

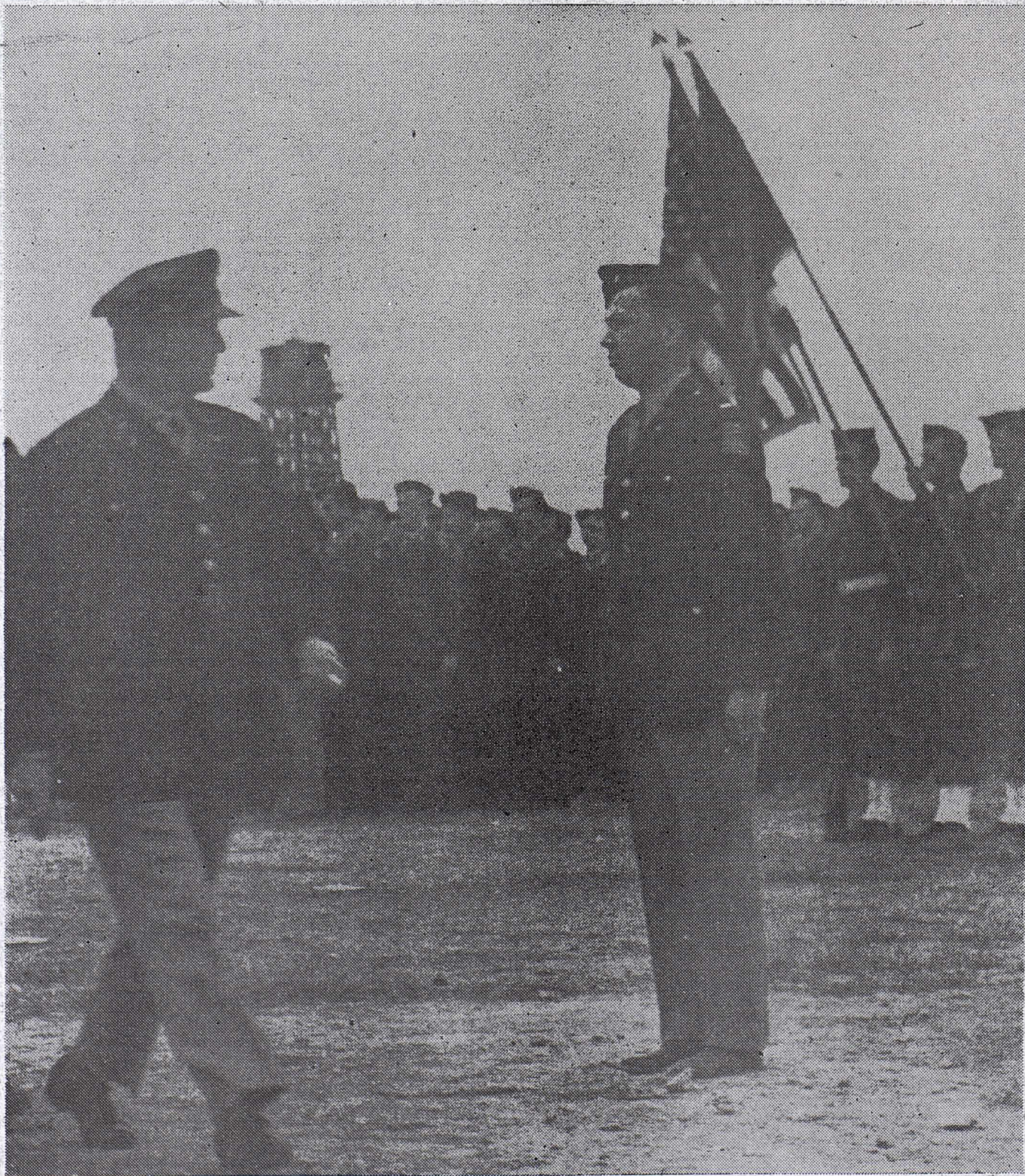
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HALSEY FORECASTS EARLY DEFEAT OF JAPAN

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Mr. Dobie And Pin-Ups

Frank Dobie is about as different from the layman's conception of a college professor as it is possible to be.

He's a salty-talking, somewhat bluff and easy-going plainsman whose appreciation of American history is founded on his personal contacts with many of the men living today who have had a part in making that history he teaches at the University of Texas. Mr. Dobie can brand calves and ride the range with such practiced skill that his acquaintances are continually amazed to find he's one of the nation's distinguished literary citizens.

That is why we read with some concern his statement concerning the relative merits of the education systems of the British and American armies. Mr. Dobie, who has for the past year held the chair for American history at Cambridge University, is on his way home carrying with him the reluctant conviction that the British Tommy will be better prepared to cope with the complexities of civilian life after the war than will the average American GI Joe.

This conviction was gained through his personal contacts with British and American soldiers in England. The British, he says, are getting more from their spare time than we are.

"You know," he said, "we've got the funny idea that amusement is something you've got to pay for, or that we've got to be entertained all the time. The Britisher can have a fine time doing something serious..." He said that he didn't want to sound stuffy but that he was afraid that we put too much emphasis on pin-up girls and not enough on good books. The British, he said, are intensely interested in American history today, having realized they have neglected it.

To the credit of American Army leaders he stated in this connection the Army now is trying hard to get books on Britain, Russia and China now for the soldiers.

His remarks, it is reported, caused a minor stir in austere Cambridge circles. We pose his remarks not as an indictment of anyone or anything in particular, but as an honest well-founded appraisal of a situation in which every soldier has an interest.

We second his remarks. We realize that every soldier needs to be acutely conscious of current events and the historical events leading to this war. Such knowledge makes better soldiers and a better nation.

And we don't want to sound stuffy.

Consult the Station Voting Officer, Capt. Joseph F. Horn, Extension 168, Station Personal Affairs Officer, about voting regulations in your state. The Personal Affairs Section is located in Building No. T-640, directly behind the Station Library.

TOMMIES BATTLE FOR ANTWERP; STILWELL'S BURMA OFFENSIVE ON

In the 153rd week of the U. S. at War, this was the news from:

THE PACIFIC FRONT: The U. S. Naval might put its own salute to Navy week with the greatest sea victory of this or any other war. It blasted 61 enemy warships, routed the Nippon attack on the Philippine invasion. Said Admiral William F. Halsey: "I've always been one of the few people who believe Japan will quit when the going gets too rough. The American Navy now rules the western Pacific from the North Pole as far south as you want to." Said Robert B. Carney, Halsey's chief of staff: "Japan will never recover as a first-class naval power." Meanwhile, despite rains and near-typhoons, the invasion of Leyte progressed according to plan. The Japs fled toward an evacuation port to Cebu Island.

THE CHINA FRONT: Newly-created General Joseph Stilwell, the same "Vinegar Joe" who swathed a jungle retreat in the early days of the war, was relieved of his command over the CBI Theater, and recalled to Washington. Rumor had it that the venerable leader had disagreed with Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek. Meanwhile, Stilwell's Burma-planned offensive started without him. Lord Louis Mountbatten led British and Chinese forces in the onslaught to open a land route to China. Over 2000 square miles of North Burma had been cleared of Japanese.

THE WESTERN FRONT: Germans plunged into a head-long retreat toward Maas, as the Allies drove to clear the approaches to the great harbor of Antwerp Holland. The U. S. 1st, inside Germany, reported no activity. The U. S. 3rd seized a town 6 miles north of Metz. Canadians and British pocketed Germans in Belgium and Eastern Holland.

THE NORTHERN FRONT: British carrier-borne aircraft sank six German vessels in the Baltic Sea off the Norwegian coast. Eight

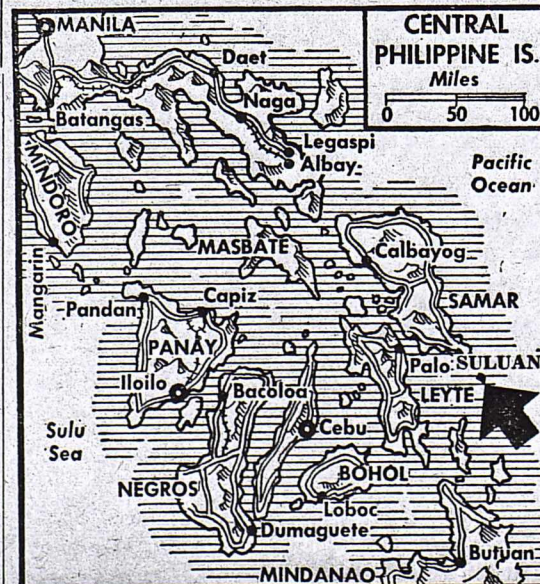
hundred American planes raked the Baltic port of Hamburg.

THE EASTERN FRONT: The mighty Russian steam-roller prepared to grasp Budapest before winter with a mighty tank, artillery, and plane barrage of a 50-mile front near the Hungarian capital. Budapest is the "queen city" of the Danube, and the doorway to Austria. The Soviet 4th invaded Slovakia, maintained a huge offensive in Western Latvia.

THE SOUTHERN FRONT: German artillery stalled the Yank 5th 8 miles south of Bologna.

THE NEUTRAL FRONT: Spain, smoldering with the flame that might start its second Civil War in 8 years, came into the world news limelight. Spanish republicans were urging Francisco Franco to resign.

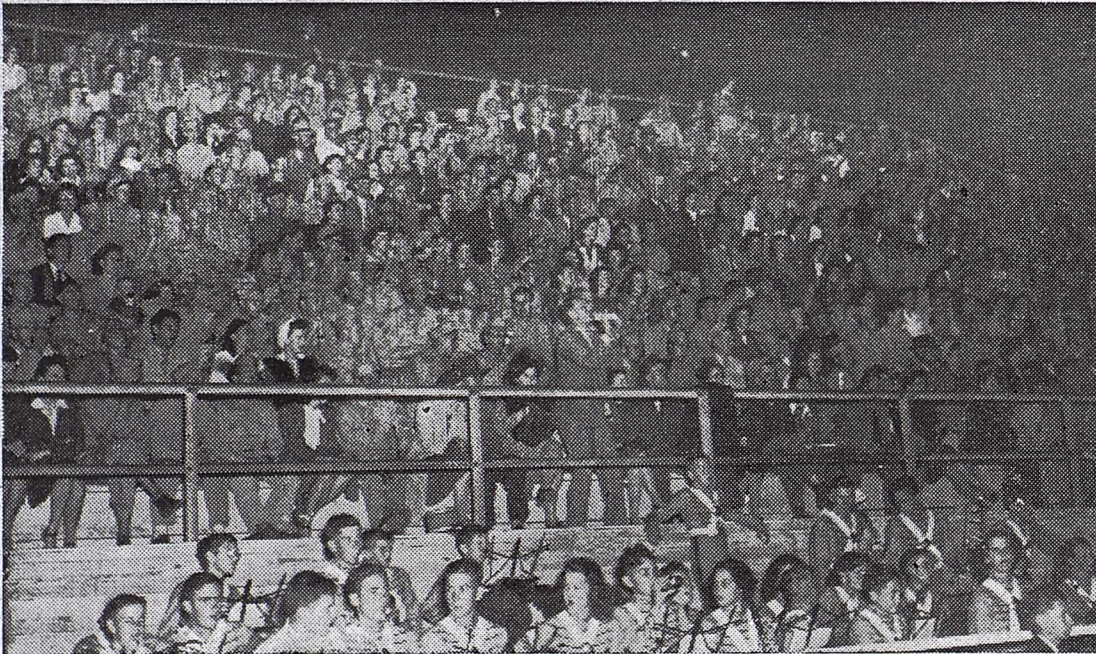
THE HOME FRONT: Americans dug in in their living room foxholes as the final week of pre-election campaign oratory flooded the airwaves. Three co-pastors were announced to replace the late Aimee Semple McPherson. September whisky production was 765,000 gallons; 340 million gals. were in stock. General Ent, CG of the 2AF received the Legion of Merit from General H. H. Arnold, in a brief ceremony at the Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio. A too-realistic game of "Commando" resulted in the death of 4-year-old William Drach in New York.



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MacArthur returns to the Philippines as U. S. forces smash into Leyte in the initial drive to knock out the Japs. The map shows Leyte and Suluan, gives some indication of the job ahead.
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INSPECTOR COMMENDS FIELD

PYOTE GI FOOTBALL FANS SWARM TO HI-GRID GAMES



Football is football to the average American male and Pyote GIs take their football where they find it. The above shot of the crowd at one of the high school grid games in Monahans shows the stands contain a good supply of khaki-clad lads. Pyote Special Service Office has arranged transportation to top games in the 7A League composed of high school teams of surrounding communities.

Outstanding Co-operation Cited By IG

With but a few discrepancies, the Inspector General Department officers expressed pleasure with their tour of Pyote Army Air Field this week:

Lt. Col. William G. Hines, IGD, stated: "Taking into consideration the job you are doing with the facilities you have to do it with, the Inspector General believes you are doing an excellent job, and that is why this rating is being given."

"As time goes on," Colonel Hines continued, "this B-29 program, with more equipment being made available, more work shall be required on the Base."

Morale of the Pyote-bound GIs came in for its share of praise, too.

"Morale is very good. It has been especially enjoyable working with the officers and enlisted men on this inspection, due to the interest they showed in wanting to know what they were doing wrong, how they could improve it; and their readiness in accepting suggestions and cooperation that was shown by every member in the Command," said Colonel Hines.

"The entire inspection team enjoyed this visit, going away hoping they've done some good and feeling that the Base is an up-and-coming organization turning out a good program."

War Dept. Circular 384 forbids the sale or gift of cigarettes purchased at Army Post Exchanges to civilians. Cigarettes purchased at the PX are for Army personnel only, and are not to be re-sold or allotted to civilians.

Capt. Horn Named Personal Affairs Officer For Base

Capt. Joseph F. Horn has been appointed Station Personal Affairs in place of Capt. Charles Harnett.

In addition to his duties as Personal Affairs Officer, Capt. Horn will also serve as Station Soldier Voting Officer, a post formerly held by Capt. Ernest G. Dixon.

Signal, Transportation, and WAC. Applicants selected will be transferred to schools in grade.

Job, Grade Time, Factors In 2AF Promotion Rulings

The men who are sweating out promotions may have something else to worry about, on top of all other factors—new regulations concerning time in grade, and a ceiling by spec numbers.

In other words, you have to be so long in grade, and can advance no further than the grade called for by your MOS.

This new regulation is not retroactive, so does not concern any promotions made prior to October 6th.

A Pfc. must have five months service, one month in grade; a Cpl. must have nine months service, four months in grade; A Sgt. must have fifteen months service, nine months in grade; a Tech Sgt. must have 36 months service, one year in grade.

A complete list of MOS ceilings is on Page 8. Read 'em and hope. Meanwhile, the 64 dollar question at PAAF continues to be: "Promotions? Whatzat?"

Loudspeakers To Air Election Vote Returns

The big question—the presidential election—will be answered next Tuesday night.

Pyote GIs will be kept abreast of late returns and balloting by the public address system on the base.

Running totals of the votes will be broadcast throughout the field as soon as they are received, Special Service Officer Lt. G. B. Mothersead, announced today.

**THE SIXTH WAR LOAN IS UNDERWAY!
GET IN YOUR LICKS WITH NUMBER 6!**

15 O. C. S. Schools Re-opened For EM

Various Officer Candidate schools have been re-opened but new regulations will make entry more stringent:

A candidate must now be 18 years old, and must not have passed his 35th birthday on the date of the completion of the course. The maximum age formerly was 45 years.

The required length of service preceding enrollment has been increased from three to four months. Additionally, an applicant must score 115 or higher in either officer candidate test 1 or 2, as well as have a minimum of 115 on the Army General Classification test.

The current list of schools for which applications may be submitted are: Army Air Forces (Administrative), Armored Force, Chemical Welfare Service, Engineer, Field Artillery, Finance, Infantry, Judge Advocate General, Medical Administrative, Military Police, Ordnance, Quartermaster,

THE COVER

Annual general inspection of this base was carried out last week under direction of Lt. Col. William G. Hines, IGD, who stated the base was doing excellently with facilities it has.

Here Col. Hines (left) reviews troops in Saturday morning parade and review. He has just passed the color guard of Sec. A. Officer (right foreground) is 1st Lt. Arthur W. Marshall of Sec. D.

Voting Is The Privilege And Duty Of Every Citizen.



KOOPS' KORNER

RATTLER TATTLER: . . . The reason for the MP's presence at the show Monday evening was in response to a request from a GI that some order be maintained in the show lines. . . . Grand Island, Nebr. Air Field asked for copies and permission to present the all-Pyote musical "Off Limits". . . . Hedda Hopper's movie column of October 20th mentioned Pyote Army Air Field. . . . Personal to "Pyote GI": Am checking on your letter and will have an answer next week. . . . Pecos Army Air Field requests a showing there of "Easy Does It". . . . Coming soon to Theater No. 1—a variety bill labeled "Pyote's A-Poppin'". . . . Football fans are hoping that the Superbombers mix with the Randolph Ramblers in some bowl game come Jan. 1. . . . Although Texas is one of the four states in the Union that celebrates Thanksgiving on November 30th, Pyote will string along with the other 44, and celebrate Turkey Day Nov. 23rd. . . . The November 3rd issue of Yank attempts to answer the \$64 dollar question: "Which is tougher on the GI—The Pacific campaign or the Western front?" . . . The Nov. 16th USO show "Monkey Shines" headlines the Radio Rogues—some big-time talent. . . . Orchids to Mrs. V. P. Brock, in charge of the PX on the line. She'll do a swell job of straightening out the few difficulties, we know. . . .

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THE MORNING MAIL: A Cpl. writes in wondering exactly what constitutes a "non-com". The answer: The Non-Com Club's charter calls for members from the top three grades only. Any club can write it's charter to read such a way as regards members. Only advice: You can always try to form a club of your own—admitting Cpls. and Sgts., if you so desire. . . . A letter from the Public Relations Office, Wendover Field, Utah registers a formal complaint: In our anniversary issue we stated that Pyote was the only 2AF base without a sizable town nearby. We stand corrected. Wendover Field is 127 miles from Salt Lake City, 119 miles from Elko, Nev. Yipe! . . . The millenium has happened! We see by the Bomb-Bay Messenger that 22 men were "busted back to civilians". The National Advisory Council for Aeronautics chose 22 guys from the Army—enlisted men, mind you—to work for the Council, as civilians!

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THE LAUGH OF THE WEEK: When the IG inspected Section "A" he was very pleased. The barracks were in tip-top shape, and order was the order of the day. That is—until he inspected the last barracks in the line. Beds were unmade, clothes were thrown around helter-skelter. The IG frowned a black, black frown, until he was finally informed that the barracks was for transients, and was currently occupied by the EM working for the IG.

RUMOR OF THE WEEK: Hottest latrine rumor in quite a spell is the wierd, wild story that 2AF will start giving two furloughs a year. We have tracked the rumor down, got a straight answer from an authoritative source. He says—quote, "NO!"—unquote. In other words, chums, as of this date—and as far as anybody knows—the Second Air Force will continue to grant 15 days plus travel time each fiscal year.

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FULLER EXPLANATION DEPT.: From the Alexandria (La.) Bayou Bomber comes this question and answer. "If officer promotions are still being given on the field, why not for enlisted men? Answer: The Base Commander and his staff are completely aware of this problem and everything is being done to solve it. This field receives a reporting guide periodically from 2AF containing a bulk allotment with allowances for each grade both for officers and enlisted men. Promotions can be made only when vacancies exist in any one grade. At the present time it so happens there are a few vacancies in certain officer grades but there have been for some time no vacancies existing in any of the enlisted grades."

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PYOTE QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If this cigarette shortage continues like it has been, policing the area for butts will be a privilege allowed to only the highest three grades."



The "Easy Does It" cast poses for a picture. Seated, left to right, Terry Tubbs (Toni), Nora Mae Mothersead (Lu Ryan), Charles S. Rudolph (Gramps), Glynnie Parrish (Sandra), and Bernice Lee (Angel); Standing: Koops (E. Z. Ryan), Monty Ash, the director, and John Parrish (Jack).

'Easy Does It' Pleases Pyote Audience With Girls And Gags

By S-SGT. ROBERT H. NASH

A button-button who's got the button affair known as "Easy Does It" went three fast acts before two well-filled houses here Tuesday night.

Koops' latest creation, a bashful soldier, Pvt. John Parrish, fumbled and fought his way for an hour with a quartet of beautiful dolls for possession of a key which held the secret to his future.

November Will Be Busy Month For Theatricals

November is already shaping up as a busy month for entertainment here at Pyote Army Air Field.

The month opened with a large contingent of Special Service talent presenting a huge War Bond show at Jal, N. M. to increase bond sales in the 6th War Loan Drive.

Scheduled for Theater No. 1 this month is a USO show, "Monkey Shines" on the 16th, which boasts the Radio Rogues, stellar stage and screen act; a super-variety show "Pyote's A-Poppin'" on the 27th of the month, an hour and a quarter bill of music and madness; plus plans for a special 6th War Loan show.

WICHITA, Kans. (CNS)—When one inmate of the city jail reported the loss of his false teeth, a jail-wide dragnet was spread. The choppers were recovered from the mouth of a trusty.

◆ In an in-law, outlaw mixup it finally turned out to be Grampa, the hardy (Civil War) veteran who "got thar fustest with the mostest" and recovered the key.

1st-Sgt. "Chuck" Rudolph stole the show as Grampa, aided capably by Pfc. Ed Koops as Charley, a city slicker who was too smart for his own good; Terry Tubbs as Toni, Jack's fiancee, who couldn't understand his infatuation for shapely Sandra (Glynnie Parrish), the brassy lass who was out to make E. Z. pay and pay and pay. Two attractive complications to the plot were Nora Mae Mothersead as Mrs. "E. Z." and Bernice Lee as the stage-struck maid.

This latest production of Special Services is a solid hour of bright banter and fast laughs. It was directed by Monty Ash and written by Koops.

Nix GI Envelopes!

The War Department forbids the use of Government envelopes for personal correspondence. All such misuse of Government envelopes, Postal authorities warned, will mean the letters will not be mailed to the addressee!

Theater Schedule

Thu.—TALL IN THE SADDLE, with John Wayne and Ella Raines. (Big name, Grade A Western.) Also "Proudly We Serve" and Paramount News.

Fri. and Sat.—CAROLINA BLUES with Ann Miller and Kay Kyser. (Musical with laughs and the ole Prof.) Also **March of Time:** "What To Do With Germany", and Donald Duck cartoon.

Sun. and Mon.—AMERICAN ROMANCE with Brian Donlevy and Anne Richards. (Technicolor story of a man's life-time and progress in a Democracy.) Also Paramount News.

Tue.—WHEN STRANGERS MARRY with Kim Hunter and Dean Jagger. (Psychological melodrama of a gal who weds a character.) DARK MOUNTAIN with Robert Lowry and Ellen Drew. (Don't know about this, but as a double feature—not bad.)

Wed.—THE CONSPIRATORS with Hedy LaMarr, Paul Henrich, Sidney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre. (Terrific spy story with terrific cast and that terrific Hedy.) Also **Army-Navy Screen Magazine** and Paramount News.

Service Club

Thu.—EM Wives Luncheon. 12-1; Variety show at 8:30 p.m.

Fri.—Informal activities. Games, letter-writing, etc.

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Sun.—Bingo party at 8:15. Big prize: telephone call to home.

Mon.—Bridge Tournament at 8:15. (See story for details.)

Tue.—Sadie Hawkins dance from 9 to midnight.

Wed.—Sewing from 10 to 5; also GI movies (Army-Navy Screen Magazine, Flicker Flashbacks, Sports IQ, and "To My Unborn Son".)

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Thu.—Protestant Discussion Group; Refreshments.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—Dance; Refreshments.

Sun.—11:00, Coffee Hour; 6:30, Buffet Supper; 7:30, Song Fest, Movies.

Mon.—7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie.

Tue.—Arts and Crafts Program.

Wed.—12:30, Better Halves Club Luncheon; 8:30, Catholic Discussion Group, Spanish Class.

10,490 Go To Jail As Draft Dodgers

NEW YORK (CNS)—Of a total of 417,677 cases of asserted draft delinquency investigated by the FBI during the 4 years since the Selective Service Act became law, 10,490 resulted in criminal convictions.

That was disclosed recently by E. E. Conroy, special agent in charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A large percentage (estimated to number between 150,000 and 200,000) of those investigated later entered the armed services. The remainder either cleared themselves with their draft boards or were disqualified for physical reasons.

PITTSBURGH, (CNS) — Leo Geisler, a war plant worker, wants a divorce. He complains that his wife recently cashed 60 of their jointly-owned war bonds "to entertain her boy friend."

STAR DUST—

(What's new and who's who in the realm of stage, swing, screen, and radio.)

Sinatra got \$5,000 for his appearance as guest star on the Jack Benny show. . . . MGM plans to re-release "Test Pilot" which starred Clark Gable, Myrna Loy, and Lionel Barrymore. . . . Bill Powell and Myrna, incidentally, are going to start the Thin Man series again. . . . Benny and Allen will go at it again in the movie "It's In the Bag". . . . Winchell raises a pertinent question when he inquires just how Warner Bros. can film "The Big Sleep". Bogart and Lauren Bacall will play the leads—but how can they ever get that by the Hays office? . . . The book, by Raymond Chandler, is oofully sexy. . . . Carole Landis hit some of the 2AF bases—at Lincoln and Grand Island, and wowed the GIs.

—Sugar.

Run, Men! Sadie Hawkins Dance At Club Tues. Nite

Pyote AAF turns into Dogpatch next, Tuesday night for the Sadie Hawkins dance!

The story of Sadie Hawkins (an annual event in the L'll Ahner cartoon) is too well-known to repeat here, except to mention that the GIs caught by some girl become their "captive" for the evening.

The dance, held at the Service Club from nine to midnight, is sponsored by the Wacs. Everyone is invited, and that includes the bevy of civilian belles, too.

Costumes are optional—so if you want to dress up like a refugee Yokum, come on along. Costumes are not required. (Is there a Daisy Mae in the house?)

Next Tuesday night—nine to midnight—the Sadie Hawkins dance is one of the last dances at the Club for a few weeks. The main lounge will be closed for ten days to repair floors and woodwork.

Bridge Tourney Opens Monday At Service Club

Demons of the double, renig, and simple honors schools can have their chance to prove their skill at the Service Club's 1944 Bridge Tourney, which starts next Monday, Nov. 6th.

Prizes will be awarded, with two weekly awards to the best players for the individual week, and a grand prize at the end of the tournament at the conclusion of four weeks of play.

Play begins at 8:15 p.m. at the Service Club next Monday and each Monday thereafter for four weeks.

The rules for the tourney have been announced by Miss Eleanor Crowder, hostess, as follows:

1. Only two re-deals will be allowed. The dealer must bid second deal.
2. All bids will be played.
3. Change tables every six hands.
4. Twelve hands will be played.
5. Doubles, but no re-doubles, allowed.
6. Keep individual scores.

Those interested in taking part should contact Miss Crowder at the Service Club.

Plan Vaude Bill For Service Club Tonight at 8:30

Tonight's Service Club festivities will be highlighted by a Pyote Variety show at 8:30 p.m.

A 30-minute miniature-review has been slated for the evening's entertainment. Featured will be:

Cpl. Gene Elston, popular vocalist who previous to the Army was on the music staff at WHO, Des Moines, Ia.

Bobbie Tubbs, pert and pretty Pyote "canary" whose smooth songs always put the GIs in a dither.

Pvt. Monty Ash will emcee and direct the show.

BUY BONDS IN THE 6TH WAR LOAN!

BACK THE 6TH WAR LOAN DRIVE!

THE RAINES CAME



The pistol-totin' wench is Ella Raines who rides rampant in "Tall In the Saddle" showing last times today at the Post Theaters.

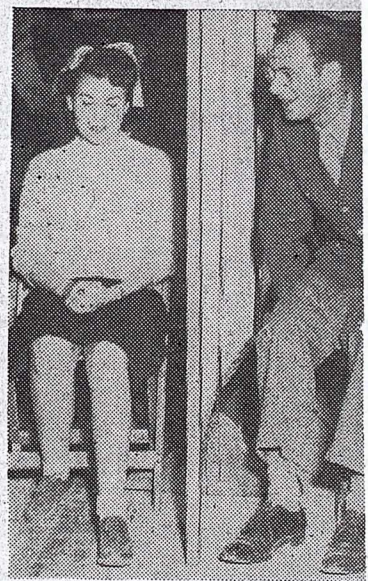


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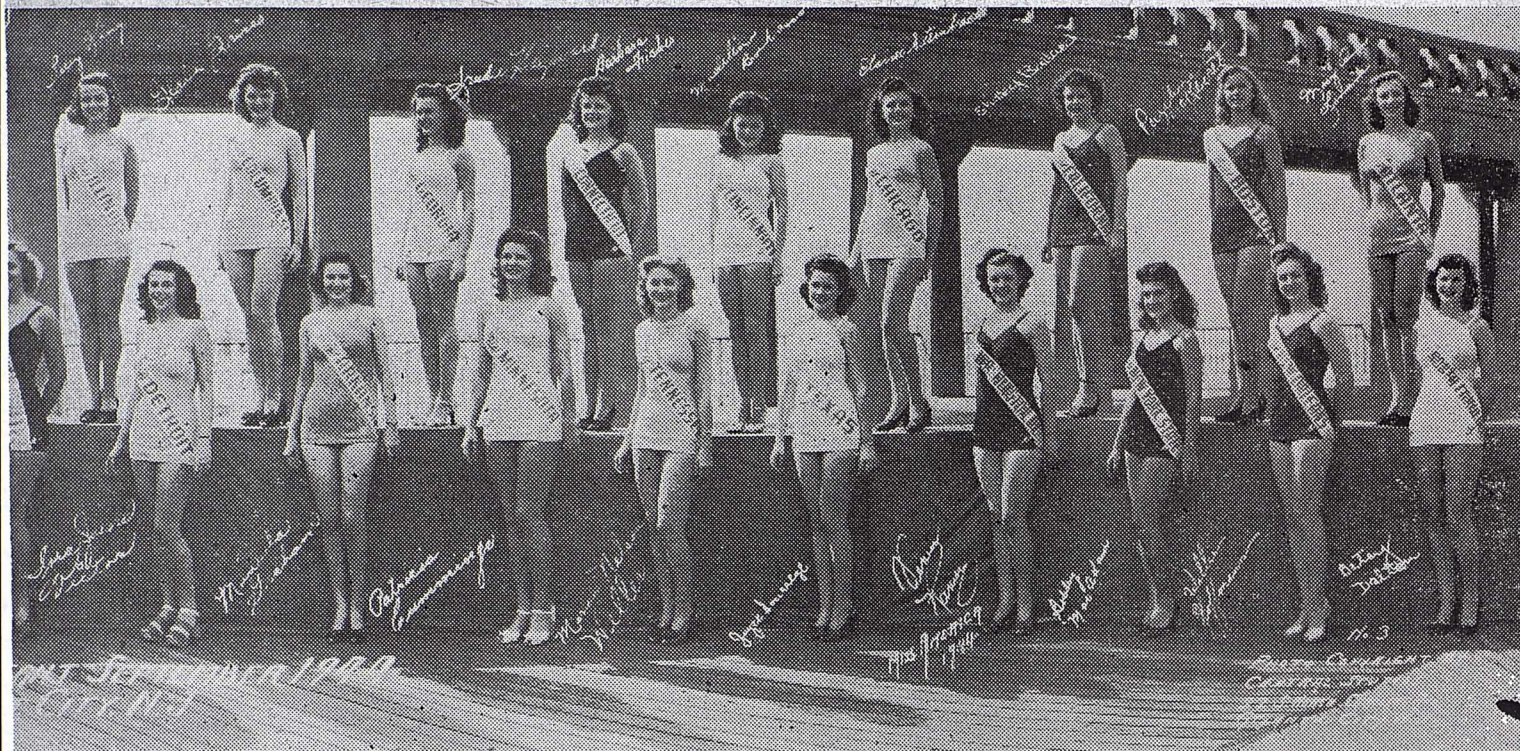
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Get In On The Sixth War Loan!



OFF AT 'DATE NITE'

Rattle Snake Charmers

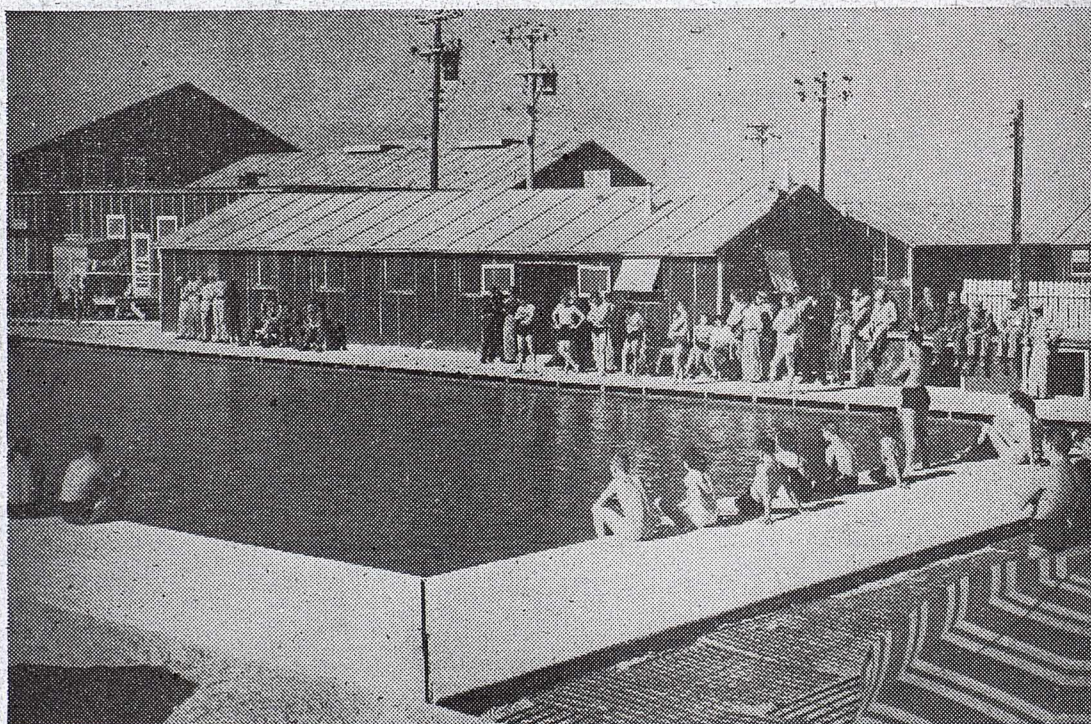
Not just one Pyote pin-up this week! Oh no! But 35; (count 'em) 35 luscious lasses who competed for the "Miss America" title in Aatlantic City, N. J. last month. And autographed, too. The judges' decision is final, fellas—but you can argue it out to your heart's delight. Personally, we'll take Miss Cincinnati, but—we won't argue at all, Miss America for 1944 is the statuesque brunette fourth from the right in the front row. Last year's winner, Jean Bartel, is ninth from the left in the front row.



Blind Date night at the Service Club last week, provided three lucky GIs with a pretty girl, a juicy steak, and a thrilling football game—all courtesy of Special Service which honored the guy with the gift of gab. Here Cpl. Manny Luxembourg wins the vote of Miss Zelma Helms, of Wink, with a one minute sales talk.

This is MGM's Lana Turner who plays in movies. Her latest film was "Marriage Is a Private Affair". That may be true, but how can a Private marry on his income? Anyway, Lana is a pretty girl and we'll just leave it at that.

EM SWIMMING POOL RECEIVES OFFICIAL DEDICATION



The EM swimming pool gets officially dedicated, as a group of GIs and bathing beauties await the initial splash. The pool will remain open till November 15th, it was announced. The first GI to take the first official swim was S-Sgt. "Lefty" Abolafea. After months of hard work the pool is completed and is open and ready for your aquatic moments. As yet no dressing room has been provided for ladies, but plans call for construction of one soon.



Capt. C. J. Malec, of Omaha, Neb., and Capt. Ralph Burbridge, of Louisiana, Mo., study the model of the Keil harbor and dock installations which was once a target for the 8th Air Force. The model was built to develop interest in using bombing technique.

PAAF Instructor Tells Of Initial Raid On Germany

Captain C. J. Malec Was A Bombardier On First Kiel Raid

Capt. C. J. Malec, one of the men who led the first raid of American warplanes on a German target, is today teaching to Pyote trainees the bombing techniques developed by the 8th Air Force.

The Omaha, Neb., bombardier who led the first group of B-17s out of England over Germany, today is head of training for all bombardiers in the ground school. A husky, quiet-spoken officer, he saw the cream of Germany's air force literally face-to-face on his first mission, and for a year was group bombardier for his 8th Air Force group which was cited for willingness and aggressiveness in developing bombing techniques.

After months of practice and development of confidence and skill in the use of the automatic pilot, Capt. Malec's group became the first unit to use this piece of equipment on a combat mission.

"On our first raid over Kiel, Germany, recalls Capt. Malec, "we were continuously under attack by enemy fighters from the initial point until we turned off the target.

"During this time the Huns made 15 head-on attacks which were pressed home so close that I could see the outline of the men in their ships—and that was much too close for comfort. I didn't think we'd ever get back to our

home base. None of our crew members were injured but we had many holes in our ship from the attack. The ship flying just off our wing was shot down, but we were lucky enough to make it through."

"From this first raid we learned that the weather over Germany would compel us to work out a new method of bombing," states Capt. Malec. "Even though at this time radar was being developed to take care of this difficulty, it wasn't quite ready to be used, so we had to do offset bombing: That is, we had to pick out an object we could see and aim at the target in relation to the object."

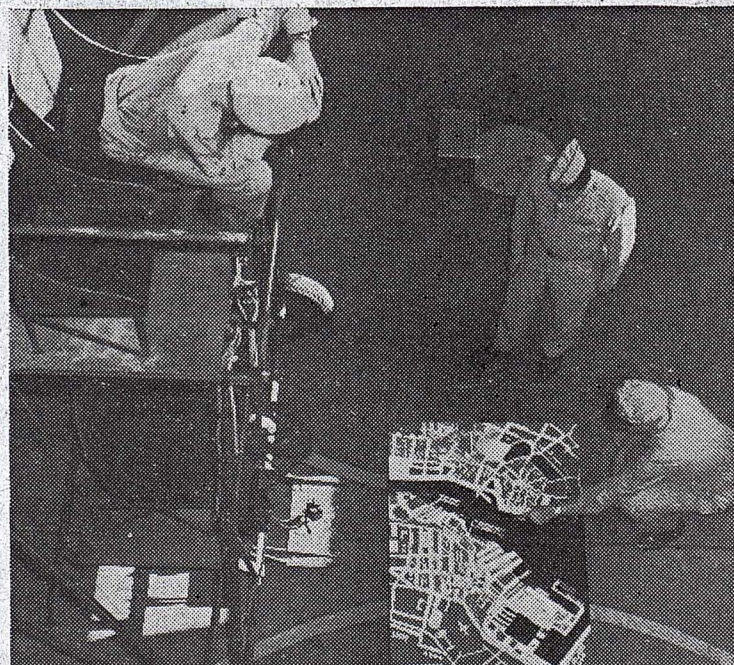
During his time overseas Capt. Malec flew on the same crew with Col. (now Maj.-Gen.) Curtis Le May. Le May played a big role in developing bombing formations and is now stationed in the CBI theater directing B-29 operations.

All bombardier trainees flying here are urged by the AF veteran "to concentrate on co-ordination between all crew members. Develop a high degree of co-ordination with your navigator and co-pilot" is his advice to bombardiers. Also, "be proficient in the study of target identification, because in combat you have only a very few seconds in which to identify the target, locate the aiming point and make a high level precision bombing run."

Before entering the Army Capt. Malec attended the University of Omaha.

GRADE CEILINGS BY THE NUMBERS

SSN	MOS	Ceiling Grade			
014	Automotive Equip. Mechanic (2nd Echelon)	Sgt.	152	Photographer	Sgt.
017	Baker	Sgt.	167	Lithographic Pressman	T-Sgt.
033	Train Crewman (Designated Type)	Sgt.	194	Salvage Technician	Sgt.
037	Meat Cutter	Cpl.	196	Sanitary Technician	Cpl.
050	Carpenter	Sgt.	201	Sheet Metal Worker	Sgt.
055	Clerk (Non-Typist)	Sgt.	204	Shoe Repairman	Sgt.
056	Postal Clerk	Sgt.	213	Stenographer	Sgt.
060	Cook	Sgt.	227	Surveyor	Sgt.
065	Seaman	Cpl.	234	Tailor	Sgt.
067	Dental Laboratory Technician	S-Sgt.	237	Teletype Operator	Cpl.
070	Draftsman	S-Sgt.	238	Lineman, Telephone and Telegraph	Sgt.
076	Draftsman, Topographic	Sgt.	239	Teletype Mechanic	S-Sgt.
078	Electrician	Sgt.	256	Welder, Combination	Sgt.
080	Marine Engineer	Sgt.	261	Wire Technician, Telephone and Telegraph	T-Sgt.
081	Engineman, Operating	Cpl.	264	Radiology Technician	S-Sgt.
097	Installer-Repairman, Telephone and Telegraph	Sgt.	272	Key Punch Machine Operator	Sgt.
102	Laundry Technician	Sgt.	274	Public Relations Specialist	Sgt.
104	Laundry Maintenance Mechanic	Cpl.	275	Classification Specialist.	
107	Photolithographer (Designated Type)	S-Sgt.		Grade V for units of less than 200, Grade IV for units over 200, S-Sgt. at Group level.	
110	Locomotive Engineer	S-Sgt.	279	Legal Clerk	S-Sgt.
114	Machinist	S-Sgt.	282	Office Machine Serviceman	Sgt.
120	Meat or Dairy Inspector	Sgt.	283	Athletic Instructor	Cpl.
137	Projectionist, Motion picture	Sgt.		(To Be Continued Next Week)	
141	Marine Oiler	Cpl.			
144	Painter	Cpl.			



Lt. Conrad R. Payne makes a test run on new bomb trainer target while Capt. Charles J. Malec and Capt. Ralph Burbridge watch the results.

G-EYEING

By PVT. H. SMITH

Question: What would you like best in the way of imported entertainment?

S-Sgt. Julius Johns, Johnson, Kans., Payroll Clerk: "I like troupe shows because they have more variety. The Crosby show we had was great. Would like to see more of this kind."

Cpl. Bernard C. Dahlin, Poplar Grove, Ill., Personnel Consultant: "I would like seeing theatrical talent in the way of play productions."

Cpl. Peter Missick, Medford, Mass., Ward Master, Base Hospital: "More sports like basketball games, boxing matches. Give them something to play for like a prize or cup presented by the Pyote AAF. We never have too much entertainment for the patients, as a new face always builds up morale in the wards."

Pfc. Richard Kalasky, Omaha, Nebr., Gunnery Instructor: "I'd like to see them bring some celebrities here. The USO shows are good, too. Would also like to see more football games here."

Pfc. George A. Magill, Tacoma, Wash., Clerk, Statistical Office: "Higher calibre musical entertainment on the order of the Larry Crosby show. Basketball touring teams playing against each other would also be good. I get a kick out of boxing bouts, too. They're good entertainment."

Pvt. Kenneth L. Cox, Chicago, Radio Operator: "These USO shows that travel around put on a good show. Individual talent brought in is good. More of these football games, and I'd like to see a couple big name artists like Bob Hope, Betty Grable, and Jennifer Jones."

Cpl. Louis Greenstein, Akron, Radio Operator: "Big name artists like Grace Moore, Don Cossacks choir coming to El Paso soon—we'd like to see 'em come here. What a reception they would receive! Especially those of us who have been near towns where we have seen and heard them."

Pvt. Roy Estes, Vinita, Okla., Air Inspector: "Musical entertainment in the way of big name bands. We would also like inter-camp boxing and wrestling shows. There's always a lot of talent around camps."

Pvt. Eugene L. Bible, Knoxville, Aviation Mechanic: "I would like to see basketball tournaments brought to this field. It's as good as football and excellent for the morale of the boys."

Pvt. Norman Smith, Granite City, Ill., Armament: "These USO shows are good. Get more good jugglers, some good jokes, and some pretty girls."

Chaplain's Chat

Chaplain Edwin W. Norton

Often you will hear a soldier say, "I used to go to church before I got into the Army, but the hours of duty are so irregular, and I have so little time off that I have just lost the habit of church attendance."

Sounds like a good excuse, but that's all it is—just an excuse. We find time and opportunity, even in the midst of being busy, for those things we are interested in doing. When we try to find excuses for ourselves, it is an admission on our part, whether we realize it or not, that we are in need of being excused for something.

How much better it is to live in such a way that excuses are not necessary. In the matter of attending Chapel Services, there really isn't any room for excuses. There are enough services offered for men of all faiths that no one needs to say that he can't attend any of them.

Others may say, "The Army has taken my religion out of me." That may be true, but if so, there wasn't much religion to take out. Just last week, a soldier told the Chaplain, "I wasn't very religious before I got in the Army, but now I don't miss a week, and when I go home after the war, my wife and I are going to attend regularly." That statement should be some sort of answer to the idea that the Army takes the religion out of a man.

Let's stop trying to hide behind excuses that don't even fool ourselves.

MAINTENANCE

At the close of our first week of P.T. many of us are aware of our approaching old age . . .

The creak and groan of muscles long retired echos the length of the flight line . . . and not one bottle of Sloans Linement on the field.

Those wax-lined cups we've been getting our java in at ye coffee shoppe are rather rough on our highly polished digestive tract. Now we know how a candle feels. Heard from Ed Huber, late of Pyote, now in the 29th Group—sez there are only ten women for ev'ry Doggie where he's at now. Ain't it awful? We wonder what ever became of that contest of a few months back sponsored to develop a base unit insignia. T-Sgt. O'Phil is back on the line nattily attired in a civilian suede jacket . . . What the well-dressed male will wear this fall while working on the big ones. . . . Another fashion note from the western (Texas) front—Joe Fulytar and Sam Friend digging out their John L's for a sneak preview. That line is colder than a Chicago pawn broker's heart. . . . But our really best dressed soldier is Sgt. Ken Slocum, but being from Detroit it just comes natural to him. . . . Clyde Lennon of Flight Line is spending much of his spare time studying photography in the USO darkroom, nuff sed? . . . Sgt. Laurel and Pfc. Thiel of Engine Change both went home to become papas last week. . . . Both had baby girls. It looks as though we're to be out-numbered for keeps. But we don't mind.

The Civvies

All employees are encouraged to submit their "Ideas for Victory" to the suggestion committee. Ideas may be had for practical ways and means of increasing the quantity and quality of performance, for eliminating non-essential methods, records, or procedures, for simplifying routine, for improving devices for war material. Cash prizes will be awarded for any good suggestions. The committee is composed of Major James F. Sewart, chairman; J. C. Reese, secretary; Milton Eckerman, Frank Williams, John Beavers, J. C. Hunt, Sgt. Tannery, CWO James W. Wyatt, and Sgt. Gamble.

We are very happy to have Maureen Borders back in the office this week. Maureen we missed you.

We keep wondering who J. C. Reese was recruiting in Dallas and Ballinger (blondes or brunettes), aircraft mechanics were preferred, J. C.

We have new in our department Frances Boyd from Kansas City, Kansas; Doris Hanberry, Ranger, Texas; Billie Ashcraft, Granbury, Texas, and Mr. Fisher, El Paso, Texas. Mr. Fisher is our new Training Administrator. Welcome to Pyote, you all.

ATTENTION CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS: New Christmas stock is arriving daily in the Civilian Store and in order to get your shopping done before the big rush, shop early.

The Civilian Cafeteria will be re-opened in the next two weeks. Quality food and moderate prices are to be had.

The Civilian Cafeteria and Recreation Hall are all dressed up with new curtains. A lot of hard work was necessary in this achievement, and many willing workers contributed their services. Special thanks to Mrs. Farger for supervising and directing the work.

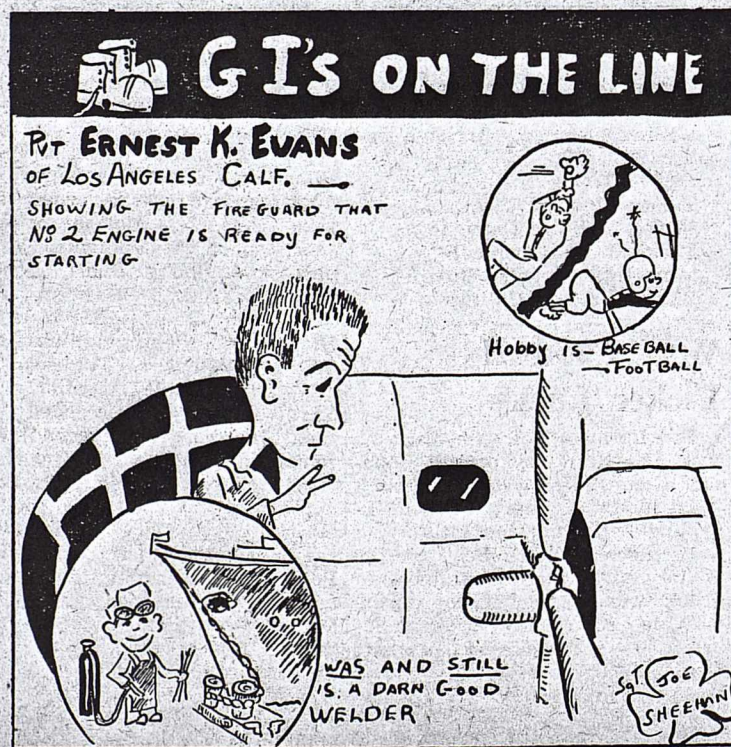
At The Chapel

CATHOLIC—Sunday Masses: 0800, 1615, 1830. Daily Mass, 1830, except Thursday. Mass Thursday at 0930 in Red Cross Reading Room. Evening devotions Tuesday and Friday, 1900. Confessions Saturday, 1730 to 1830; 2000 to 2100; before all Masses on Sunday.

PROTESTANT—Sunday: Section C chapel 0900; Hospital Service in Red Cross Auditorium: 0915; Station Chapel Service: 1030; Civilian Housing Service: 1130; Station Vesper Service: 2000. Wednesday: Chapel Chorus rehearsal: 1900; Bible Quiz: 2000.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Thursday, 2000; led by Mrs. Mabelle N. Homes, Wartime worker.

JEWISH—Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.



PIGSKIN PROPHETS!

Twelve games are on The Rattler's Football Dopester card this week, topped by the Navy-Notre Dame contest.

Three winners each week will be presented War Department theater books as prizes. If you want to get in on the competition, check your selections below and turn the sheet in to the Public Relations Office, Station Headquarters, by 1700 Friday.

The rules are simple. Entrants must pick both the winner and score of each game on the chart, and winners are decided on the closeness of scores when equal numbers of games are doped correctly. Approximately a dozen games will be run each week, of which one or two will be in District 7-A, the district in which Monahans, Wink, Pecos and Kermit play. Remaining games will be among the top collegiate and service teams of the nation.

Remember the deadline—1700 Friday—and have your selections in. Winners will be announced in next week's Rattler.

THE GAMES

Team	Score	Team	Score
Columbia	_____	Cornell	_____
Navy	_____	Notre Dame	_____
Dartmouth	_____	Yale	_____
Alabama	_____	Georgia	_____
L. S. U.	_____	Tennessee	_____
South Carolina	_____	North Carolina	_____
Indiana	_____	Ohio State	_____
Iowa State	_____	Oklahoma	_____
Michigan	_____	Penn	_____
Northwestern	_____	Minnesota	_____
San Diego Naval T. S.	_____	S. California	_____
Wink	_____	Pecos	_____

Contestant's Name _____

Section _____

Cpl. Tracey Wins Dopester Contest

Cpl. Thomas E. Tracey of Sec. II, CCD, won The Rattler's Football Dopester contest last week by picking ten of 11 contests correctly.

One contest, a 13-13 tie between Pecos and Kermit high schools, was not counted against any contestant.

In second place was Sgt. Joe T. Tucceri of Sec. F and third was Pfc. Paul J. Novagradac of Sec. A. Each of whom missed two games. A half dozen others missed two results but the verdict went to Tucceri and Novagradac on closeness of scores involved.

War Department Theater booklets await the three if they will call at The Rattler Office in Station Headquarters.

Here are the results if you want to check your sheet:

- Army 27, Duke 7.
- Navy 26, Penn 0.

- Clemson 7, Tennessee 26.
- L. S. U. 15, Georgia 7.
- William and Mary 2, North Carolina State 19.
- Rice 7, Texas 0.
- Tulane 27, S. M. U. 7.
- Illinois 7, Notre Dame 13.
- Michigan 40, Purdue 14.
- Minnesota 14, Ohio State 34.
- Washington 33, California 7.

WAC Football Picker 'Lucky'

Pvt. Berniece Ross, the Wac who won The Rattler's Football Dopester Contest last week, says she's "just lucky" to win but her background belies her modesty.

Berniece, called "Bea" at the Motor Pool where she drives a truck, was a cheer leader during her high school days back at Salem, Ill., and had two brothers who played football.

After winning one book of show tickets, she relaxed and is giving the stronger sex a chance to win some free tickets.



The Champ Comes Home

"Do you think the next heavy-weight champion will come out of the Army?" Sgt. Joe Louis was asked on his return to the U.S.A. from a 6-months' tour of the ETO.

"Sure," said the champ. "What-taya think he'll be, a 4F?"

Louis fought 96 exhibitions—an average of 3 a week—before 600,000 GIs during his tour. Of all the guys he fought, he said the 2 who gave him the most grief were Johnny Evarb (spell it backwards), a 185-pound quick-as-a-cat amateur from Oakland, Cal., and George (Baby Dutch) Culbertson, from Brooklyn, who tangled with the champ in Italy. "He's the hardest puncher I've faced in years," said Joe of Baby Dutch.

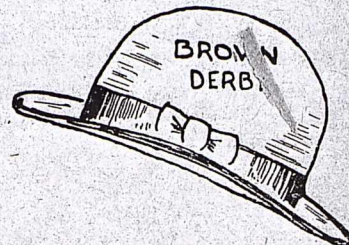
The champ said that his trip abroad was great. "The boys liked it," he said. "I know they liked it, so I liked it, too." But the thing that impressed him most about his trip was the hospitals.

"I was at the front in Italy for a couple of days," he told a group of New York sportswriters, "and I was in plenty of hospitals. You don't talk much about them things. But you fellows always write about courage in prizefighting. You don't know about courage. I know about it now. Those fellows got it."

Are Ball Players People?

Although the New York Giants finished a sorry fifth in the National League pennant race, their manager, Melvin Ott, views the season just concluded as a successful one. "After all," he reasons, "we finished ahead of Them Bums." . . . Sporting News' annual baseball awards went this year to Slat's Marion, octopus shortstop of the St. Louis Cardinals, and Bobby Doerr, Boston Red Sox second baseman. Hal Newhouser, Detroit; Bill Voiselle, Giants; Bill Nicholson, Cubs, and Snuffy Stirnweiss, Yankees, received honorable mention. . . . Stirnweiss, who succeeded the great Joe Gordon at second, will remain at that post in the Yankees' post-war infield with Gordon shifting to short, according to George Weiss, vice president of the New York club. . . . One-armed Pete Gray, Memphis out-fielder and most valuable player in the Southern Association, will play for the St. Louis Browns next year. Just before the season ended Pete was visited by a one-armed 9-year-old Los Angeles boy and Gray belted a triple, a double and 3 singles for the kid. . . . His

P. T. Award



For the first time in a month, Sec. F has doffed the "Brown Derby" in favor of Maintenance Section D's boys.

Section D grabbed off the Derby for the lowest PT participation average (82.36%) during the week of Oct. 15-21. The D-Men were crowded, however, closely by Sec. E with 82.63%.

Other percentages were:

728th Band	100
Sec. M (Medics)	98.41
Sec. F	94.64
Sec. A	90.71
Sec. C	88.97

Discharges In Offing For Lucky Few

A plan for the discharge of enlisted men who do not meet minimum physical induction standards and for whom no appropriate assignment is available has been announced by the War Department.

Eligibility for discharge under this policy will be determined by the Medical Dept. and by the man's commanding officer, who is responsible for determining if an appropriate assignment is reasonably available.

Men serving in authorized positions, however, will not be discharged solely for the reason that they are below minimum physical induction standards.

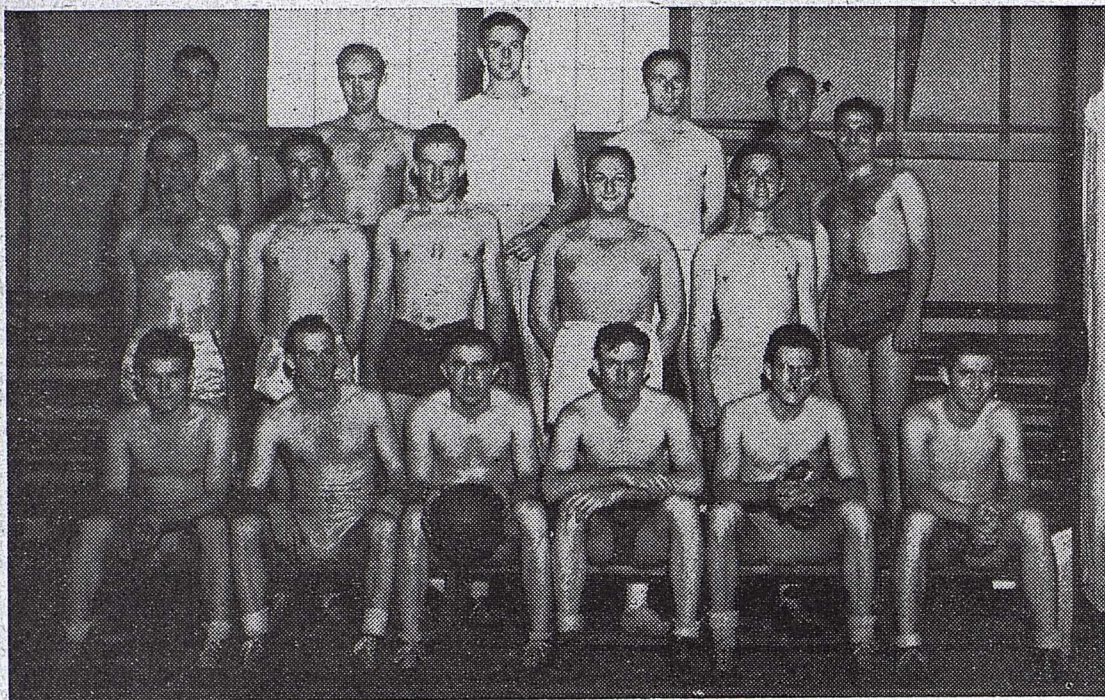
No estimate has been made of the number of men eligible for discharge under this plan.

Vets Get Preference In U. S. Property Sale

WASHINGTON (CNS) — War veterans are given preference in acquiring surplus government property to be used in establishing and maintaining small businesses and professional and agricultural enterprises under a bill recently passed by Congress and signed by the President. The bill also gives the discharged serviceman a preference in buying surplus Government real estate for agriculture, residential or small-business purposes.

second World War is over for Maj. Hank Gowdy, Special Services Officer at Ft. Benning, Ga., who has been retired to inactive status. Gowdy was the first big leaguer to enlist in World War I.

RATTLEK CAGERS GUNNING FOR PENNANT IN 7TH AREA



Here are the Rattlers, this station's basketball crew which will carry Pyote AAF's pennant hopes into 7th Area (2AF) play this season. First row (l to r) Sgt. Joseph Burns, Lt. Hewitt Graham, Cpl. Bill Ray, Pfc. Roland Crenshaw, Sgt. Bill Hogan, Cpl. James Burke; second row (l to r) Pvt. Ralph Cannon, Sgt. Richard Hertling, Pfc. Chester Sartori, S-Sgt. Willard Gassell, Cpl. Bill Funk, Pfc. Buddy Cooper; top row (l to r): S-Sgt. W. H. Correia, Pvt. Herb Hoettner, Cpl. John A. Dahl (playing manager), Pvt. Bruce Michna, and S-Sgt. Lefty Abolafea. First league game for the Rattlers is against Alamogordo Air Base on Nov. 21.

Rattlers Aim For '7th' Crown

Cpl. John A. Dahl, the studious young giant who coaches the Rattler cagers, is not making any rash predictions but he's convinced his boys are going places in the 7th Area flag chase this year.

Last winter the Rattlers hung up a good season record while playing the top-ranked clubs in this area, but they didn't have a crown to shoot at. Now they're hoping to cop the 7th Area flag and go into the 2nd Air Force

playoffs. The 7th Area includes four clubs—Pyote, Alamogordo, Tucson and Biggs Field (El Paso).

No information is at hand concerning relative strength of the teams but the Rattlers look for their toughest competition from Davis-Monthan Field at Tucson. Anticipating some hot rivalry both during the regular season and in the post-season tournament, they are working out five times weekly in order to be ready for the first league game on Nov. 21 at Alamogordo.

In their first two practice games the Rattlers lost to Marfa's potent Aircobras, a high-scoring officer quintet from Marfa AAF.

They have last year's high scorer, Pfc. Bill Ray, back this year and the addition of Pfc. Buddy Cooper brings more scoring punch to the team. Cooper paced the Rattler scoring attack in the two opening practice games with a total of 35 points.

The squad has also been strengthened during the last few days by the acquisition of Lt. Burke, a towering center who is

an adept ball-handler. The other center is Cpl. James J. Burke.

The Rattler squad now includes: Pvt. Bruce Michna (D), Pfc. Chester Sartori (E), Cpl. P. K. Humphreys (D), Cpl. William Ray (PM), Pfc. Harold Cooper (E), Sgt. William Hogan (F), 1st Lt. P. I. Friedman (F), S-Sgt. W. R. Chapman (D), 2nd Lt. Hewitt Graham (D), T-Sgt. Martin P. Joyce (F), Cpl. William Funk (F), S-Sgt. Willard Gassell (F), Pfc. Douglas Held (D), Pfc. Roland Crenshaw (PM), Cpl. James Burke (D), and Sgt. J. H. Burns (F).

First home game for Pyote will be on Dec. 1 when Tucson is the invader. Balance of the schedule:

Dec. 8, Pyote at Biggs Field; Dec. 13, Pyote at Tucson; Dec. 15, Alamogordo at Pyote; Jan. 5, Biggs Field at Pyote; Jan. 10, Pyote at Tucson; Jan. 12, Pyote at Alamogordo; Jan. 17, Pyote at Biggs Field; Jan. 19, Tucson at Pyote; Jan. 24, Alamogordo at Pyote; Jan. 26, Pyote at Biggs Field.

Benkovic, World Champion Kegler, Thrills Audience

The "hot" team of local bowling circles, the Blue League's hard-hitting Musclemen, set a new high for five-man bowling with a 2,586 series (794-914-878) Monday night. At the same time the Musclemen set a new team single of 914 to take first place.

Feature attraction of the evening was Mr. Frank Benkovic, one of the world's foremost bowlers and joint holder of the world's record in ABC doubles.

Mr. Benkovic demonstrated the Range Finder and gave some instructions on how to select the proper ball and the approach to the alley. After his short demonstration he teamed up with S-Sgt. Buffamonte of the Flashes against Pvt. Clyde Kuckenbecker of the Musclemen and Cpl. Fox of Cons. Mess.

Future bowling champs and just plain dub spectators tried to figure out some of his trick shots. He made the 7, 8, 5 and 10 pins with one ball; and sent a pin from the No. 1 alley into No. 2 alley to take out the 10 pin while his ball continued to pick out the No. 7 pin on No. 1 alley.

The score:

	1	2	3	Total
Buffamonte	199	170	214	583
Benkovic	146	181	191	518
Total 1101 pins.				
	1	2	3	Total
Kuckenbecker	170	183	197	550
Fox	158	167	191	516
Total 1066 pins.				

BLUE LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Musclemen	11	4	.733
Dusters	10	5	.633
Consolidated Mess	7	5	.583
Hangar 1	7	5	.583
Flashes	6	6	.500
Aleutian Aces	3	9	.266
Section II	1	11	.083

NORMAN SAILORS UPSET DOPE TO BEAT 2AF 13-6

NORMAN, Okla.—The Second Army Air Force football eleven was handed its second defeat of the season here Saturday by a rowdy bunch of naval trainees, 13 to 6.

Next week the Superbombers go up against unbeaten Oklahoma A and M college.

DAUGHTER TO GABLERS

Lt. and Mrs. Charles Gabler are the proud parents of an eight-pound daughter, Linda Kay, born Oct. 27. Lt. Gabler is CO of Sec. E.

Ten Officers Win Promotions Here

Ten promotions were announced for officers of this Base last week by the War Department.

They were: Lt. Col. Richard D. Stepp, Director of Training; Capt. Louis J. DeCillo, Personnel Officer; Capt. Clyde M. Banks, Navigator Instructor; Capt. Elmer Stromfors, Post Exchange Officer; Capt. Raymond Lytle, Transportation Officer; Capt. Richard H. Sapp, Gunnery Officer; 1st Lt. Louis A. J. Cyr, Station Budget and Fiscal Officer; 1st Lt. Robert Gauntz, Medical Supply Officer; 1st Lt. Harry Z. Moore, CCD Supply Officer; and 1st Lt. Edward Eglhoff.

GI BILL OF RIGHTS LURES MEN INTO ARMY

NEW YORK (CNS)—New Yorkers over 30 are joining the colors in order to reap the rewards of the GI Bill of Rights, according to Col. Arthur V. McDermott, director of Selective Service here.

Benefits and advantages of the GI Bill have become so well advertised among civilians, Col. McDermott said, that many men with draft deferments have volunteered recently for military service.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Ain't it strange!—I got a feelin' we're bein' followed!"



Q. Can I keep my dog tags when I'm discharged from the service?

A. No. Even if you want 'em, you can't keep your dog tags. They must be turned in with other government equipment when you're discharged.

Q. Will a GI's service in the armed forces of one of the United Nations count toward point credit in the War Department's Demobilization Plan?

A. Such service in the armed forces of Allied nations AFTER Sept. 16, 1940, will count. However, no credit will be given for foreign decorations.

Q. It was my understanding that wives and children of enlisted men were entitled to care at Army hospitals in posts where the EM were stationed. I can't get my wife into our camp hospital. What's the rule on this? Please give authority.

A. Wives and children of enlisted men are entitled to care at Army hospitals only "when accommodations for care are available." The Post Commander is the final authority in each camp for determining if accommodations are available. (AR 40-590).

Q. Is there any special benefit payable by reason of the death of a person in service?

A. Yes. Besides insurance there

REMEMBER?

A year ago today, these were the highlights at Pyote Army Air Field, culled from the files of The Rattler.

Nov. 3, 1943—The Base was consolidated and became officially known as the Bombardment Crew Training School. Winter uniforms became the order of the day, though suntans remained optional on the base till Nov. 15th. Hallowe'en gremlins reigned at the Officer's Club, the Wac dayroom, and the Monahans USO. The Saturday review was one of the "best executed" at the Base.

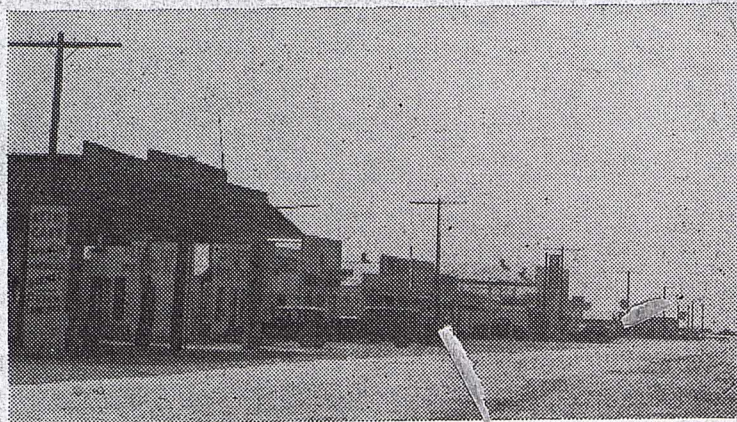
is the death gratuity equal to 6 months' pay at the rate the man was receiving at the time of his death.

PUT PYOTE OVER THE TOP IN THE 6TH!

THE CRYSTAL BALL

(Each week The RATTLER will record predictions on the duration of the war, as made by ranking men and women of our time.)

Office of War Information: "Utter physical destruction or utter exhaustion (of Japan) won't come until at least 1½ or 2 years after the end of the war with Germany."



This is Pyote's main street. In fact this is Pyote's only street—from end to end. It's U. S. Highway 80 to the passing motorist—but to Pyote it's main street.

SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

To an old-timer who might return to Pyote today—he would be greeted by a far different Pyote than that of a year or more ago.

Jimmy's Cafe, a picture subject of this article a few weeks ago, has been dismantled; the Highway Hotel has had its face lifted, and a new coat of paint added; the picturesque lean-to that was the Justice of the Peace office has been renovated into a bus depot.

Yes, Pyote is changing, is modernizing itself . . .

Pyote was selected as the site for one of the ZAF's key bases because of space, land, and weather. The land belongs to the University of Texas, the space is the Almighty's, and the weather (355 days of the year) is a pilot's dream of heaven.

Only ten days a year is the weather unfit for flying—that's the average the weather office estimates.

The name "Pyote" takes quite a beating when spoken by newcomers. The authority for the correct pronunciation is Tom Tunstall—ex J. P. of Pyote and known for miles around as the "law 25 miles east of the Pecos". Tom says it is pronounced in two syllables: "Pie-oat" with the accent on the "Pie". And since Tom is a Pyote native since 1907 his word is good enough. The folks back home rhyme it with coy-ot-e and an occasional new arrival puts the accent on the second syllable.

It's name comes from an Indian word—meaning a peculiar bean which they brewed into a heady concoction like champagne. Named for a drink that makes you drunk for a day, dizzy for a week, and crazy for a month—Pyote is quite a place.



. . . But at Pyote Army Air Field THIS is main street—the ramp from which B-17s and now B-29s train on practice missions loosing hell from the skies.