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ORIENTATION LINE



A portion of the crowds that attended last week's orientation quiz to vie for free cigarettes.

44-Hr. Work Week Affects Activities Of Station Offices

Reverting back to pre-war schedule for the Army means a 44 hour week for military personnel of Pyote AAF and 40 hour week for civilians. With the shortening of working hours for everyone, those who plan to utilize the commissary will have to do their shopping in the morning. That goes for the Post Office, too. However, all out-going mail will be sent out as usual, that is on the seven day schedule.

With the line closed on Sundays, the Coffee Shop will close but everything else will maintain their usual schedule.

Civilian Personnel will close Saturday afternoon and all civilian personnel on the base will have an extended weekend.

DALTON NAMED PRESIDENT AT NCO CLUB ELECTION

The NCO club election was held Tuesday evening and resulted in M/Sgt. Pete Dalton, Sq. D, taking over the presidency. Vice-President is S/Sgt. Ed Bowen, Sq. A, and Secretary-Treasurer is T/Sgt. Larry Shipp, Sq. M.

Members of the board of Directors are M/Sgt. Richard Davis, Sq. A, S/Sgt. Leo Edwards, Sq. D,

Pyote Mercury Stays up in 90s

Though kids started going to school and football season rolled around, that Pyote temperature (where it's always hotter than hell) stayed right up in the high nineties. Friday marked the high-per-spiration point for the week with 98 degrees, but in the past seven days the temperature didn't drop below 93. High temperatures for the past week are here recorded, courtesy the Base Weather Station.

Wednesday 96, Thursday 95, Friday 98, Saturday 93, Sunday 94, Monday 95, and Tuesday 96.

8 Holidays Annually For Civilian Employees

Eight legal holidays have been listed for observance by civilian personnel. So on New Years, Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, civilians will be given a holiday.

Whenever conditions necessitate the assignment of employees to duty on a holiday, compensation will be computed, according to War Dept. CP circular 100, dated August 28, 1945.

T/Sgt. Carl French, Sq. F, and S/Sgt. Melvin Ashby, Sq. E.

"Girl Crazy", Cotton Pickers Coming Here

Testing Deadly New Bomb Wins AM For Col. Key

Col. A. E. Key, Station Commandant, has been awarded the Air Medal for his part in the initial testing of a secret type of bomb during his period of service with the 8th AF, it was learned Saturday.

A letter from the Adjutant General informing Colonel Key of the award stated, "By direction of the President, the Air Medal has been awarded to you by the Commanding General of the 8th Air Force . . . for meritorious achievement in aerial flight during the period of May and June 1944. As pilot of a B-17 aircraft, Colonel Key, assisted by his co-pilot, successfully completed the initial flight testing of a secret type bomb. As a result of his courage, skill, and determination, a flying technique was established which enabled units of the Eighth Air Force to use this type of bomb against enemy installations on the Continent."

Since the citation was written it has been disclosed by the AAF that the bomb which was flight tested by Colonel Key was a rocket bomb having a striking speed greater than that of sound. Colonel Key was test pilot when the new weapon was first dropped over bombing ranges in England.

The Air Medal increases to four the medals Colonel Key has been awarded. Others are the DSC, DFC, and British DFC.

RATION OFFICE MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS

The Ration Office has moved from its location near the Provost Marshal area to the Sub-Depot supply hangar, Bldg. T-351. Hours continue the same: From 1 to 4 p.m.

A gay jamboree, "Girl Crazy", will play for Pyote palpatators next Tuesday evening, it was announced today by the Special Services Office.

Names of the USO cast members were unavailable as The Rattler was printed, but the title should be self-explanatory. Advance notices indicate "Girl Crazy" is well packed with glamor.

Two performances are scheduled, at 1900 and 2100, both in Theater No. 1.

The USO show's presentation of the musical comedy "Girl Crazy" will bring to Pyote the captivating score by George and Ira Greshwin of the Broadway hit, including such numbers as "I've Got Rhythm", "Embraceable You", and many others.

"Cotton Pickers" Monday Night

"Cotton Pickers," a hot lick colored revue, is slated for a local showing on Monday, Sept. 18, it was announced today by Special Services.

The show, which is for members of Section C, is set for the Service Club patio. Tentative hour for the engagement is 2000.

Songs, dances, musical numbers and specialties are included on the program of "Cotton Pickers".

War Dept. Studies Present Rationing Of GI's Cigarettes

The cigarette rationing question is now under study by the War Dept., according to Army Times, unofficial newspaper. Until the entire program is studied and a decision rendered, the compromise allowance of 5 packs per unit will be in effect.

The Navy, which started cigarette rationing simultaneously with the Army, has already discontinued such rationing, and supplies are now adequate.

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COL. A. E. KEY, STATION COMMANDANT

Lt. W. C. Gruben, I & E Officer
Lt. Walter C. Van Buren, Public Relations Officer

RATTLER STAFF: Cpl. Ed C. Koops, S/Sgt. Robert H. Nash,
Cpl. Marie A. Rados, and T/Sgt. Don O'Rourke

Atoms and Knowledge

The handful of scientists who unlocked the atom have kicked open the door to a new era.

Okay, what does this mean for the average man?

Ultimately, it means that mankind has in his hands the greatest POWER ever conceived or devised on this earth. This power is greatest, whether it is to be used for good or evil—and chances are it will be used for both.

Basically, the exploded atom is simply a source of power—but what a source! Popular science writers have for years been speculating in print about the possibility of driving a super-liner across the ocean with the energy contained in a cup of water. Now it appears this is possible—theoretically today, tomorrow an actuality. What this simple fact means in terms of greater productivity for mankind, of better living standards and less gruelling labor for the entire world, is limited only by the ingenuity and intent with which this power is applied. In years to come it may mean that ordinary sources of power—oil, coal, etc.—will be outmoded. This, however, is not just around the corner.

We believe one of the most immediate effects of atomic power will be the placing of a premium on scientific knowledge throughout the world. Its development was not accomplished by a single mind, but was the result of the greatest pool of pure brain-power the world ever saw. The nation which in the future can combine its scientific knowledge to the best effect will lead in the field of atomic power.

The first lesson we draw, one that is so plain it cannot be ignored, is that we need all of the scientific education we can get in order to stay abreast of the rapidly advancing world. "Time waits for no man," and never was this statement truer than today. Just as the opening of the present war caught Americans so lacking in knowledge of world affairs, so has this stunning event caught most of the people, including those in the Army, unprepared when it comes to a knowledge of the principles of applied nuclear physics on which the atomic bomb operates.

That is why we think every young soldier should give earnest attention to the educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights. Let there be no decline in our educational standards today—when the old saying, "Knowledge is Power," is literally true.

When you're born your mother gets the compliments. When you're married your bride gets the presents. And when you die your wife gets the insurance.

Bilious Burpsey, the Sage of the Service Club, says the secret of being happy is in not being too particular.

IF RATTLETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT YOUR ORDERLY ROOM OR DEPARTMENT, TRY THE RATTLER OFFICE FOR A COPY—LOCATED BACK OF THE LIBRARY, BLDG. T-640.

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 matinees Sunday only, at 2:15.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

"DUFFY'S TAVERN" with Archie Gardner and a bushel of guest stars. (The inimitable Duffy "where the elite meet to eat" has a stack of guest stars in the floor show—fun and music.) Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

FRIDAY

"I LOVE A BAND LEADER" with Phil Harris and Eddie "Rochester" Anderson. (Musical comedy.) Shorts: March of Time, World of Sports, Walt Disney cartoon.

SATURDAY

"CARIBBEAN MYSTERY" with James Dunn and Sheila Ryan. (Six murders and three romances in the Caribbean sea. Hero solves them all.) Shorts: "It's Your Move" with Edgar Kennedy, Community Sing, Terrytoon.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"OUR VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES" with Edward G. Robinson and Margaret O'Brien. (An adaptation of George Victor Martin's great novel of life on a Wisconsin farm.) Shorts: Paramount News.

TUESDAY
"THE FALCON IN SAN FRANCISCO" with Tom Conway and Rita Corday. (The Falcon takes a vacation. Nurse is murdered on train. Few other odd murders. The Falcon solves them all. Huvvah, huvvah!) Shorts: "It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog"—staggering by Leon Errol, "Popular Science" in color, "Tops in the Big Top", Popeye cartoon.

WEDNESDAY

"KISS AND TELL" with Shirley Temple and Walter Abel. (Our gal Shirley and friend sell kisses at a USO bazaar. Sales are a success. Such troubles develop.) Shorts: "Orders from Tokyo", Technicolor featurette, 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.

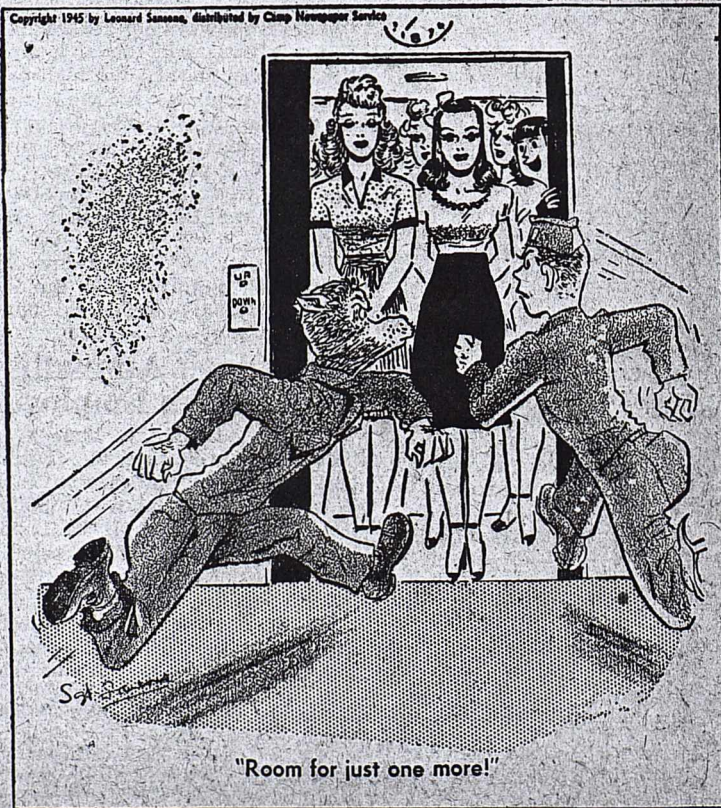
PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel service at 10:00; Station Chapel Service 10:30; Section C Vesper Service at 7:30; Station Vesper Service at 8:00. Wednesday: Section C Bible Study 8:00; Bible Quiz hour, Station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

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service, 7:30.

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

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Room for just one more!"

Arnold Relates Opportunities In AF Reserve Corps

AAF personnel, honorably discharged, may join the Air Corps Reserve, General H. H. Arnold has announced.

Air Force vets who join the corps will hold their Army grade or rating held at the time of discharge maintain their service longevity, and share in retirement benefits if they should be made available at some future date.

Opportunity for promotion will exist for both officers and enlisted men under the proposed set up; and EM will be given the opportunity to qualify for commissions as Air Reserve Officers.

The same privileges now afforded non-rated AAF personnel to ride in military aircraft will be extended to all members of the Reserve.

The Reserve will offer members annual summer active duty at camps, attendance at school, and extension courses. Full details about joining will be made available at Separation Centers at the time of discharge.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCES TO WIN MEDAL OF HONOR

To date, 272 servicemen have been awarded the Medal of Honor; the Army tops with 197, Marines 41, Navy 33, and Coast Guard 1.

Truman Assures Old Job Rights For GI Veterans

Veterans worried about their legal right to their old jobs need not worry, according to President Truman, for he is determined to see to it that they retain that right.

An omission in the Selective Service Act ends the job responsibility clause when Congress or the President declares that hostilities are ended.

President Truman says that he intends to see that veterans who want their former jobs get them back even if additional legislation is needed.

The President said that worrying was unnecessary because it will take same time before the end of hostilities is officially announced and that the GI Bill of Rights may be interpreted to protect the right to reemployment. If the GI Bill cannot be interpreted in that manner, new legislation will be passed.

It is felt that any recommendation the President might make to Congress along this line, the veteran-conscious House and Senate will readily accept.

Approximately one serviceman in 45,000 has received the Medal of Honor, whose bearers may be discharged on their own request.

Congress "Tables" Act to Keep Draft

In the face of statements made by the President and Maj. Gen. Stephen Henry, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Congress moved to "table" pending legislation that would continue the Selective Service Act.

According to General Henry's testimony, voluntary enlistments would not produce sufficient men to meet Army requirements and that men now in service would have to be held in. Congress charged that the Army had delayed getting voluntary recruiting underway and that proper inducements for enlistment were not being provided.

Chairman May (D.-Ky.) of the House Military Affairs Committee reminded General Henry that legislation authorizing reopening of enlistments was passed by Congress when the Army asked for it, and became law on June 1, but that regulations governing enlistments had not been issued until Aug. 15.

Many legal difficulties were in the way, replied Henry.

Congress Querles

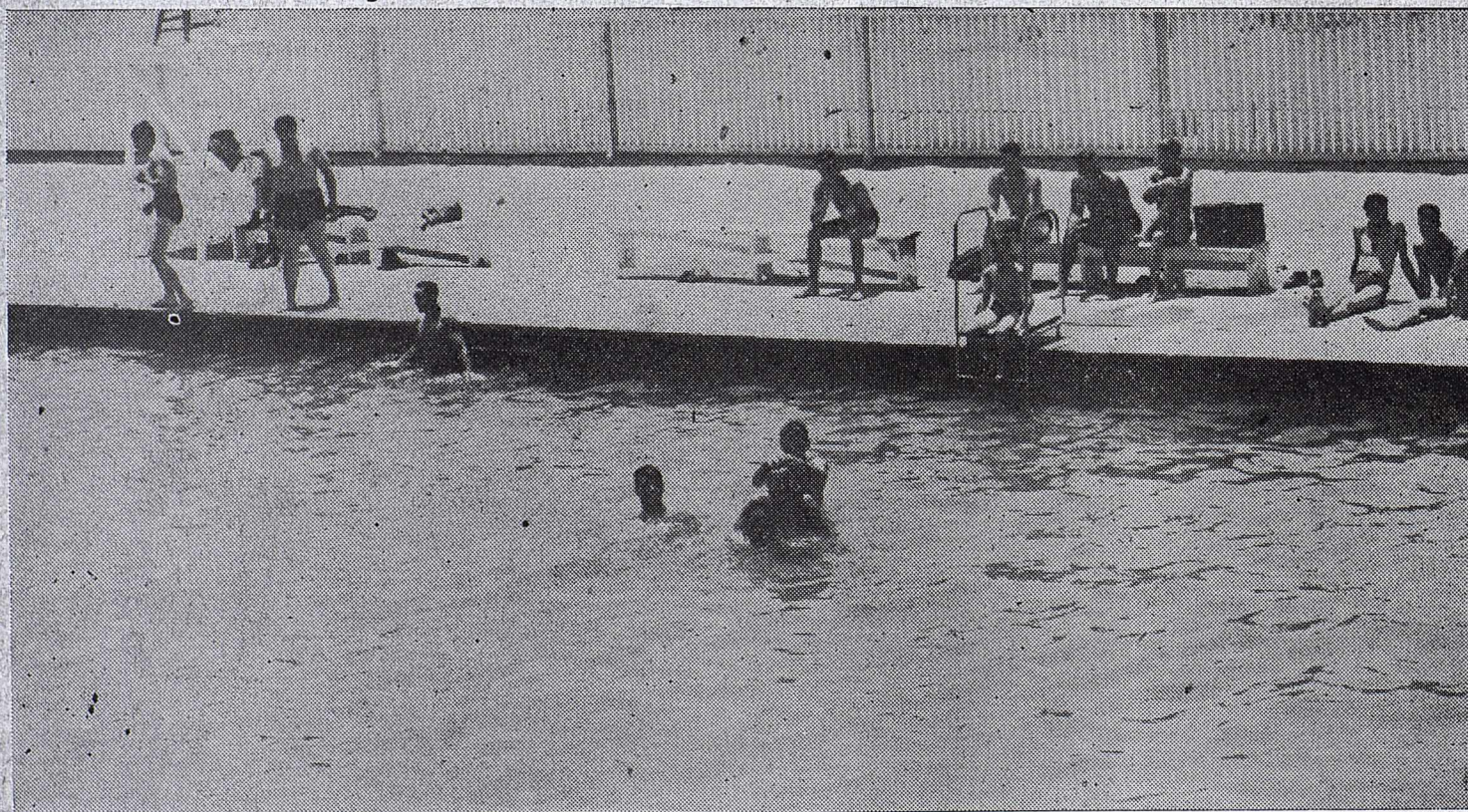
May, who favors a 3-month suspension of the draft, to give the volunteer system a chance to pro-

duce recruits, summoned Henry and Maj. Gen. I. H. Edwards, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, before his committee and inquired: Why were only two men enlisted in the first day of the recruiting drive and only 30 to date? Why weren't one-year and two-year enlistments offered? Why aren't higher grades offered, as well as both mustering-out pay and enlistment allowance?

Henry declared that one-year enlistments were not practicable because of the time taken in transporting men to and from overseas; and he thought men would be no more interested in a 2-year hitch than the 3-year.

The Army is not confining all its efforts to recruits for the Regular Army, Henry told the House group, but is asking men to continue to serve in the Army of the United States under one of three plans: 1. General volunteering for the duration and six months. 2. Volunteering from men now overseas to continue to serve there. 3. Volunteering for service in the United States by men now in this country.

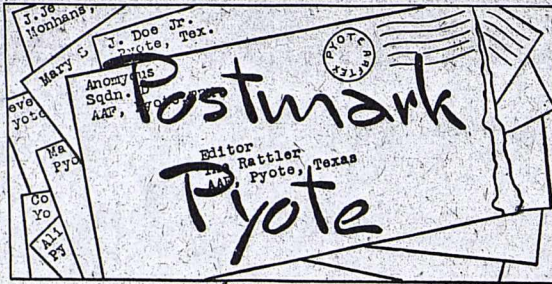
SEND THE RATTLER HOME!



One year ago today the EM Swimming pool was given a test hop, after its construction by enlisted personnel. The above shot shows the pool as it is today—its first anniversary.

The pool was built from funds raised from GIs, and cash derived from a GI show. The labor was all GI—in short, a GI pool and the most popular spot on the field these balmy afternoons.

"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

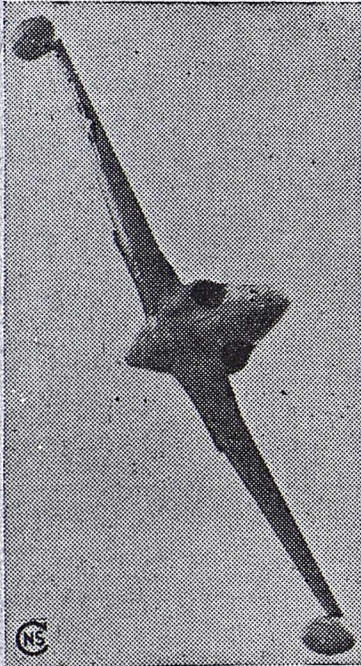


AAF, Texas. The Rattler reserves the right to edit letters, and decide which are to be published. No letters will be returned. If your barracks bag's in salvage, blow it out here!

PIN-UPS

Editor, The Rattler:
I am sick and tired of those Rattlesnake Charmers of yours. You think guys are interested in nothing but women? Why don't you print some pictures of air-planes and things guys are interested in?

Cpl. John Farle.



• For reader Farle, here's a pin-up of the P-80 Shooting Star, jet propelled fighter, fastest plane in the air. How do you like those curves?

MOVIE LINE

Editor, The Rattler:
The other night I sweated out a long line to see the show. When I did get inside, the usher said there were no more seats available. Yet there were plenty of seats in the officers' section that were not taken. Result: about a hundred of us were turned away while seats were unoccupied.

Seems to me the strength of the field at the present time necessitates either an additional movie or some readjustment in the number of seats allotted to officers and EM.

T/Sgt. E. S. L.

• No additional showings can

be made because the field does not have necessary personnel to run films. The seating ratio has been re-checked and determined fair. Hereafter, if there are remaining seats in either officers' or EM's sections, they may be filled—with no discrimination—when house lights go out and film starts, according to the Theater Officer.

RE-ENLISTMENT

Editor, The Rattler:
One-third of the officers in the Air Force wish to remain in the Army, but only four percent of the enlisted men wish to stay, according to a recent article in "Fortune" magazine. If the Army has any expectation of maintaining a force of three or four million men it deems necessary, supported solely by voluntary enlistments, something must be done to make the Army more desirable in the eyes of the EM.

According to General Henry, Army's chief of personnel, the Army is very dubious of obtaining

300,000 men through voluntary enlistment. This statement of General Henry's, coupled with the survey reported in Fortune magazine would appear to make necessary a peacetime draft—an idea that would make every true lover of democracy rise in wrath for forcing men into the Army at gunpoint is certainly Prussianism if nothing else.

The obvious question is: "Why is the Army so popular with officers and so abhorrant to the enlisted men?"

The average EM hates the Army for four chief reasons: he sees no reason for the disparity in pay between himself and commissioned officers; he believes that there are two sets of laws in the Army—one for EM and one for officers; he sees the EM gets all the guff while the officers get all the privileges; and fourth, when a man becomes an officer he is still con this problem would obviate the need for a peacetime draft. That solution is to banish for once and for all the out-moded officer-enlisted men relationship which is a holdover from feudal days when society was sharply divided between Lords and commoners. This country has no use for an autocratic militaristic caste system which gives privileges to 10% and privation to the 90%.

If the Army is sincere in its desire for volunteer personnel, let it abolish the enlisted ranks and start all men after they have completed their necessary training, as Warrant Officers. If every man who volunteers for the Army is assured that, after successful completion of his training, he will be a man

instead of a social pariah, one-sided a gentleman and a citizen, but when one is an enlisted man he apparently loses all his rights as a gentleman and a citizen, and becomes a "body" and a "number" without rights or social status. He is pushed by people to whom he is supposed to feel socially and intellectually inferior to.

Cpl. Gustav C. Hertz.

DRAFT STORY

Editor, The Rattler:
Having over three years time in the service, I'm anxious to get out. So I read with pretty much disgust Congress' move to "table" draft legislation. If Congress ignores the efforts to continue Selective Service, that means we in the Army will be in that much longer. The effort to try volunteer forces for the Army will never work and looks to me like a face-saving attempt on Congress' part.

In short—if no draft act is passed, we'll serve that much longer. Congress is ignoring any extension of the draft act. The reason, I think, is that lobbyists and people at home have put on the pressure. Fellows who would be drafted—were the act to continue—have swamped their Congressmen with letters.

If that is the way to be heard and make a justified complaint to the representatives in Congress, I think all of us GIs who want to see the draft continued should inform our representatives of our views. Let's get on the ball.

Sgt. W. F. W.

• A list of senators from each of the 48 states is available at the library.

RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



We don't know why newspapers keep printing pictures of Lana Turner. In the first place, everybody knows what she looks like; in the second place, everybody's got plenty of pictures of her; and in the third place—ah, that third place—maybe that's why newspapers keep printing pictures of Lana Turner.

Liberalization of GI Bill Up for Senate's Action

Additional amendments to the GI Bill of Rights are now pending Senate action after approval by the House of Representatives. The bills are now before the Senate Finance Committee, headed by Sen. R. M. LaFollette (Prog.-W.). It was LaFollette who led the vanguard for the raise to \$50 of the basic Private's pay in 1942.

The GI Bill of Rights, technically known as the Serviceman's Readjustment Act of 1944, may be slightly altered by the Senate when it convenes this week. The new version will be labeled the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1945, and will bolster the rights afforded to veterans of World War II.

Contemplated Changes

Changes contemplated in the act are: liberalization of the hospitalization clause which would give disabled veterans travel expenses to hospitals and authority to procure prosthetic appliances; the educational clause of the act would be liberalized, extending the time during which education can be initiated from 2 to 4 years after the date of discharge or termination of war, whichever comes first. It would also provide short intensive post-graduate courses of less than 30 weeks. Subsistence would be upped from \$50 to \$60 for GIs with no dependents and from \$75 to \$85 for GIs with.

The bill also provides for the inclusion of correspondent schools within the term "educational or training institutions" with appropriate amendments to preclude payments of subsistence allowance while pursuing a course in a correspondence course.

Revision in Loan Clause

The loan title of the act has been completely revised by the House, but the essentials of the old act are still there. The bill would extend time within which application for a loan may be made from two to six years after separation, but in no event more than eight years after the termination of the war. The bill would also provide approval by the lending agency rather than the Administrator of Veteran Affairs. The new bill would simplify the loan provisions immensely.

The amendments have passed the house and upon approval by the Senate Finance Committee will be brought up on the floor of the Senate.

BASE BEAUTY SHOP ANNOUNCES HOURS

The Base Beauty Shop, located in the main exchange area, is open from 8 AM to 5 PM daily except Sunday. Appointments after 5 PM

SUPERBOMBER



SGT. BOB HENDRED



PARKS—Born at the Pyote Regional Hospital on August 30, to Capt. and Mrs. John Parks, a girl, Karen, weight 5 lbs. 11 ozs. Capt. Parks is stationed at Marianna Army Air Field, Florida.

EVERETT—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Stanley Everett at the Pyote Regional Hospital, Sept. 5, a boy, James Philip, weight 8 lbs. 4½ ozs. Sgt. Stanley is o-f Tucson, Ariz.

FREDRICK—Born to Pvt. and Mrs. Stanley Fredrick on Sept. 6, a boy, James Whither Fredrick III, weight 8 lbs. 12½ ozs. Pvt. Fredrick is assigned to Sq. F.

GUSSO—Born to Cpl. and Mrs. James Gusso at the Pyote Regional Hospital on Sept. 6, a boy, James Stephen, weight 7 lbs. 9½ ozs. Cpl. Gusso is attached to Sq. D.

\$25 WAR BOND FOR BEST PEACE LETTER

The Servicemen's Wives for the United Nations is offering a \$25 war bond as a prize to the best letter written by a serviceman on "The Need for the United Nations Organization to Maintain Peace".

Letters should be not more than 1000 words in length and must be in by midnight, October 28, 1945. The letters should be sent to Servicemen's Wives for the United Nations, 45 East 65th Street, New York 21, New York. All letters will become property of the organization and will not be returned to the authors.

will also be given.

Superbombers To Face 4AF in Football Opener

When the Superbombers of the 2AF face the Fourth Air Force in the opening game of the football season at Los Angeles September 14, one of the tackle positions will be filled by the giant Bob Hendred—6 foot, 8 inch schoolboy of Clarinda, Iowa. Big Bob, who tips the scale at 235 pounds, has half of the college coaches in the United States sweating out his discharge.

Superbombers Open Season Next Saturday at L.A.

As the Superbombers of the 2AF tapered off their training for the seasons opener with the 4AF at Los Angeles, Friday, Sept. 14, Major Ed Walker, head coach, announced his starting backfield line-up.

A combination of power and speed will be assured in the dream backfield of the current edition. Pvt. Frank Sinkwich, rated as the most valuable back in pro football last season will line his triple threat power with that of Lt. Ray Evans, the great star of Kansas University. Cpl. Bill Prentice, Santa Clara speed merchant, and Cpl. Don Fambrough, the blocking powerhouse of the University of Texas, will round out the backfield.

Sinkwich led the Detroit Lions attack last season with his running, passing, and punting and won the Joe E. Carr Memorial Trophy for the most valuable back in pro ranks. Evans played for the Superbombers last season and led them into the seasons highest scoring team of the nation with 513 points. Evans was the greatest ground gainer in netting 653 yards from the line of scrimmage in 94 attempts and completing 32 out of 58 passes while tallying 11 touchdowns.

Cpl. Prentice was runner-up to Evans in ground gaining and scoring last season. His blocking and that of Fambrough is sharp and accurate.

The Superbombers' forward wall will have the power of Bulldog Turner, Chicago Bears' All-National league center; Dick Barwegen, Purdue All-American guard; Bill Huber, Notre Dame guard; Archie Kodros, Michigan's All-Big Ten center switched over to guard, and Tom Fears, Santa Clara end.

AIR FORCE OCS IS SUSPENDED

The AAF Officers' Candidate School at Maxwell Field received word that the school would be temporarily suspended in September. Men returning from overseas for the purpose of attending AAF OCS at Maxwell Field would be

The 21-year-old former Iowa all-scholastic received his first taste of big-time football when he played for the Superbombers last season. His initial season was so outstanding he was selected for the All-Rocky Mountain service team. Sgt. Bob starred in three sports during his high school career, football, basketball, and track.

Hendred literally talked his giant frame through the army induction. The maximum entrance height is 6 foot 6 inches. The doctors were so busy examining the rugged frame Bob still claims they didn't see him bending his knees. The knee bend did the job and Sgt. Hendred found himself in the Air Forces.

He was assigned to mechanics school and is now an aircraft electrical specialist.

Culver-Stockton College of Missouri had the attendance of the Clarinda strongboy for one semester before the Army accepted him. He joined his two brothers there, Art being assistant football coach and Dale in his third year with the team. Neither is the size of young Bob. Art the taller of the two is only a mere 6' 3".

Bob found working in the cornfields and surveying with county engineers the formula for developing the physique out Iowa way. He hopes to make coaching a career upon resuming civilian life.

Some ETO Vets to Be Sent to Pacific

Gen. Walter Kreuger, commander of the 6th Army, has stated for publication: "In going to 85 points they took out my first team. Now they go to 80 they will take out my second team. I can't land in Japan with my third team."

A War Dept. spokesman, quoted by Time magazine, added to this statement: "The men who beat the Nazi to their knees... and defeated the Japanese... will not want to throw away the peace before we have begun keeping it."

Time magazine mentioned these remarks in a story that stated: "Apparently confident that the bitter protests against Pacific re-deployment came only from a 'fringe' of Army gripers, 'the War Dept. planned to use some ETO vets in the Pacific."

assigned there pending reopening of the school.

Try Some of These New Offerings at Station Library

Another cargo of new books is available at the library, comprised of some neat fiction and non-fiction titles for your perusal. The greatly-increased attendance at the library since V-J day means there's no guarantee that these books will linger on the shelves too long. Librarians advise that you place your name on the reserve list for the titles you care to read.

Some current best-sellers now on reserve (and to which you can add your name and wait your turn) include "Up Front", "Captain from Castille", "Forever Amber", "Tall Brothers", "City of Trembling Leaves", and "Out On Any Limb".

The following are some brand new copies—available now to first comers.

"Keep Your Head Down" by Walter Bernstein, is a non-fiction yarn of Bernstein's experiences while a reporter for Yank and the New Yorker.

"Men Like Gods" by Robert Sturgis is a wild and woolly yarn of men and oil—back in the days of 1906—weaving a story of red-blooded, two-fisted men unleashing the riches of the earth.

"Connie Mack" by Frederick G. Lieb is a must for baseball fans who find the story of Baseball's Grand Old Man tops in sporting thrills. Mack's life and his pennant winning teams are here in all their thrills and action.



"The Pool" by Dana Burnet is one of those strange little volumes that please a certain clientele. A thin, slim little book it paints a haunting story of love and faith midst the pain of war. Beautifully written.

"Tomorrow Will Sing" by Elliott Arnold tells the fiction story of a young Iowa boy who becomes a bombardier in the war with Italy. Saving grace is the gal Nina who you wouldn't kick out of the kitchen.

"The Missouri" by Stanley Vestal is another in the Rivers of America series and of interest to those who find in the Missouri River a friend from home.

"Portrait of the Artist As A Young Man" by James Joyce is a twentieth-century classic. An earlier work of Joyce's (it preceded the sensational "Ulysses"), it first used the stream of consciousness style which stamped Joyce the genius.

Besides these few titled, the library boasts a snazzy collection of

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ABBOTT - NAGEL

Lillian L. Nagel, 20, of Lawton, N. D., was married Sept. 8 to S/Sgt. James M. Abbott, 27, of Geneva, Alabama. S/Sgt. Abbott is assigned to Sq. F. Attending the couple were S/Sgt. James W. Baker of Sq. F and Mabel V. Severson of Tolley, N. D. Rites were performed by Chaplain E. W. Norton.

PRATT - STRAIN

Miss Dorothy Pratt, of 404 East Fern Ave., Tampa, Fla., was married Sept. 8 to Sgt. Francis C. Strain, Rt. 1, Pleasantville, Pa. Attending the couple were Sgt. Daniel Lapetina and Cpl. Margaret Link. Rites were performed by Chaplain Phillip Anderson.

Inventions Pay Off In Promotions and Furloughs for 2 GIs

Job application and ingenuity paid off with promotions and furloughs for Cpl. Theodore A. Manzone and Cpl. Alva E. Basler as the AAF Suggestion Committee approved their ideas for job improvement.

Cpl. Manzone was promoted from Pfc. and granted a 15-day furlough for his three suggestions. The improvements on plastic junction boxes, battery terminal protectors, and a more efficient way to load the cowling trucks are being utilized by Pyote Army Air Field.

Cpl. Basler was promoted from Pfc. and granted a 15-day furlough for a suggestion to a carbureter back plate safety guard. The safety guard reduces the loss of OQ trainer planes from four to one a week and would save Pyote approximately 4,000 man hours per year.

House Ponders Pay For Unused Furloughs

Additional bills proposing to pay enlisted personnel for unused furlough time upon discharge, on the same basis as officers, were introduced in the House by Representatives Forland (D.-R.I.) and Hartley (R.-N.J.) but no action as yet has been taken.

Similar bills have been pending before Congress for many months, and the War and Navy Depts. have been studying the question of paying men for unused leave as part of a general revision of leave payment law. Major objection to the proposal is the large cost involved—estimated at several billion dollars.

fiction and non-fiction volumes—running the gamut from Grey to Tacitus.

So This Is Pyote!



IT'S NOW A LAUNDRY



PYOTE'S ICE HOUSE

HERSHEY ADVOCATES JOB RIGHTS FOR VETERANS

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, stated that only a court of the United States can, with finality, deny a veteran the right to work in the job he believes belongs to him. Sixty four hundred local boards have put these men in the Armed Forces and 6400 boards, manned by 24,000 board members and assisted by 15,000 re-employment committeemen, are prepared to aid veterans in securing the opportunities for jobs which Con-

PENNSYLVANIA ROSTER TOPS MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS

Pennsylvania has produced more Medal of Honor winners than any other state—25. Texas and New York follow with 21. Ohio ranks fourth with 13. Idaho tops the country on percentages with four Medal of Honor in a 525,000 population. Every state except Arizona, Nevada and Wyoming have at least one winner. Eleven recipients of the Medal of Honor were foreign born.

gress intended they should have, said Hershey.

Be it Ever so Humble, Try a Classified Ad

CLASSIFIED ADS

The Rattler accepts ads for publication, free of charge, from military personnel only. Ads must be at the Rattler Office by Saturday, 5 P.M., signed by military personnel. The Rattler acts solely as a media for publishing the ad and as such will not accept any responsibility for ads printed. All ads for used cars, trucks or motorcycles must contain a price in accordance with OPA regulations. The price should be under or within OPA ceilings and the ad must so state. The selling of railway or bus tickets, other than by the public conveyor, is prohibited by law. No ads for such tickets will be accepted.

FOUND

WILL PFC. ARLISS JARRETT please come to the Rattler Office.

STILL THE SAME STUFF AT The Rattler Office: One watch, one pair of eye glasses, another pair in case, these are pink rimmed.

LOST

WILL THE PERSON WHO borrowed my Eversharp pen in the telephone room on Labor Day, please return it to Barracks 612, Sec. III, across from the Rec. Hall. Name inscribed. Thank you.

WILL THE PERSON WHO found the red automobile jack which was left in the parking lot by the Guard House, return same

to Pfc. Meyer Cohen at the Guard House. Reward.

WILL THE PERSON WHO found a black leather billfold please turn it in to The Rattler Office or Sq. E Orderly Room. No questions asked.

WILL THE PERSON THAT found

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my brown leather wallet please return it to The Rattler Office. Keep all the cash. Very important papers in it. Sgt. Bert B. Weger, CCD. No questions asked.

FOR SALE

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PERSONALS

ANYONE WANTING A TIP ON the right way to curl and set hair, please contact S/Sgt. Bob Pope in the "Preflight Check Dept." on the line.

WILL ANY OFFICER WHO WAS with the 452nd Bomb Group, 45th Combat Wing, or 3rd Division, call Sgt. Tackett at Sq. E Orderly Room.

JUST A FEW pictures left: Some pin-ups, some local pictures. Stop in at the Rattler Office.

HOUSING

ANYONE WISHING APARTMENTS contact Sgt. Hopkins at Officers CCD Mail Room. Available are 4 two-room apartments with bath all furnished. Also one 3-room apartment. One house trailer.

HAVE YOU ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS?

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

"YOU ARE GOING TO A STRANGE COUNTRY"

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YESSIR, YOU'DA THOUGHT THE CO WROTE MOST OF THE AR HIMSELF! HE HAD US ALL PO'D HALF THE TIME... WELL, THIS DAY HE STUCK US OUT AHEAD OF OUR OR AND THE MOS WENT BLOOIE! WE HAD EVERY GEE ON A BAR OR M 1... THE ENTIRE T/O FROM THE CO TO THE LOWEST PFC GOT A PH, THANKS TO THAT ONE 88!

OH, DEAR, MISS LACE, IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE EARL HOME FOR AWHILE... BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND HALF OF WHAT HE SAYS... IT'S THOSE ARMY ABBREVIATIONS... I HAVE AN IDEA...



DID YOU KNOW THAT NUMBER 36 IN BOOK 4 IS GOOD FOR 5 THROUGH AUGUST 31st?

YES - BUT I HAD TO CHECK ON THE RED K2-P2! THEY WENT JULY 31st! I'M GLAD TO GET 6 ON NUMBER 16 IN THE 'A' BOOK!

POCKET GUIDE TO THE UNITED STATES

MILTON CANIFF



"It's none of my business, old man, but I think your money would go a lot farther in a Class E Allotment."

by Milton Caniff



KOOPS' KORNER

GETTING THINNER

This issue of The Rattler contains but eight pages, and future issues will hold at that number, I hope. The reason for the cut in size is due to lack of news, in the main. Since the end of the war with Japan, news has been exceedingly scarce at Pyote. The main news items concern demobilization. The Rattler, coming out but once in seven days, is hard put to keep up with the almost daily changes in the demobilization program, and actions by Congress and/or the War Department.

Henceforth, The Rattler will print only official news on AAF separations. Therefore the cut in size can keep The Rattler in the groove on its regular features and saves us the time, trouble and worry of filling the paper up with unimportant news stories. Too, the drop in size affects a saving in cash, in line with WD policies, and makes it easier for this office to adjust to the 44-hour week. For GIs interested in demobilization, The Rattler refers you to civilian newspapers. The library receives the El Paso Times daily, and the Rattler Office will keep a copy handy in order that you might keep up with that Number 1 question. The Rattler staff intends to continue as many of its features as possible, and particularly welcomes any opinions addressed to "Postmark Pyote".

This might be a good time to state that information in this column is NOT official unless it is so labeled. And the opinions herein are not necessarily the opinions of the War Department, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, or Station Headquarters. They are merely the personal views of an underslung, blue-serge hungry GI.

GRAPEVINE INTELLIGENCE

Eastern Flying Training Command has now authorized three ten-day furloughs, plus travel time, for all GIs in that Command. It should happen here! . . . A letter from Air Personnel and Sales, received at this desk, says it wants to place men in civilian jobs who have had aviation experience. They have openings for skilled and experienced individuals. There might be a charge for the service, I don't know. The address: Air Personnel and Sales, 102 East Main, Urbana, Illinois. . . . GIs with cars are urged to give their fellow GIs a lift. The personnel of Pyote has always been pretty neighborly in that respect. In this desert, it's a long haul between towns, and a ride is something the GI is mighty grateful for. So, if you're driv-



"... I will be more careful with cigarets and matches.
I will be more careful with cigarets and matches.
I will be more careful . . ."

why not pick him up and give him a lift as far as you can? . . . Want something to remember the Army, suckers? Here's just the item for you: a sterling silver money clip with a place to snap on one of your dog tags. The jeweler (in New York) that's selling it advertises that the dog tag is (oh get this, brother) "so important a part of the vet's life that most men will want to keep it as a lucky pocket piece, as a lifelong memento, as permanent identification, and for its utility value." And all for only \$6.95. Don't rush, don't rush. . . . The county bar association of Cleveland, Ohio, declared that a court-martial "masquerades as a judicial proceeding" and recommended a revamping of military court procedure. They recommended that a Congressional investigation be made of the "needlessly severe, unjust, and antiquated" military courts. In its respect it pointed out, "there is an amazing resemblance between the court's verdict and what the commanding officer wants done." The association recommended that military trials should be handled much as the Attorney General controls prosecution in Federal courts. Protesting the "shocking" situation the association declared that the "same, small, select group of brass hats accuses, prosecutes, and judges. That is what civil justice tries to avoid."

I hear a number of air fields in the area are getting ready to close shop. Among them are Carlsbad, Pampa, and Ardmore. The Carlsbad field has long vied with Pyote in sports contests, and last winter sent us a fine show—"The Naughty Nineties".

GIGS AND RIBBONS

The Korner takes pride in passing out the following huzzahs and hisses to the following people for the following doings: Ribbons to Homer F. Ferguson (R.-Mich.) for his statement that he intends, at the earliest date, to propose a bill in the House of Representatives to call the duration up. If he follows through, there are a lot of GIs that will realize all Homers aren't blind. . . . Gigs to Dick Frankenstein, Detroit labor union official, for his suggestion that Uncle Sam dig into the Federal war fund and give a bonus to—of, all people—the war-workers. Dick claims that the workers in war plants during the past few years need the cash to tide them over during reconversion; and that the country could show their appreciation to these war-workers by giving them a cool thirty billion sheckels as a "Bonus." . . . Ribbons to Bill Hooten, comrade-in-ink and editor of the El Paso Times, for his fearless, factual, straight-from-the-shoulder editorial in Friday's Times. I don't know what got Hooten stirred up, but his editorial "Send Men Home" was fine.



"Okay, so this is more romantic than a Class E Allotment. What if your wife ain't home when he gets there?"

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
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.

SEND THE RATTLER HOME!