

THE RATTTLER

B-29s FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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Kelly Field Revue Coming To Field This Saturday

Just before presstime, Special Services Office were informed of a new show, scheduled to play Theatre No. 1 next Saturday evening for two shows—7 and 9 PM.

"The Kelly Field Review" hails from San Antonio and will feature a stack of trim acts, some pretty gals and a sum total of a good evening's fun.

Admission is free to all military personnel, their guests, and authorized civilians.

Monahans-Pyote Bus Schedule Revised Again

The Monahans-Pyote bus company this week eliminated several trips between the base and town and announced the following schedule. Leave Pyote, 8 am, 10:50, 1:30 pm, 4:20, 5:40, 7:00, 9:00, 10:35, and 12:05 am. Leave Monahans, 7:10 am, 10:10, 12:50 pm, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 8:20, 10:00 and 11:30.

Squadrons Change Designations Under ATSC Command

Pyote Army Air Field's new designation is 414th AAF Base Unit (Air Base) under the new command of the Air Technical Service Command.

Squadrons, too, have been altered and new designations for them have been announced by the Adjutant's office.

Officers are assigned to Squadron A; Squadron BG is the designation of the Guard Squadron; Squadron is now the Wac Detachment; Attached and Separation Cases are assigned to Squadron SP; All enlisted men assigned are now with Squadron B; Squadron H is the colored Squadron; and the Medics are now Squadron E.

T-O (TABLE OF OPULENCE)



This bountiful board is Mess Hall One's Thanksgiving dinner. GIs, guests, and wives sweated out the long line last Thursday morning of dive into a scrumptious repast of turkey and all the fixings.

Christmas Is Just Around the Corner (PX Corner)

By SUGAR

Billfolds for Pa, broaches for Ma, earrings for Sister Kate, and all sorts of furry little things for the little ones. Take along the family list to the post PX and the Christmas gifts are under the show case.

Top place on the list of GI Christmas worries generally goes to the gal who rates something special. Give it nary 'nother thought. If she craves the chic and novel, she'll rave about the silver lobster

designed with moonstones into a lapel pin. Or how about the pearl heart, a spray of gold set with colored stones, a sterling sword or a pair of novelty earrings. With the GI cut-rate, the prices aren't sky-highing at the PX and you can find something nifty without setting the paycheck on its ear.

Supposin' there's a two, or three, or a four-year old to please come Christmas, I recommend the fuzzy baby dolls. They even got a couple thumps out of this 21 year old heart. The muffs, too, are mighty

cute with round little faces sewed in for pockets. An army-awed youngster would also get a bang out of the jeep kit, ready for the making. Lt. Easter, exchange officer, tells us that more toys are on order and due within the week.

For the older folk, the PX shows many a suitable gift—like billfolds and wallets, shaving sets, pen and pencil sets, towel combinations, fruit boxes, and more conservative jewelry.

Lt. Easter reports that more Christmas stock is in the mail.

ONLY
26
More
Days
Till
Christmas, Mac!



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PYOTE, TEXAS

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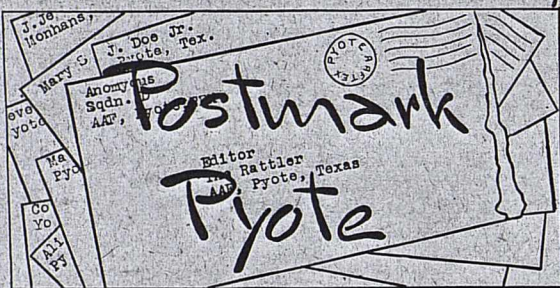
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HOTEL BUSINESS

Editor, the Rattler:

As regards your articles on post-war jobs, what about the hotel business. I'm thinking of entering it when I get discharged.

(Name withheld.)

Hotels have been hard-hit for labor during the war, and now they are expanding their staffs. They employ room clerks, engineers, kitchen and dining room personnel, bookkeepers, phone operators, and many others. James F. Walsh, manager New York office, American Hotel Ass'n, writes: "Hotels throughout the nation employed approximately 600,000 people before World War II, and it is expected that this number will increase considerably—I would say not less than 10%. One of the reasons for the increase of personnel is that hotels are continuously increasing their services to guests."

GERMAN GIRL

Editor, the Rattler:

My brother is home after fighting in the ETO. He always mentions how attractive the German girls were—more so than those in France or Italy, etc. Do other ETO vets agree?

Mrs. F. S. L.

The photo (right) gives you some idea of what a German girl



looks like: She is Irma Geese, 22, who was the Nazi's SS women's superintendent at the Belsen Concentration Camp, and has been (See POSTMARK, Page 6.)

Maybe We Burn Easy, But

You would think that after we imbibed that delightful turkey dinner we would be in a pleasant frame of mind. But unfortunately, just about the time we sit down to knock out the week's editorial we come cross some item that sends our blood pressure into the stratosphere and we turn into a mean old cynic who rips flies legs off and growls at our grapefruit.

The thing that did it this week was page 16 of last Wednesday's Ft. Worth Star Telegram. There two news items caught our eye and turned our gentle mind into a morass of cynicism.

Item No. 1: The Los Angeles board of education has ordered 92 junior high school students expelled as the outgrowth of a demonstration when they protested a board permit for Gerald L. K. Smith to speak in a school auditorium.

How do you like that? The school board allows a punk like Smith to fester the school and gives the boot to 92 school kids with enough spunk and Americanism to kick about it.

Smith has been called a rabble-rouser and a fascist-minded so-and-so whose efforts in the United States won the appreciation of Mussolini and Hitler. Now they are expelling school children for revolting against Smith. We suggest the next move is to deny schooling to all veterans who fought against Fascism in World War II. Phooey!

Item No. 2: The War Dept. said that despite strikes more soldiers have been brought home in six months than were in the whole World War I AEF. The number could have been greater were it not for strikes on both coasts. Eighteen troop-ships were strike-bound in San Francisco bay recently. For every day there ships were immobilized, 32,000 men in the Pacific were delayed one day in getting home. Delivery of railroad troop sleepers has been tied up by a strike in effect since Sept. 22 at the Simmons Company in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The contract for 1200 of these cars was placed early this year and were to be delivered by the end of the year. To date, 40 have been delivered. There are more than 300 others ready for service as soon as they can be equipped with berths and bedding.

Well - - - there you are. That's the situation. Those are your fellow Americans - - - school board members who oust 92 school children for complaining about Gerald L. K. Smith; strikers who delay the return of fighting men. Those are your fellow Americans—and ours.

Do you blame us for vomiting quietly in a corner?

Your Number 2 Problem

Number 1 problem facing the returning vet is probably "jobs"; but running it a close race for this doubtful honor is "housing". The housing situation across the country is at its worst.

Said one discharged vet, seven months a prisoner of war: "I tell you it is not pleasant when a man is almost sorry he got out of the Army because there is no place for him to live. It ought to be good for re-enlistments."

The funny thing is that the vets are willing to build, buy, beg or borrow and kind of place to live in. They answer ads and see doors slammed in their faces when they admit they have children. They stay in hotels until evicted, then move to other hotels. They crowd in with relatives and friends, until nerves are tense and frayed. They start with hopes of building, then of buying, then of renting, and finally they beg for small apartments or single rooms—anything of their own.

Many of them have cash or can raise it. The builders tell them the soonest they can expect to have a home built is next summer.

Said one Cleveland vet to a newspaper photographer: "Do you want a picture of me throwing my medals in the furnace? Medals don't mean a thing when it comes to finding a house in this town."

The housing situation throughout the country is rough. And there is no sign of any immediate alleviation. In fact, certain lobbyists in Washington are putting the pressure on Congressmen to oust OPA ceilings on rentals which will make the situation worse than ever, leading to inflationary auctions of housing to the highest bidders.

Rattler advice: see if you can hang on to your GI shelter-half. Half a roof being better than none.

Some girls look good in anything they take off.

In a small town people will sympathize with you in trouble—and if you haven't any trouble they'll dig some up for you.

A bathing beauty is the kind of girl that's worth wading for.

After being demobilized, a lot of GIs are planning a couple months of being immobilized.

Deputy Chief of Staff Urges Wives Be Sent To Europe Quickly

Brig. Gen. J. L. Whitelaw said Friday that the sooner the US Army brings over wives the better in order to "stop this adultery and loose living going on here.", the Associated Press announced.

The deputy chief of staff in the Berlin district told correspondents he understood wives would arrive in the spring and that families would live on a basis which likely would be equivalent to that in Army posts in the United States.

Justice Roberts To Review All Army Courts-Martial

Owen J. Roberts, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, has accepted appointment as Chairman of the War Department Clemency Board, which recently began to review the cases of all of the 34,260 military prisoners now serving general court martial sentences, with a view to effecting such reduction in sentences as may be warranted on the basis of individual records in each case.

The Rattler wishes to correct a statement in last week's edition that Fletcher Henderson's orchestra would play at the NCO Club tomorrow night. Instead, Henderson's band will play a dance for Squadron H from 8 to midnight at the hall.

AAF Separation Bases Cut to 20;; Roswell Shuttered

The number of AAF separation bases will be cut from 35 to 20 by Dec. 5th, an Associated Press dispatch from Washington announced.

Brig. Gen. Charles F. Born of the Continental Air Force said Saturday the move is designed to concentrate more separation activities in the heavily populated northeast—without reducing the daily discharge rate.

Sixteen bases will cease handling separations, among which is Roswell AAF, N. M.—closest separation base to the local field and from where all POC discharges were handled. POC discharges, handled at the field closest to the home base, will probably be switched to San Antonio AAF—which will be nearest in proximity to Pyote after Roswell closes.

Necessary separation personnel will be transferred to the 20 remaining bases to enable the AAF to maintain its capacity of 10,000 discharges daily.

Fields in this area and the dates on which they will cease handling separations are:

Roswell Nov. 30; Amarillo Nov. 30; Sheppard Field Nov. 30; Ellington Field Nov. 30th.

HENDERSON TO PLAY FOR H-MEN THURSDAY

B-29 Sets Non-Stop World Record Hop

An Army Air Force B-29 left Guam at 2:30 A. M. EST Monday, setting a new world's longest non-stop, non-refueling flight estimated at 9198 miles. The plane was expected to arrive at the Washington National Airport at approximately 1:30 P. M. EST today. The plane passed over LaCross, Wis., at 9:30 A. M. EST, already breaking all previous records in long distance flights.

The latest in a series of AAF flights to demonstrate range and capabilities of our military aircraft as well as to show vulnerability of our country to enemy air attack from vast distances, this flight sought to exceed the long distance record established by the British by more than a thousand miles.

In 1938 two British aircraft chalked up the world non-stop record of 7,158 miles flying from Ismelia, Egypt, to Port Darwin, Australia, while this flight attempts the Great Circle Course from Guam to the United States east coast area, estimated at 8,198 miles.

The 20th Air Force Superfort, stripped of excess weight and slightly modified to streamline it for the flight, was flown by two specially picked and trained crews flying shifts. They are all veterans of the Pacific war.

The double crew included Colonel Clarence S. Irvine, of St. Paul, Nebraska, and Lieutenant Colonel George R. Stanley, of 84 Mountain Road, West Hartford, Connecticut, pilots; Captain W. J. Bennett, (no home address available), and First

Lieutenant W. S. O'Hare, of 1663 West Robinson Street, Knoxville, Iowa, Flight engineers; Major Kenneth L. Royer, of Madisonburg, Pennsylvania, and Captain Francis S. O'Leary, of 114 South Neville Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Navigators; Master Sergeant Dock West, crew chief and scanner; Staff Sergeant J. A. Shinnault, radio operator, and Technical Sergeant G. F. Broughton, flight engineer and scanner, (no home addresses available), Lieutenant Colonel F. J. Shannon, radio operator (no home address available).

The plane carried 11,110 gallons of gasoline at the take-off, which constitutes almost half of the gross weight of the craft, 141,000 pounds, when it left Guam. Thirteen auxiliary tanks were carried.

Slight modifications were made in the plane to better fit it for the flight but it is still a standard B-29 less armament and radar and other items not required.

To insure safety on the flight, air sea rescue stations along the route of the flight were alerted. Weather conditions were listed as favorable at the take-off.

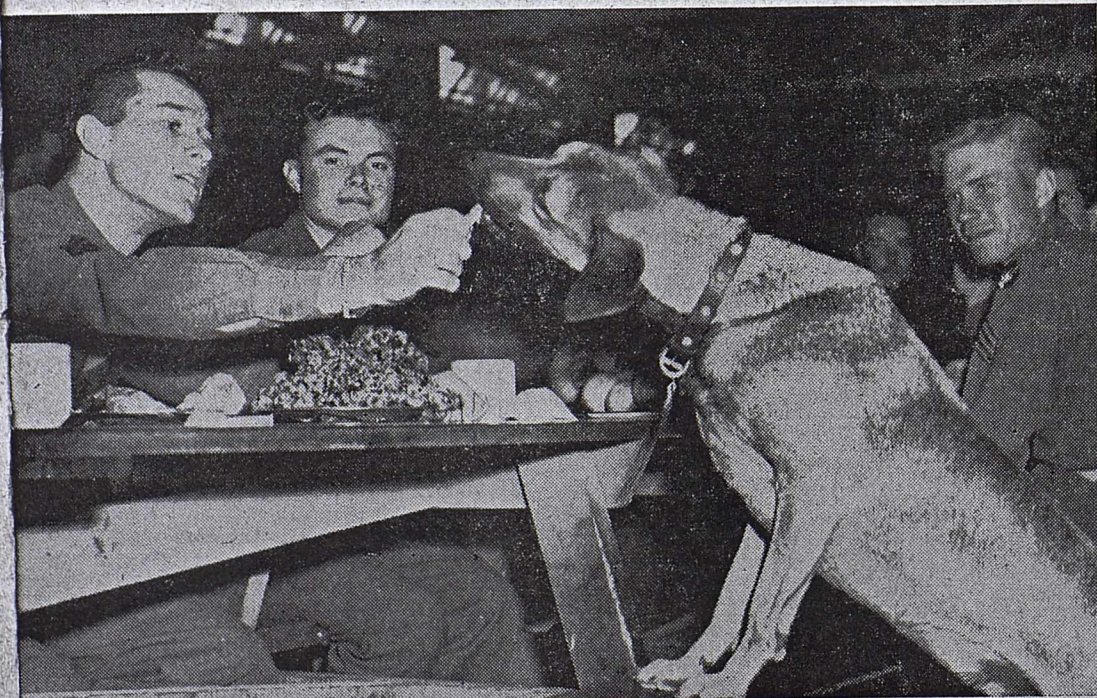
This is the fourth flight since V-J Day which the Army Air Forces have staged to demonstrate current and future potentials of air power. Other recent flights include that of three B-29s from Japan to Chicago under the command of Lieutenant General Barney M. Giles, Major General Curtis LeMay and Brigadaire General Emmett O'Donnell in September. This flight non-stop to Chicago was 5,995 miles in 25 hours and 45 minutes. The total mileage to Washington was 6,645 miles in 28 hours and 42 minutes.

In October, Lieutenant General Nathan Twining arrived in Washington with three B-29s flown from Guam via Karachi, India, and Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, the first Germany to America flight by a bomber.

Brigadier General Frank A. Armstrong, Jr., a deputy commander of the 20th Air Force, lead a flight of four Superforts from Hokkaido Island, Japan, October 31, and landed in Washington November 1, a flight of more than 6,500 miles non-stop.

Demonstrating again the fundamental smallness of the world, these flights all serve to carry out General Arnold's dictum that only through constant experiment and trial can we maintain dominant air power.

CHOWHOUND



Our perspiring caption-writer just couldn't resist labeling this shot "Chow-hound". He's corny that way. Enterprising Rattler photographer Webster snapped this Mess Hall stowaway as he eagerly partook of the Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday.

Oil Business Looks Like Good Post-war Job Deal

(Seventh in a series of post-war opportunities for the soon-civvies GI.)

Before the war, more than 1,000,000 persons, mostly men, were employed in the petroleum industry. When the shooting began, the industry shrank to some extent, but now it is slowly expanding and in a few years should afford greater employment than ever before. Which is something for the job-hunting vet to think over.

Approximately three-fourths of the industry's personnel are concerned with the marketing and sales of petroleum products; here most jobs will be available. However, sales of oil and gas will not reach their peak until motor vehicle conversion has been completed and there is a normal supply of trucks, cars, tractors, farm machinery, and road-building and tires.

Gas Stations Profitable

Many vets will find operation of a service station, when the time comes, congenial and remunerative. The trend is toward more elaborate stations which sell considerable merchandize in addition to fuel and lubricants. On the other hand, many pre-war hot dog stands and such which sold gas as a sideline have gone out of business and will stay out.

J. K. Skillings, sales manager for the Texas Co, says that a station with a 7200-gallon-per-month sales, run by 2 men full time and one working part time, will net its owner \$300 a month. Such a volume, he says, is somewhat better than average.

Some stations are company-owned but most are independently-operated. In either case, the oil companies make every effort to help the man in selecting his station and in marketing his product. If a man looks like a good bet to

Ground Accidents On Field Increase During October

Ground accidents at Pyote Army Air Field increased during the month of October, according to the Ground Safety Section.

Military disabling injuries increased from five during September to a total of six for October. Civilian employees incurred one disabling injury which was fatal, after three consecutive months of no disabling injuries.

"The constant and sincere efforts of all personnel are required in order to eliminate unnecessary disabling injuries due to accidents at this field," the Ground Safety Section warned.

one of the companies, they may get him up in business with little or no capital of his own, according to Skillings.

Working conditions are pleasant, and not dangerous. Most of it is out-of-doors, which is healthful but sometimes means exposure to extreme weather. There is little heavy pressure except at rush periods. On the other hand, hours are generally long.

Job Range Is Wide

The range of other jobs in petroleum is varied, and, according to Eugene Holman, president of Standard Oil (N. J.), include accountants, bookkeepers, drillers, roughnecks (drillers' helpers), geologists, salesmen, seamen, cooks, aviators, advertising men, secretaries, clerks, traffic men, safety experts, firemen, stillmen, machinists, pipefitters, pumpers, truck drivers, riggers, steelworkers, and many others.

A limited number of servicemen trained in radar, electronics, radio, and mine detection may find jobs in research activities planned to speed the cross-country flow of oil through automatic control.

Oil companies are expected to take over a number of government-made tankers for their own use, and crews to man them will be needed. Whether this will mean jobs for vets, however, is questionable, since the war necessitated the training of thousands of merchant seamen. Employment increases in refineries, which are situated in 32 states, will be slight.

Oil offers certain general advantages. There will be no reconversion problem. The business is stable, with low labor turnover, and many companies have sickness, accident, and death benefits, paid vacations, and pensions.

Oil economists, according to Holman, predict that by 1950 the demand for oil will be even higher than it has been during the war. There will be more autos, more gas-powered farm equipment, greater air travel and heating of buildings by oil, increased road-building, airport runway construction, and air conditioning, more ships powered by oil instead of coal, and more use of by-products such as cosmetics, insecticides, medicinal products, all of which will boost the national consumption of oil products.

A speed violation was reported for one out of every three fatal motor vehicle accidents in 1944, the National Safety Council reports.

Air Supremacy Due To Pre-war Research-Hap

The supremacy of America in the air was due largely to pre-war research, both within and outside of the air forces, according to a letter made public today by General of the Army H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the U. S. Army Air Forces.

In congratulating the National Geographical Society, which with the AAF is jointly commemorating the tenth anniversary on Armistice Day of the free balloon stratosphere flight which set a world's record of nearly 14 miles above the earth, General Arnold wrote, "The contributions by your society, the scientists you interested in the pioneering effort, and the cooperation you gave the Army Air Forces bore fruit in World War II far in advance of what was imagined to be the results at the time."

After a long period of painstaking preparation, the big 20-story-high free balloon, "Explorer II," under the command of Captain Albert W. Stevens (now a retired lieutenant colonel) and piloted by Captain Orvil A. Anderson (now a major general in the AAF and in Japan) rose out of the natural bowl in South Dakota's Black Hills to the world's roof, establishing a record of 72,395 feet. With the ascent on that Armistice Day in 1935 went nearly a ton of scientific instruments. The daring flight was sponsored by the National Geographic Society in conjunction with the Army Air Forces.

"We owe much to that flight," wrote General Arnold in his letter to Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, president of the society.

"We learned how valuable magnesium could be in the field of aeronautical design, for here was a metal lighter than aluminum yet stronger; and the trip where no man had been before proved the selection of the metal to be wise," General Arnold stated. "More was learned about 'pressurized cabins', two-way short wave radio communication, the use of electrically heated flying suits, and advancement was made in the then little known field of aviation medicine."

The AAF Commanding General further stated, "Many other items of equipment and methods were improved which later played important parts in giving American airmen superiority in the skies over Berlin and Tokyo."

In concluding the letter to the society's head, General Arnold said, "As you rejoice in looking back on what your efforts accomplished, there is a point I wish to emphasize: That we must all remember, at all times, that national security depends almost wholly on the degree in which we—within and without the services—keep

59 Uncompleted Superfortresses To Be Salvaged

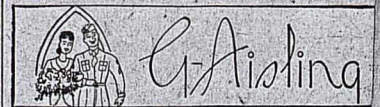
Fifty-nine B-29s, in varying stages of construction at the termination of hostilities, are at present being salvaged or are scheduled for salvage at three aircraft plants, it was announced today by the War Department.

Sixteen of the planes were being built at Boeing Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kansas; 34 at Bell Aircraft Corp., Marietta, Georgia, and nine at Glenn L. Martin Company, Omaha, Nebraska.

Decision to salvage the planes was made when a detailed survey, undertaken in connection with postwar production cutbacks, showed dollar cost of completion would be greater than dollar cost of dismantling. This saving to the Government also would be supplemented by funds from the sale of the salvaged materials. It was then agreed that planes requiring more than 1,000 man-hours work for completion would be salvaged.

If the planes had been finished it would have been necessary completely to install government furnished equipment, after which they would have been flown to RFC disposal depots for ultimate salvage.

Production of this largest of American combat aircraft is not being discontinued entirely. Limited output of an improved model will continue on a decreased scale at Boeing's Seattle, Washington, plant, which is already geared to the newest production improvements and where all the Air Forces' anticipated postwar needs for this particular type plane can be handled most economically.



SCHAFFMASTER-HAWKS

Catherine Hawks, 21, of Coldwater, Mich. was married November 10th at the station chapel to F/O Thomas E. Schaffmaster, 24, of Bronson, Mich. The groom is assigned to Sec. I Rites performed by Chaplain Philip F. Anderson

abreast and ahead in the scientific and technological advances in military aviation.

"During the war the whole scientific manpower of the Nation was mobilized for the benefit of the services; and a great portion of it for the air force. With the termination of the war it is incumbent upon all of us to make sure that ours is the most advanced air force in the world for none of us can lose sight of the over-all significance of what happened in Germany and Japan—any nation which lacks air supremacy is doomed."



KOOPS' KORNER

PIMENTO STUFFING FROM AN OLIVE DRAB SUIT

Gen. Carl Spaatz told the Senate that the nation's powerful and victorious air force is "disintegrating before our eyes. We see almost hysterical demobilization." Tsk, tsk. . . . If you can locate a pair of nylons to give your gal for Christmas, you'll be pleased to hear the price on nylons has dropped 25% by OPA order. . . . And watch out for ceiling price chiselers when you go to buy civilian clothes. The OPA caught a character in Chicago (Gold Bond Clothes Co. 59 W. Van Buren) and are charging him with the fact that he charged \$60.69 for a \$35 ceiling price overcoat. The sale was made to a dischargee who was changing trains and decided to hurry into civvies. . . . Such stores,

Rattle Snake Charmer



The Bandana kid who—like the well-known hobo—packs all her worldly belongings in a red handkerchief works under the handle of Sylvia MacNeill. In honor of Sylvia we are in favor of getting the kerchief business straightened out; when you hold them in your hand, they are handkerchiefs; when you wear them around your neck, they are neckerchiefs. Your move, Sylvia.

says the OPA, are sending runners to solicit sales from discharges at railroad stations. . . . Germany's occupation will be shifted from US military to State Dept. between next April and July 1. . . . Mrs. Edna May Standing, president, of the Blue Star Mothers, wants compulsory military training for girls, too. Mrs. Standing has 3 sons in the service who don't like KP and thinks the girls could handle kitchen police duty.

BLOTCHES FROM THE PUBLIC PRINT

The item in last week's Korner, concerning officers dodging return to the States because of job insecurity, is substantiated by an International News Service correspondent who says "many American officers are deliberately missing their boats rather than return to the 'insecurity of job seeking in the United States'. Two weeks ago, of 352 officers ordered to report individually to the port of embarkation at Marseilles, only 42 showed up." Such things says the INS reporter, are occurring frequently.

Western Union has five tidy messages already composed for you to wire home when you are discharged. The fives messages which cost but 25c anywhere in the US read: "Leaving here soon. Home for good. Get my civilian clothes ready." or "Three cheers. Home for good in few days. Can't wait to see you." or "Roll out the barrel. The war is over for me. Am on way home." or "I'm over here from over there and will be with you soon." or "Being discharged here. Will be home soon. Round up the gang to celebrate." Take your pick.

One of the nastiest incidents on the home-front to bob up was the alleged conspiracy by the Association of Limb Manufacturers of America, 45 corporations and 34 individuals, who—according to a Washington DC grand jury, attempted to profiteer from the sale of artificial limbs to vets. They supposedly agreed to fix minimum prices for sale of artificial limbs, to enter identical and non-competitive bids to the Veterans' Administration, and to charge identical prices on sales to state agencies. All in favor of beating these guys up with crutches say "aye".

The Senate naval committee has asked to place Army and Navy enlisted men on its staff to investigate demobilization complaints. Sen. Robertson of Wyoming says "GIs will talk to GIs when they won't talk to officers". This columnist knows full well the truth of that statement and can back it with a file full of complaints from GIs, in two years of Kornering.

Senator Morse of Oregon reminded Army and Navy officials that every enlisted man they command has the right to communicate with Congress members. "They also need to learn," said Morse, "wearing the uniform of the US does not give them the prerogative to exercise abusive, arbitrary and tyrannical powers over men."

STUFF ON A SHINGLE

An Italian national, in a letter to Stars and Stripes, wants the US to recognize Italy as the 40th state. . . . Discharged Waves are buying brown outfits in New York Shops but ex-Wacs want black, green, yellow, blue—anything but brown. . . . According to Camp Newspaper Service, units entitled battle stars for the following campaigns are listed in WDGO 95m, dated 10 Oct 45; air combat, Balkans; air offensive, Europe; Aleutian Islands; anti-submarine; Central Pacific; and ground combat in the ETO. . . . Also WDGO 91 lists units entitled to battle participation credit for action in Sicily; and WDGO 93 lists units entitled to credit in the Po Valley campaign. . . . Among fan letters to Gen. Douglas MacArthur is one from a Jap woman who pleaded for permission to come live with him. Such goins-on. . . .

TO A LADY WANTING A LIGHT

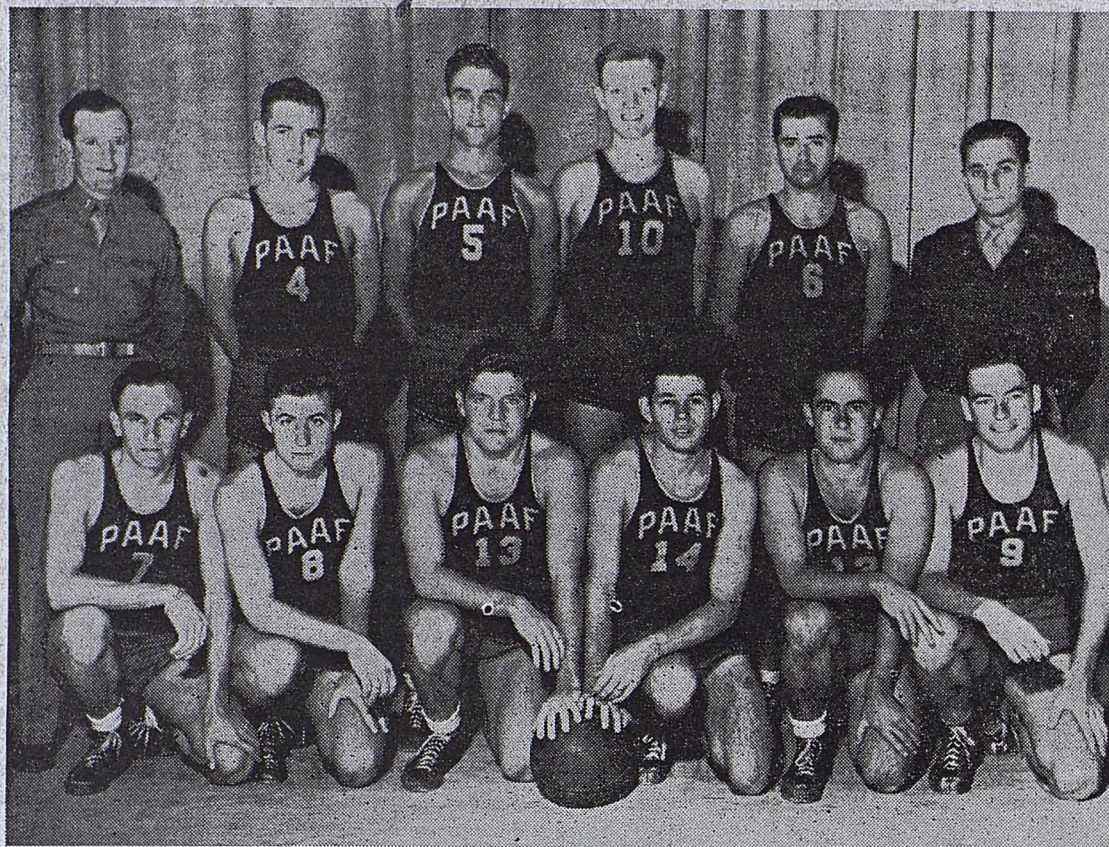
Lady, merely raise the lashes
On your kindling eyes of jet;
They have burned my heart to ashes.
Why not the cigarette?

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

Overseas camp newspapers are flooded with complaints about overseas shipments to the States. Thirteen-hundred Navy men home-bound for discharge squawked at having to pull KP for 1500 civilians on the Army-operated ship. The troop commander confirmed the gripe. Most of the civilians are former Navy Yard workers. . . . And charges of discrimination and favoritism in shipping Army personnel home from the Pacific came from Palawan. The GIs claim that Far East Air Forces are skipping high point men on Palawan and shipping home guys from units near the Manila and Leyte replacement pools. . . . And a troop-carrying transport left Shanghai carrying 1539 passengers, including 117 civilians. The civilians were US citizens who were in China. Said the GIs: "The US warned them to get out before the war broke but they stuck around to pick up a little more dough."

The parrot, say scientists, is the most intelligent bird. Which seems to prove that—unless you shoot off your mouth—people think you're stupid.

PYOTE'S RATTTLERS - - - 1945 CAGE SQUAD



The 1945 Rattler basketball squad of the Pyote Army Air Field poses for their first picture. They are, left to right: Kneeling, Lt. Unrith, Pfc. Fricke, F/O Hamilton (captain), Sgt. Nolan, Cpl. Torgon, Lt. Barr; Standing, Lt. Lougran (asst. coach), Lt. Smith, Lt. Harris, Lt. Starke, Cpl. Berman, Lt. Shulman (coach). The Rattlers have been beaten only once this season. (Official PAAF photo)

Biggs Field, El Paso, Switched To 3rd Air Force

Biggs Field, El Paso Texas has been switched from a 2AF training station to a 3AF base for a tactical air command.

A-26 Invader bombers and P-51 Mustang planes will replace B-29s at that field.

The official transfer was accomplished last Tuesday by Col. Paul M. Jacobs representing the Second Air Force, and Col. Glenn L. Davasher for the Third Air Force.

Under the new command Biggs Field will become the home of Headquarters for the 19th Air Tactical Command, now located at Barksdale Field, La.

The 16th BOTW, now located at Biggs Field and of which the local field was once a unit, will remain in the 2AF but will be moved to another location.

Strength of the station under the new program will be approximately 6000 officers and enlisted men.

SEEKING INFORMATION

About The
GI BILL OF RIGHTS?
See Jack Scott
County Service Officer
Veterans Foreign Wars
Room 108, Court House
3rd Floor, Monahans

POSTMARK—

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sentenced to death as a war criminal.

SCHOOL IN STYLE

Editor, the Rattler:
I want to work and save money so I can go to school under the GI Bill of Rights in style. How soon after discharge must I apply?

Cpl. B. F. D.

• You must apply for educational benefits within 2 years of discharge, or 2 years after the war is officially declared over, whichever is later.

NO INCOME TAX

Editor, the Rattler:
Do you have to pay income tax on mustering-out pay and disability pensions?

Sgt. R. D. S.

• No. They're exempt from payment. So is compensation received by a veteran's family.

FDR MEDAL

Editor, the Rattler:
Whatever happened to that medal they were going to strike off for late President Franklin D. Roosevelt?

S/Sgt. W. E. M.



• This is it. You can buy one by sending the U. S. Treasury Dept. \$1.50 plus mailing charges.

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.

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 conveyer, is prohibited by law. No ads for such tickets will be accepted.

LOST

BROWN alligator purse, containing valuable papers, lost between the field and Pecos. A reward is waiting at the machine shop or Apt. 1364D for the guy that brings it in to Etta Ferguson.

RED LEATHER KEY-CASE is lost. It contains the dogtags of Donald Ruppe. If you find it, trip over to Personal Affairs and get your thanks.

Support the 8th Bond Drive.

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FT ORD PANORAMA

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This Week

At The Theatres

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

TODAY AND TOMORROW

"SAN ANTONIO" with Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith. (A technicolor western of range wars in Texas in the 1870s. Flynn does the lamo with his boots on.) Shorts: Paramount news.

FRIDAY

"MEXICANA" with Constance Moore and Tito Guizar. (Publicity stunt marriage between American man and Mexican crooner leads to the real thing. Why bother?) Shorts: "Puck Chasers" sportsreel, and "Flirty Birdy" cartoon.

SATURDAY

"THE SPIDER" with Richard Conte and Faye Marlowe. (Detective meets girl in New Orleans bar, finds she's in trouble and solves the mystery. Why they made this movie is another.) Shorts: "Dance, Dance, Dance" with Hugh Herbert, and "Fio Rito Orchestra, and "Loose nut" cartoon.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"THIS LOVE OF OURS" with Merle Oberon and Claude Rains. (Mean man divorces wife, tells kid he's dead. Many years later meets wife, who attempts suicide. Hubby takes her back; kid snubs her, finally everyone lives happily ever after except those who didn't bring a hankie.) Shorts: "Simple men" phantasia cartoon, and Paramount news.

TUESDAY

"PURSUIT TO ALGIERS" with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. (Sherlock Holmes starts playing nut-and-take with the heir apparent to some Balkan throne. Quick Watson the needle if you plan to suffer through this.) Shorts: Derby Decade — a Headliner Revival, "The Story of a Dog", and Flicker Flashbacks.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"CONFIDENTIAL AGENT" with Lauren Bacall and Charles Boyer. (Spanish loyalist comes to England during the Spanish civil war to prevent a shipment of coal to the Spanish rebels. Spies galore. Pretty good.) Shorts: Paramount news.

Around the Field

PX CAFETERIA: Breakfast 7 to 10; Lunch 11 to 2; and Dinner 5 to 9. Hamburgers and french fries on sale in the evening. Beer on sale after 5 PM.

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SURVIVAL



PX TAP ROOM: Beer sold from 5 to 10:45 PM.

PX ICE CREAM BAR: Open from 9 AM to 9:45 PM.

PX SANDWICH BAR: Open from 10 AM to 9 PM.

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

weekdays and 8 AM to 11 PM Sundays who expedites long-distance calls and makes change.

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

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

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

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.

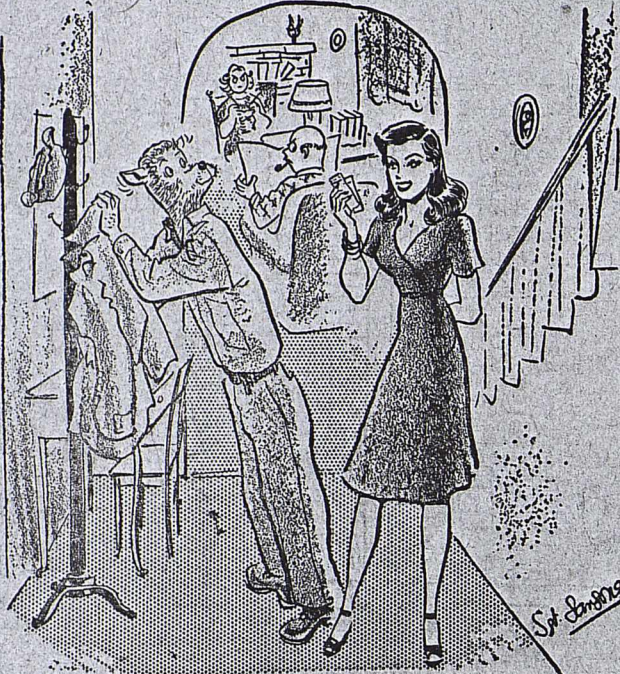
PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel service at 10:00; Station Chapel Service 10:30; Prayer Meeting 6:15; Section C Evening Vesper Service at 7:30; Station Vesper Service at 7:00. Wednesday: Section C Bible Study 8:00; Bible Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service 7:00.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Weekly service Sunday at 3:00 PM.



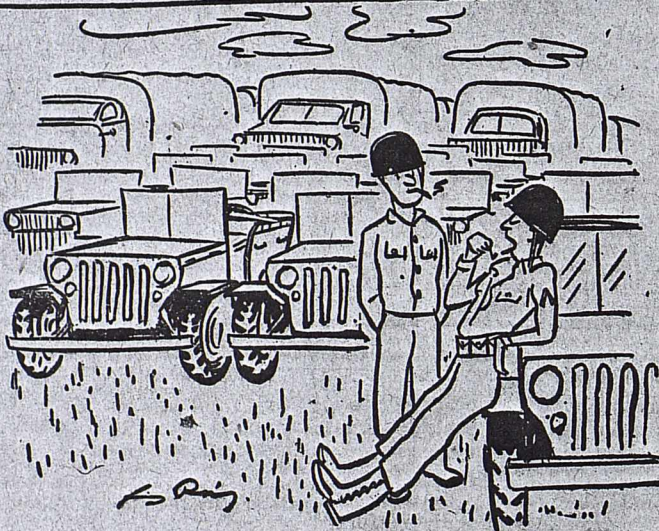
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"It was so thoughtful of you to get these tickets. I'm sure Mother and Dad will enjoy the concert!"



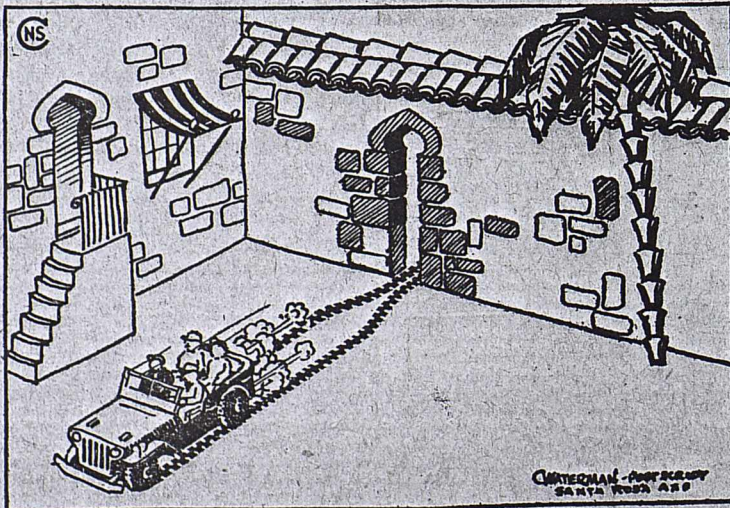
"This is Pvt McLaughlin. He's a fire hazard."



"You know what I'm saving my dough to buy when I get out? A horse."



"This office is closed for a few days—I haven't been home for two weeks and I'm going on a furlough myself!"



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