rent control will be scrapped shortly in cities and towns where Army camps and war plants are shut down, according to the OPA. . . . The latest dope on meat rationing hint that before September is over, there'll be no more red points needed for meat. More savvy on the job situation, according to an Associated Press survey: A Portland (Ore.) laundry reported some former war workers refused jobs of \$1 to \$1.15 an hour saying, "I can't live on that!" . . .

In New York City there are forty thousand jobs available and so far last week only 5,000 persons took any of it. . . . Have you heard about Eddie Bracken's fight with the brass in Saipan? Bracken says the trouble started when 14,000 awaited the show. Right in the middle was a stack of seats roped off and guarded, for officers. The Colonel

(Richard Cutts, Jr., in case you want to remember the name) told Bracken the seats were for late-comers but Bracken checked and found out they were for officers and visiting officers. Bracken then announced from the stage that the EMs were to fill up these seats. The Colonel ordered the GIs to stay where they were. Bracken said to take the seats over and if the Colonel removed the GIs there'd be no show. The Colonel then told Bracken, "This is a military outpost and the men will be removed." Bracken again said there'd be no show if they were. Said the Colonel: "Take your show and get the hell out of here."

. . . The American Legion is now accepting membership from GIs in the Army prior to discharge or separation. . . . The argument about changing the sailors' uniforms was finally asked by the Gallup poll. Gallup discovered that 45% of those polled favored the present uniform, 34% wanted it changed, and 21% had no opinion. . . .

Did you see where a War Dept. spokesman (quoted by Associated Press) stated that the Army soon hopes to be discharging 20,000 a day? Senator May (D-Ky.) favors a three-month moratorium on the draft—which would mean no draftees during the next three months. . . . Generals Eisenhower and MacArthur have determined there will be a need for 1,200,000 troops exclusive of the number of

servicemen required for support in the United States and other areas. . . . Correction: In yesterday's El Paso Times, Bill Hooten, editor, revises his earlier published opinion that the duration ended August 14th. In his editorial "Let Congress Act", Hooten states: "The Selective Training and Service Act expires May 15, 1946, or the date of termination of hostilities in the present war, or on such earlier date specified in a concurrent resolution of the two Houses of Congress for that purpose. When the act expires, drafting of additional men must cease. Men already in the service may be held for a further period of six months."

Glynnie Parrish, who holds the honor of being the Rattler's No. 1 Cover Girl, has a new cover girl named Lynda Suzanne, born last Friday. Glynnie holds 1st place in appearances on the cover of the Rattler 'back in the days when there was a full size picture on page 1) when she gave a cheesecake send off to "Off Limits" and "Easy Does It".

The three top fiction books at the library, the books most in demand in the past week were: Forever Amber (how that gal hangs on), Captain from Castille, and Green Dolphin Street. Non-fiction brackets put these 3 most in demand: Up Front, Alaska, Audel's Refrigeration.

Guess that's all for this week, Koops. Love,

Sugar.



"Gee! . . . That's good to know! . . . If you graduate from West Point you DON'T HAVE TO go through OCS!"

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