Kelly Field Revue Coming To Field This Saturday

Just before press time, 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, 7 am, 9:40, 11:30, 1:30 pm, 4:20, 6:20, 8:00, 10:35, and 12:05 am. Leave Monahans, 7:10 am, 9:10, 12:50 pm, 2:40, 4:30, 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 Ward 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.

Christmas Is Just Around the Corner (PX Corner)

By SUGAR

Billfolds for Pa, brooches 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 showcase.

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 for 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 muffes, too, are mighty cute with round little faces sewed in for pockets. An army-owed 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.
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HOTEL BUSINESS

Editor, the Ratterl:

As regards your articles on post-war jobs, what a—bout 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 Ratterl:

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. P. 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 imbied 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 grows at our grapefruit.

The thing that did it this week was page 16 of last Wednesday's Ft. Worth Star Telegram. There were 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 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 worsen 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 Fascist 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 II. The number could be the key to the war. War offices in San Francisco bay recently, for every day there ships were immobilized, 31,000 men in the Pacific were delayed one day in getting home, Delivery of railroad troop sleepers has been delayed by a strike in effect since Sept. 22 at the Steel Company in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The contract for 1,200 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 bunks.

Well—there you are, That's the situation. Those are your fellow Americans—school board members who out 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 a close race for this dubious 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, 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 fra]ed. They start with singles 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 fire?"

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

Ratterl 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 say take off. In a small town people will sympathize with you in trouble—and if you haven't 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 U.S. 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.

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Oil Business Looks Like Good Post-war Job Deal

(Seventh in a series of post-war opportunities for the soon-to-civilize GIs)

Before the war, more than 1,000,000 persons, mostly men, were employed in the petroleum industry. When the shooting began, the lines were reduced 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 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 consumption has been completed and there is a normal supply of trucks, cars, tractors, farm machinery, and road-building and tire plants.

Gas Stations Profitable

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

Job Range Is Wide

The range of other jobs in petroleum is varied, and, according to Eugene Holman, vice president of Standard Oil (N. J.), include accountants, 'bookkeepers, drillers, roughnecks (drillers') helpers, geologists, surveyors, mechanics, aviators, advertising men, secretaries, clerks, traffic men, safety experts, foremen, stillmen, material managers, bookkeepers, pumps, truck drivers, riggers, steelworkers, and many others.

A limited number of service men, 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-owned tanks for their own use, and crews to man them will be needed. Also, some jobs for veterans, however, is questionable, since the war necessitated the training of thousands of merchant seamen. Employment increases upon the return of the merchant seamen will be most important. How many, a matter of coming measure.

Gas stations, run by two men full time and 24 hours a day, have to plan carefully. Oil, coal, and more use of by-products will determine the future.

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Ground Accidents On Field Increase During October

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

Military disabling injuries increased from five in September to 12 in October. Civilian employees incurred one disabling injury, which was fatal, after three consecutive months of non-injuries.

“Army aviation is our national defense, and medical personnel are needed,” said the October 16th letter made public today by General of the Army H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Air Forces.

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After a long period of preparation, the new high-flying ball, “Explorer II,” will land in South Dakota’s Black Hills on October 16th. The trip, which is already geared to the AAF's post-war needs, will be handled most economically.

Air Supremacy Due To Pre-war Research-Hap

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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 the aircraft plants it was announced today by the War Department.

Sixteen of the planes were being built by the Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kansas; 24 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, could be salvaged.

If the planes had been finished it would have been necessary, completely to install government furnaces and other 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, one of which is 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 Rev. Thomas E. Schaffmaster, 24, of Bronson, Mich. The groom is a member of the United States Arm Forces, and the bride is a student at the University of Michigan.

A speed violation was reported for one out of every three fatal motor vehicle accidents in 1944, according to the National Safety Council report.
says the OPA, are sending runners to solicit sales from dischargees 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 Kooper, 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 United States." Two weeks ago, 353 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.

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 Koopering.

Senator Morse of Oregon reminded Army and Navy officials that every enlisted man they command has the right to communicate with Congressional committees. "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 95, 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 goings-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 homeward 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. . . . GIs charged of discrimination and favoritism in shipping Army personnel home from the Pacific came from Palawan. The GIs claim that Far East Air Forces are shipping high point men on Palawan and shipping home guards from units near the Manila and Leyte replacement pools. . . . A troop-carrying transport left Shanghai carrying 1500 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.
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 BOW, 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.

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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)
This Week


At The Theatres

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

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

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.

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: 6:15. 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 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.

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“This is Pvt McLaughlin. He’s a fire hazard.”

“You know what I’m saying 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!”

“Veterans! Welcome to Camp Krud.”