

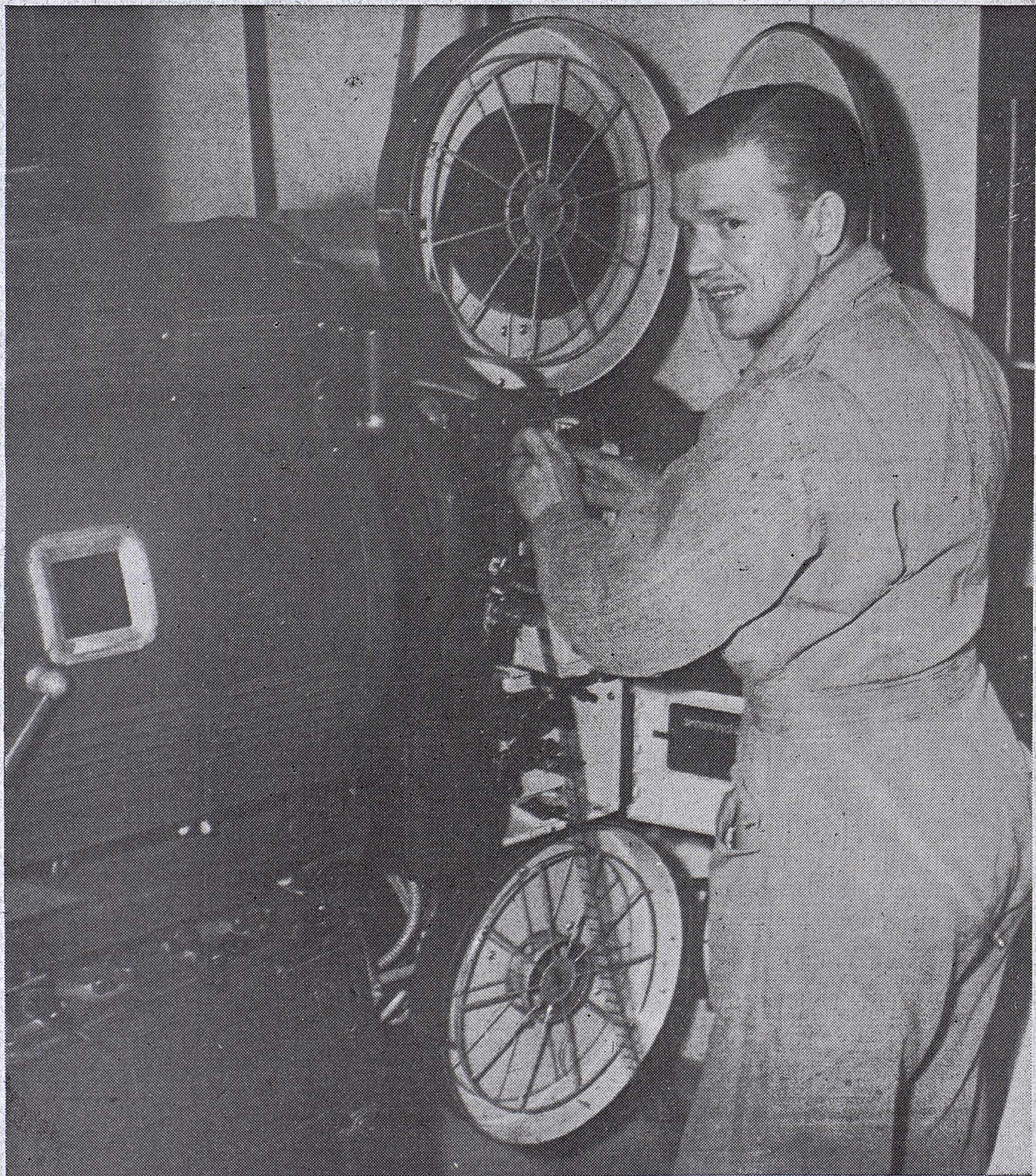
# THE RATTLER

Rattlesnake Army Air Field

VOL. 2, NUMBER 43 PYOTE, TEXAS FEB. 22, 1945

## EM CLUB HOLDS GI ART EXHIBIT

Page 3



B-29s . . . FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!



## THE RATTLER

PYOTE, TEXAS

Published by and for the personnel of the Rattlesnake Army Air Field, 236th Combat Training School (VH). The RATTLER receives Camp Newspaper material republication of which is forbidden without permission of CNS, 205 E. 42nd St., NYC 17. All other material herein may be republished. Opinions expressed herein are those of the writers and should not be construed as those of the AAF. Local pictures by Base Photo Lab.

COL. A. E. KEY, STATION COMMANDANT

Lt. Gladstone B. Mothersead, Personnel Services Officer

Cpl. Myer Trupp, News; Sgt. Thomas Gordon, Photos.

## We Serve

A week from today, the American Red Cross will open a nationwide drive for contributions to the Red Cross War Fund.

To those of us in the service, the Red Cross is so readily-accepted, its services are so familiar, frequent, and presumed, that it is difficult to realize that the organization is voluntary, that its income is derived by volunteer donations.

We know much about the Red Cross' activities—its assistance in time of need or peril, its presence in time of trouble or anxiety, but we are astounded at a few facts and figures regarding the Red Cross' operations over a year's time.

In 1944, the American Red Cross delivered ten million Prisoner of War packages, accepted donations of 5,000,000 pints of blood, and arranged and facilitated this shipment to the fronts. Since Pearl Harbor, the American Red Cross has handled over 7,000,000 separate cases of military problems, has provided 2,000,000 meals to GIs overseas, distributed 26 million Prisoner of War packets, 11 million pints of blood—that's 95 train tank car loads full of vital plasma.

Here at Pyote, over 12,000 cases have been handled since the field was activated. It has made to Pyote GIs over 3,600 loans.

And all of that is done on money derived from donations by public-minded, public-spirited citizens who have a feeling of goodwill and neighborliness; a desire to help when disaster strikes.

Nowadays the world is our neighborhood. And the American Red Cross stands ready to rush supplies, medical care, equipment, wherever it may be needed. It stands prepared to aid in whatever way it can to ease the burden of the soldier—here or overseas.

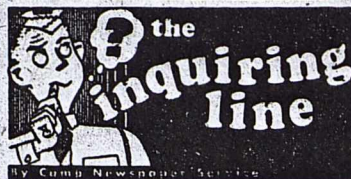
As far back as we can remember, the red cross on the white background stood for something. In early school-days we wore the red cross pin; partly because it was a decorative ornament that made us feel a little grown-up, but partly, too, that the American Red Cross stood for something—stood for tolerance and aid and assistance, stood for help to the under-nourished, the under-privileged.

The American Red Cross, brother, is not a government agency; is not supported by the federal treasury. Its funds come from people next-door or down the street who feel that by helping their fellow-man they make the world a little better place to live in.

The American Red Cross war fund drive opens March 1st here at Pyote. No GI HAS to give anything. No one will brow-beat you, exhort you, or high-pressure you into a donation. But there will be a jar or a bucket at the pay line next Wednesday; and if you feel so inclined, chip in a dime, a quarter, or a buck to the American Red Cross.

Yes, the Red Cross can use that donation—whatever the sum, if you care to give. But more than that, we think that merely by donating, what you can spare, to the Red Cross, you'll feel a part of the work it does. You'll feel within you some small measure of what the Red Cross stands for.

And to our mind, the Red Cross stands for a few things that a good man said some nineteen hundred years ago—that what you do unto the least of these, you do unto me; and that one of the greatest commandments is to love thy neighbor as thyself.



Q. I intend to go back to college after the war under the GI Bill of Rights. Before I was called up for military service I helped to pay my living expenses by waiting on tables. If I get a job waiting on tables again will I forfeit the \$50 a month the government pays for subsistence?

A. No. You will receive the \$50 a month so long as waiting on tables is only a part-time job.

Q. Can a soldier overseas write to relatives in the States in any language?

A. There is no War Department regulation prohibiting soldiers overseas from writing to relatives in the States in any language. However, security is involved, and in matters of security the theater commander can impose such restrictions as he feels are warranted by circumstances. Maybe there is a shortage of Portuguese or Arabian interpreters in your theater.

## REMEMBER?

Feb. 23, 1944—When Pvt. Freda O'Malie, new WAC, arrived at the field, she was personally greeted by her CO, and her First Sgt. carried her luggage! The USO scheduled a leap-year dance. The Maintenance and Training units were absorbed by the Base Unit of the field; thus giving one overall administrative section orderly room for the field. Fatigues were okayed for Service Club wear prior to 6 p.m. A survey showed that the favorite off-duty occupation of CCD personnel was: sack-time. A maintenance and supply record known to be the best in the 2AF and believed to be tops in the U.S. was set by Aircraft Parts and Equipment Section. Two-hundred and twenty-nine days without a single plane grounded for lack of parts. The Rattler discussed the voting bill issue, decided that the right to vote was a big point with Pyote GIs.

## 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.)

Robert P. Patterson, Undersecretary of War: "The end of the fighting in Europe is not in sight. American forces there face a great deal of hard fighting."

## This Week--

### CHAPEL SERVICES

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, 5:15. Daily Masses: 5:15, except Mon. and Thurs. at Hosp. Red Cross Bldg., at 9:30 AM; no Mass Mon. Evening Devotions: Tues. and Fri., at 5:45. Confessions: Sat., 4:30-5:15, 7:30-9:00, before all Masses, or any time you request.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service at Red Cross auditorium 9:15; Section C Chapel service 10:30; Section C vesper service 8:00 PM; Wed.: Section C Bible study 7:30 PM; Bible Quiz at Station Chapel 8:00. Thurs.: Chapel Chorus rehearsal 7:00 PM.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath Evening service at 7:30 PM.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Sunday Weekly service 2:30.

### SERVICE CLUB

Thu.—EM Wives Luncheon, 12:00-1:00; Sewing from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dr. "P.U." quiz at 8 p.m., novel prizes and fun.

Fri.—Formal dance from 9 to 12. Music by Pyote AAF orchestra. Sat.—Informal activities at club. (USO show at Theatre No. 1 at 7 and 9 p.m.)

Sun.—Open house; letter-writing games, informal activities.

Mon.—Informal activities; radio, records, relaxation.

Tue.—Jitterbug lessons at 7:30; instructors: GIs from base and girls from Monahans. Variety Concert 8:30 p.m. by Base Band.

### USAFI CLASSES

Free off-duty classes courtesy US Armed Forces Institute. Current classes in following subjects: SPANISH: Mon., Tues., and Thurs., 7:30 PM. ALGEBRA: Tue., Thurs. and Fri., 8:30 PM.

Classes are held in Shipping and Receiving Office, Bldg. T-625 opposite Mess Hall 1. Classes will soon be started in Chinese, German, French, Art, Calculus. For full details see Educational Advisor, Personnel Services Office; phone 27.

### MONAHANS USO

Thu.—Bingo! Birthday night honoring February birthday GIs.

Fri.—Family night.

Sat.—Dance! Refreshments served.

Sun.—11:00, Brunch; 2:30 Recorded classics; 4:45 KRLH Radio Program; 6:30, Buffet Supper; 7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie, "The Yanks Are Coming".

Mon.—7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie, "The Yanks Are Coming". Tues.—Arts and Crafts program, conducted by Mrs. Baze and Mrs. Sloan.

Wed.—12:30, Better Halves Club Luncheon.



# PYOTE HOLDS FIRST ART SHOW

4 M-SGTS. SALUTE COLORS DURING EM'S REVIEW SAT.



Last Saturday's review was strictly an EM show. Enlisted men officiated at the parade and attendant ceremonies. Saluting the colors as they pass in review are: M/Sgt. Raymond C. Brown, M/Sgt. Morris E. Taylor, M/Sgt. Dean L. Benson, and M/Sgt. Louis D. Wise.

## Photos, Paintings Comprise Works

### Judges To Select Best For Entries In National Contest

Pyote Army Air Field's first Art Exhibition was received with enthusiasm, acclaim and a good bit of controversy. A display that would do credit to any museum was gathered by the Arts Committee and the pieces displayed were chosen from more than 100 pieces of GI creative work offered.

Tastefully displayed in the main lounge of the Service Club and very expertly lighted, the showing will remain until the first of March on which date the Army Arts Contest Judges will select pieces to be submitted to the Eighth Service Command for possible showing in the GI display to be shown at the National Museum of Art in Washington, D. C.

Especially noteworthy among the pieces is the work of Cpl. Garson Greenbaum in the Photographic class, and the painting and pen and ink work of Cpl. William H. Berkeley.

It was Berkeley's work around which most of the controversy raged. His pen and ink production entitled "Orestes" employed a novel composition and fresh approach that left most of those who viewed it a little breathless.

Greenbaum's work in photography had a definite earthy and realistic quality that very accurately interpreted the American soldier and his life in and out of the barracks.

Others deserving mention for specific pieces are S/Sgt. Ann Ogden, Pvt. Herman Slotkin, Pvt. Louis J. Spear, and Sgt. O. N. Spear.

The display was sponsored by the Personnel Services Office.

## THE COVER

Chief entertainment source of the field are the two film theatres, showing hot-off-the-set movies to cinema-addicts. The man behind the ohs and ahs Lana Turner or Lauren Bacall receive is the projectionist. One of them is Pfc. Peter Kamin-skas, shown threading the film into the machine. In a minute or so house lights go out and GIs are transported to Timbuc-too or Central Park. Ain't movies wonderful? (Cover shot by Gordon).

## 139 GIs Win Extra Stripe In Past Week

Promotions for 139 enlisted personnel have been made since the last issue of the Rattler. Five men from training Squadrons I and II were promoted to corporal; and two WACs and 132 enlisted men were made privates first class.

The new corporals are:

### SQUADRON I

Robert W. McPhilliamy.

### SQUADRON II

William P. Dorne, Warren Kosel, Harlan R. Berndt, Elwood R. Lawrence.

The new one-strippers are:

### SQUADRON A

Walter I. Cohen, Julius E. Weeks.

### SQUADRON B

Margaret A. Link, Lovera J. Kane.

### SQUADRON C

Chester Locks, Willie Holmes, James C. Johnson, Herman Guss, Isiah Robinson, John Foreman.

### SQUADRON D

Marshall D. Albert, Louis M. Anderson, John E. Baine, John A. Bantz, Roland A. Bertrand, Russell I. Bottenhorn, Thomas E. Brady, Daniel N. Camoia, Henry E. Capper, Dominick R. Castellana, David J. Childers, Bob Colclasure, Vernon R. Covert, William A. Cox, James A. Dean, Donald Drumheller, William E. Duncan, Robert E.

(Continued on Page 10, Col. 1)

HEADQUARTERS PYOTE ARMY AIR FIELD  
Office of the Station Commandant  
Pyote, Texas

SUBJECT: Weekly Review.

TO: Enlisted Personnel Concerned.

The review held on Saturday, 17 February 1945, was the first of its kind to be conducted by enlisted men at this station.

The non-commissioned officers charged with the responsibility of conducting the review, and the enlisted personnel who took part in the review are to be commended for the excellent manner in which they carried out their duties.

The performance of all concerned is a credit to this command.

A. E. KEY,

Colonel, Air Corps,  
Station Commandant.

## Five Pyote GIs Head For OCS

Seven men left the field during the week to attend Officer Candidate Schools. Three of the candidates were the first ones to be selected from this field under the new quota for Medical Administrative OCS, two men will attend Armored Force OCS, one to Infantry OCS at Ft. Benning, Ga., and one to Field Artillery OCS, Ft. Sill, Okla.

Reporting to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., for Medical Administration OCS are: Cpl. Gerald E. Eaton, station classification office; Pfc. Oliver R. Roth, personal consultant service office; and Pfc. William M. Barr, Station Hospital.

## Change Of Address: It's 'Squadron' Again

All Sections at Pyote have been redesignated as Squadrons. Hence Section A is now Squadron A, etc.; none of the units have been changed, only the name Squadron substituted.

Attached, unassigned units have also been redesignated. From now on it's Squadron PY-2-24, for example.

dates who will report to Ft. Knox, Ky., are: Cpl. Gilbert B. Hendricks, maintenance; and Pfc. Robert V. Freeman, of the technical gunnery school.

Sgt. Raymond J. Harris will report to Infantry Officer Candidate School, and Pfc. Joseph F. Erdei will be sent to Field Artillery OCS.



# Army Sifts Forces For Infantry Replacements

With a number of old familiar Pyote faces now hugging in the Infnatry, personnel of the field have taken renewed interest in the dog-faces.

In the United States and in the ETO there is underway a steady movement of personnel from other arms and services to the Infantry.

The AGF, under the new leadership of General Stilwell, is continuing the program started by Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, of putting stress upon the training of soldiers as Infantry replacements.

Undersecretary of War Patterson (see Crystal Ball, Page 2) stated that some 500,000 qualified men have been taken from Zone of Interior installations and have been or are being processed overseas. The Army Specialized Training Units lost 50,000 men, mostly to the Infantry. The call for volunteers last July brought in some 90,000 for the Inf. or paratroopers. An additional 80,000 men were transferred by direct order for Air and Service forces. A total of 57 battalions of antiaircraft artillery were converted in their entirety to Infantry units.

Overseas commanders have sifted physically qualified men for transfer. Approximately 10,000 men a month in the active theatres are becoming available as Infantry replacements. Thousands of general service men have been released from duty in the United Kingdom and are being retrained in the Infantry for assignment to combat units.

This retraining program is considered to be one of the principal reasons for assigning General Lear to the newly-created post of deputy commander. Another reason is the large number of men AWOL from the ETO. General Lear expects to drastically reduce the number of men (18,000) who are absent without leave from their units on the western front.

## Hold First Meeting Of Model Plane Club Next Monday Night

What's your hobby, gents? Does it tend toward building model airplanes? Are you having trouble with the mucilage on your fuselage? Then the model airplane club is just the ticket for you.

A model airplane club is forming at the Service Club War Room next Monday evening, Feb. 26th, at 7 p.m. A call is being sent out for all model airplane enthusiasts to drop in and become charter members.

The new club, the inspiration of Pvt. Frank L. Jerman, is designed to give mutual help and advice to the chaps with the plywood propellers. If interested, you are cordially invited to attend.

## Pay-Dates



**EVEN IF** a Russell Patterson life-guard like this went along with you, it would still be a good idea to have insurance. The Army gives you the lowest rates you can get and you can convert your policy into a permanent deal any time after one year and within the five-year term. No new physical exam required when you convert, either. N.S.L.I. protects you against military hazards which most civilian policies don't cover. And if you're disabled for six months or more, your policy will be maintained without premium payments. \$10,000 is the max, and you can't go wrong on it.



'Hardwick takes that "feathering-your nest" idea pretty literally, doesn't he?'

# 'Victories Of '45' Rarin To Go; Needs Talent, Talent, Talent

With "What A Life" now merely a proud memory, Personnel Services is wasting no time in preparing another bang-up show for Pyote audiences.

A musical comedy, "Victories of '45" is currently being planned for early production. The revue will star Miss Dorothy Boles, winner of the Miss Victory contest of a few weeks ago.

Cpl. Art Hammell, unofficial talent scout for the PSO, is asking for any interested talent to un-bushel their light, advance and be recognized.

"We need actors, writers, musicians, stagehands, decorators—in short, anybody who has anything at all to contribute to making Victories of '45 a real show", was the way he put it.

So, talent—here's the opportunity to get in on a big show and help toward presenting the best gol-darned musical ever to play Pyote. Simply stop by the Personnel Services Office, next door to the Service Club, or phone 27 and talk to Cpl. Art Hammell.

## 'What A Life' Makes Big Hit In Two Showings

The newest stage production at Pyote, "What A Life", played to two packed houses this week at the field theatre and won considerable praise from pleased audiences.

Highlighting the 3-act comedy was Ralph Coven's portrayal of Henry Aldrich. Cover kept the show moving at fast-speed, and took most of the laughs.

Others in the cast were Cpl. Richard Moore as Bill, Miss Theresa Tubbs as Barbara, Miss Martha Gould as Mrs. Aldrich, M/Sgt. Charles Rudolph as Mr. Bradley, Cpl. Jack Nystrom as Mr. Nelson, Sgt. Jack Cannon as Mr. Patterson, Miss Bobbie Tubbs as Miss Shea, Miss Louise Wyrick as Miss Wheeler, Sgt. Theora French as Miss Eggleston, RM 2/c Robert Donaho as Geo., Pfc. Barbara Kazley as Gertie, Cpl. Myer Trupp as Ferguson, and Cpl. George Kahn as Vichetti.

"What A Life", presented by the Personnel Services Office, played the field theatre Monday and Tuesday nights, after a lengthy road-tour. The cast traveled to Midland, Pecos, Hobbs, Roswell, and Carlsbad Army Air Fields under an exchange plan whereby shows are presented to neighboring fields.

## MOVIE SHOWN TO CIVILIANS

Two War Department films, "Soldiers Without Guns" and "Japan's Dream of World Empire", are being shown at the Civilian Personnel recreation hall at 8 p.m., tonight, tomorrow and Saturday evening. Military personnel may attend if they so desire.

## AWOL Kid Hides Under Service Club For Nineteen Months

ATLANTA—The fantastic story of a GI who went AWOL in August, 1943, and lived for 19 months under the service club of his camp—a stone's throw from an endless parade of officers and MPs—is now out.

Not till fire destroyed the building at Camp Stewart, Ga., did the whereabouts of the Joe become known.

He is now under treatment at an unnamed regional hospital while a military board determines his mental and physical fitness.

The bizarre hideout began following a service club dance, said the Army's 4th Service Command. Pvt. Henry Bemknowski, Beaver Falls, Pa., holed in.

He claimed he bought food in the club, but this has not been confirmed. He had obtained a change of clothing and had shaved several times—although his hair had not been cut.

## USO Adds Supplies For Arts & Crafts

The Monahans' USO has received a new supply of arts and crafts material. Personnel of the Army Air Field are welcome in the club at any time to use their skill in making bracelets, rings, pins, etc., out of plastics and plexi-glass. Wood carving and textile designing and dying are two new types of crafts added to the club's activity.

For those who are artistically inclined, there are water colors, oils, pastels, crayon, charcoal, tempera and finger paints. Those who may need assistance, either novice or skilled, can call on Mrs. Baze, Monahans High School Art instructor, or Mrs. Fred Sloan, artist from Oklahoma, who will be on hand every Tuesday and Friday nights.

## SEVEN U. S. ARMIES IN COMBAT OVERSEAS

Washington (CNS)—Here's how 9 U. S. armies are distributed in a world at war, according to the War Department: 1st Army, France; 2d Army, Memphis, Tenn.; 3d Army, France; 4th Army, Texas; 5th Army, Italy; 6th Army, Philippines; 7th Army, France; 8th Army, Philippines; 9th Army, France.



# USO SHOW, "PERK UP", PLAYS HERE SATURDAY

## PYOTE PLAY-BILL

Unless otherwise noted, Theatre No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6:00, and 8:00; Theatre No. 2 shows at 7 and 9; with matinee, Sunday only, 2:15.

### THURSDAY

**"THIS MAN'S NAVY"** with Wallace Beery, Jimmy Gleason, and Tom Drake. Rough-as-nails, heart-of-gold, Beery snivels and burps through a story of Navy lighter-than-air adventures. Shorts: Donald Duck in "The Clock-Watcher" and Paramount News. (Running time: 116 minutes.)

### FRIDAY

**"HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME"** with Pat O'Brien, Carole Landis, George Murphy. Comedy-mystery of a comely assistant to a magician who is guarding a mysterious trunk (not her own). Strictly who-done-it. Shorts: This Is America, sports reel, and cartoon. (103 minutes.)

### SATURDAY

**"THEY SHALL HAVE FAITH"** with Johnny Mack Brown, Gale Storm. Young medical officer helps society girl who is crippled after presenting much singing and dancing for cripples. All very sad. Shorts: Musical Parade, and Mighty Mouse cartoon. (106 minutes.) No show Saturday evening at Theatre No. 1; Theatre No. 2 shows at 6, 8, and 10.

### SUNDAY & MONDAY

**"NATIONAL VELVET"** with Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor. Technicolor yarn of a moppet who loves a hoss that wins the derby, as if you didn't know. Rooney's last movie before induction. Shorts: Paramount News. (131 minutes; second shows slightly later than usual.)

### TUESDAY

**"SHE GETS HER MAN"** with Joan Davis. Slap-stick-thin Joan is bound to garner your laughs as she turns G-woman. Better than average Tuesday fare. **"NEVADA"** with Robert Mitchum. Movie version of Zane Grey's novel, wherein the Comstock lode is discovered. (Double feature: 136 minutes; second shows slightly later than usual.)

### WEDNESDAY

**"TONIGHT AN EVERY NIGHT"** with Rita Hayworth, Janet Blair, Lee Bowman. Rapturous Rita in a technicolor story of a burlesque in a blitz. Vodvil's funniest act, Prof. Lambert, is in

## PINBALL-MACHINE ADDICT



Ann Howard is starred in the USO show "Perk Up" coming to Theatre No. 1 next Saturday for two shows—7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Her frenzied impersonation of a pinball-machine addict is terrific.

## Enroll For Art Class Now By Calling 27

An art class for beginners and advanced students is being planned as part of the USAFI program at Pyote Army Air Field.

Under the guidance of Pvt. Phil Luft, artist of the Personnel Services department, the class will give instruction to beginners, and loan facilities to students in advanced stages.

According to Luft, students may work in any medium they choose—charcoal, pen and ink, oils, water-colors, or photography. Classes will be held in the Rehearsal Hall a few evenings a week, and equipment (including lighting for the shutter-bugs) will be furnished by USAFI.

Those interested are invited to enroll now at the Personnel Services Office, phone 27.

it, too. Songs and dances and a few tears. Shorts: Screen Magazine and Paramount News. (119 minutes.)

## Band Concert On Tap Tuesday Night At EM Club

The Pyote Band will present a variety concert next Tuesday evening at the Service Club at 8:30 p. m.

The program, arranged and conducted by W/O Irvin E. Zimmerman will offer a varied selection of classical, semi-classical, and perennial airs.

The program will open with the National Anthem, and follow with: My Hero, Concert Marche Militaire from The Chocolate Soldier, by Strauss; Atlantis, the Lost Continent, by Sarranek; Theme from Piano Concerto No. 1 by Tschai-kowsky; Prokofieff's Triumphal March from Peter and the Wolf; a Waltz medley of Berlin's Always, All Alone, and Remember; Ponchielli's Dance of the Hours; Side Show, based on Hootchie Cootchie, by Robert MacBride; American Salute, based on When Johnnie

## Two Shows At Theater No. 1: 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

"Perk Up", a fast-moving, laugh-packed USO show will play Theatre No. 1 for two shows next Saturday, February 24th. Curtain times: 7 and 9 p.m.

Highlighting the latest USO show to hit Pyote are Ann and Charles Howard, emcee and comic. Ann is a well-known comedienne throughout the east and enjoys a reputation as a "female Milton Berle". Her pantomime of a zany chorus girl playing a pinball machine is tops in hilarity. Her husband, Charles Howard, is her ever-lovin' stooge and does fancy things to the piano.

Also on the bill are Helen Denison, ballet dancer. A New York City girl who has played Radio City Music Hall, the Capitol and Paramount Theatres in NYC; the Hoffman Sisters, tumbling act. Broadway saw them in the hit, "Funzafire" and the girls presented a tumbling act that starts in slow waltz-time and builds up to a climactic whirling dervish; The Three MacNeil Sisters, two blonde, one brunette, who capitalize in rhythm harmony. They were featured on WBZ, Boston, for a number of years; Kay Parsons, well-known as the "Girl O' Yesterday" as broadcast over CBS and Mutual. Miss Parsons specializes in the old-time songs and has made appearances at Billy Rose's Casa Manana and International Casino, the Gay 90s, and Roxy Theatre.

The USO show "Perk Up" shows all indications of being one of the best such units to ever play the field. Admission is free to soldiers and their civilian guests.

## USO Honors Feb. Birthdays Guests Tonight

Not only George Washington's birthday will be celebrated on February 22—but also that of all the servicemen and women stationed at Pyote Army Air Field. Birthday cakes, baked as only Mrs. George Baker and her committee know how, with all the trimmings, will be served at 8:30 p.m. After congratulations have been exchanged, Mrs. Frances Clark will call bingo and lead in a series of old-fashioned birthday party games.

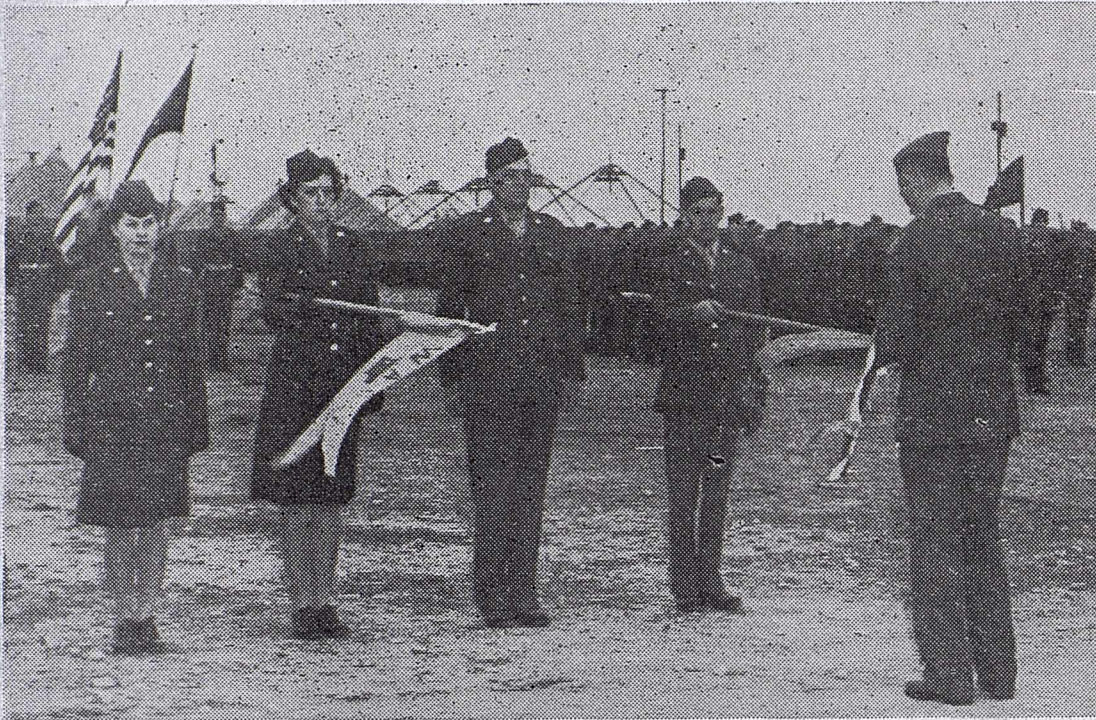
### OFF LIMITS

The Steak House, Monahans, Texas, was declared off-limits to all military personnel, according to the daily bulletin of Feb. 20.

Comes Marching Home, by Morton Gould; and conclude with Tschai-kowsky's Overture 1812.



## ENLISTED MEN OFFICIATE AT WEEKLY REVIEW



Squadron B and Squadron A win decorations for guidons at last Saturday's review, presided over entirely by enlisted men. Left to right, 1st/Sgt. Mary Roman and Pvt. Vivian Brown of Sqdn. B; M/Sgt. Fred D. Anderson and S/Sgt. George O. Tomlin of Sqdn. A; M/Sgt. Charles Shellito with back to camera.

## The First Step Toward World Peace

Chaplain Edwin W. Norton

Here we are in the middle of Brotherhood Week. What does that mean to you? To some it may be merely a nice-sounding phrase with no true meaning. To others it is something vital, dynamic. The future peace of the world depends in great measure on our reaction to this idea, and the reaction of millions of others like us.

General Eisenhower has said that in war we have to fight as one team or we lose. The Challenge of Brotherhood Week is to turn this war-time lesson into peace-time action. If we can give reality within the borders of our own nation to our pledge of "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all," we take the first step toward liberty and justice—and peace—for all the world.

One thing that keeps the world from peace is misunderstanding between nations. It is difficult for men of different races, with differing traditions and backgrounds, to understand one another. Understanding must come, and with it an appreciation of the good qualities of others. To Charles Lamb, who had mentioned hating a certain person, a man said, "You shouldn't hate him, you don't even know him." Lamb replied, "I don't want to know him. If I knew him, I wouldn't hate him."

With about seven and a half million men of our armed forces overseas, we are getting acquaint-

## Army Adopts New Discharge Form

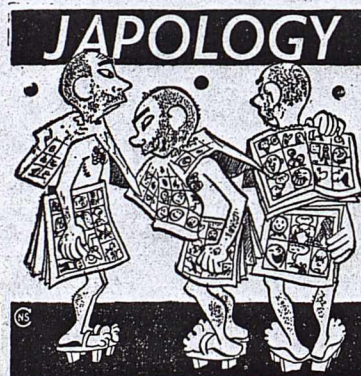
A new discharge form combining the discharge certificate or the certificate of service with the report of separation has been authorized for officers and enlisted personnel.

The new series of forms, each representing the consolidation of 20 forms previously used, is the means of supplying prospective employers and governmental agencies with a concise history of each veteran.

Besides containing personal data, the combined form also lists the man's military history, his length of service, military occupational specialty, battles, campaigns, awards received and service schools attended. This consolidation enables the veteran to have with him at all times his credentials and history, combined in one brief paper.

As a time, manpower and money saver, eight copies of the report of separation are made at one writing, and are then sent to the governmental agencies which assist the veteran in obtaining benefits and privileges due him.

ed with many of our neighbors. This is a great opportunity for attaining to that understanding which will do much toward "Peace on earth, good will to men." May we work and pray toward that end, so that our sons and our sons' sons may live in brotherhood with all men.



The Japs are set to fight a hundred year war. Every Jap worker pays back from 30% to 90% of his wages to the government, either in bonds, taxes or savings. He eats two-thirds less than before the war. He wears paper clothes and cardboard shoes. In Japan, they're "all-out" for victory.

## War Produce Output Soars In December

New York (CNS)—Substantial gains in the nation's war production program were made during December, 1944, according to the War Production Board, with increases in 13 critical categories. Because of stepped up goals, even greater increase must be made during the next few months to meet battlefield needs. Some of the increases of December over November, 1944, include: Aircraft, 32%; heavy field artillery, 12%; tanks and trucks, 11%; 60 mm and 80 mm mortars, 60%.

## Local Elections Coming Soon! Be Sure To Vote!

State primary elections will soon be held in many states throughout the country. Soldiers are urged to make use of their voting prerogative. Application cards for ballots may be secured at the Personal Affairs Office, Bldg. T-640.

Virginia, special election, will be held March 6th. Soldiers may vote any time up to and including that date.

New Jersey, primary election, will be held June 12th. Soldiers may write for ballot and vote any time up to and including that date.

Illinois, general election for city and town officials will be held April 3. General election for village officers will be held April 17.

Voting is the right and duty of every citizen. For full information as regards voting in your state, see Capt. R. A. Diedrich, Personal Affairs Officer.

## CTP Cooperativeness Speeds Rattler To You

THE RATTLEER is now being delivered to its readers a full half-day earlier, thanks to the cooperativeness of the Pyote Army Air Field Regional Station Hospital's Convalescent Training Program. With the manpower shortage continually menacing its deadlines and distribution, the ingenuity of the Directors of the CTP program saved the day when they took over the task of folding The Rattler. The patients in the wards fold the papers each week and have earned a base-wide vote of gratitude. The CTP program is under the direction of Lt. Milan C. Stancel, Convalescent Training Officer, assisted by T-Sgt. L. H. Shipp.

## 2AF Transfers Four Fields To 3rd And 4th Commands

The 2AF has announced the transfer of four of its bases to other commands. Effective in March, fields at Mountain Home, Idaho, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, will be under the jurisdiction of the 4AF.

The fields at Alexandria, La., and Dyersburg, Tenn., will go to the Third Air Force.

## 'ON TO TOKYO!' SAYS MACARTHUR

Manila (CNS)—With the Philippines under control, although not yet fully conquered, Gen. Douglas MacArthur has sounded the keynote for future American action in the Pacific. It's "On to Tokyo," Gen. MacArthur declared in a statement following the fall of Manila.



THE FLAME IN THE FRAME

# Gunner Gets Girl Cheer Leader

Comely Ruth Hildman of Bogota, New Jersey, is a Conover model. She adorned the cover of the October Argosy magazine and she's seen around quite a bit on billboards and in ads. Here at Pyote



RUTH HILDMAN

there's one chap who's seeing her all the time. He is Cpl. Thomas Greco, Remote Control Gunner of Combat Crew Detachment, Sqdn. II.

Theirs is a romance that proves that P.T. is a great thing, for it was a basketball game that brought Ruth and Tom together.

Miss Hildman was a cheer leader for her high school at Bogota and Tom played forward on the Hasbrouck Heights hoop team. They met after a court game and the Corporal admits that he has been courting her ever since. They're very serious about each other and their post-war planning calls for a cottage and all the trimmings.

They're avid letter-writers and get off a "sugar report" to one another daily. They both are able swimmers and make the most of the facilities that the Jersey resorts offer.

The war separated them when Greco enlisted in May of 1943. He's in a definite hurry about getting the hostilities over as swiftly as possible for then he's certain that the peal of wedding bells will drown out the chatter of those aerial fifties.

## SQUADRON F WINS PARADE HONORS

Squadron F was awarded first place in parade honors at the weekly review. Squadrons A and

## 8th Service Command Gives Uniform Rules

The Eighth Service Command has issued General Orders regarding proper uniform at posts and stations under its jurisdiction.

"The articles of uniform are prescribed for habitual wear or all military personnel stationed within the limits of the Eighth Service Command, when outside the limits of posts, camps, or stations, on leave, furlough, pass, or "off duty" status. The shirt without coat is authorized only when the summer uniform is prescribed, except that the woolen shirt with insignia, in the case of officers, may be worn while actually proceeding between quarters and place of duty."

The wearing of the service coat (blouse) for enlisted personnel is optional providing the woolen shirt is worn.

## WD Rescinds Discharge For Men Below Standards

Effective immediately, WD Cir. 370, dated Sept. 12, 1944, which provided for the discharge of Enlisted Men below the induction standards for limited service, has been rescinded.

This information was received in a WD AGO teletype, which also stated that processing for discharge under the circular will be completed on all Enlisted Men whose shipment orders have already been published, those en route to a separation center command, those en route from overseas and those presently at the separation center.

# STORK CLUB

(The column of the STORK CLUB welcomes all announcement of births to personnel of the field.)

**LINDGREN**—Born to M/Sgt. and Mrs. John H. Lindgren, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, February 13, a girl. M/Sgt. Lindgren is assigned to Squadron D.

**BRUCE**—Born to Pvt. and Mrs. Morton Bruce at the Pyote Regional Hospital, Feb. 16, a girl. Pvt. Bruce is assigned to Squadron F.

**RUMSTAY**—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Harry Rumstay at the Pyote Regional Hospital, Feb. 9, a girl. Lt. Rumstay is assigned to Squadron II.

**HERSHBERGER**—Born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Hershberger at the Pyote Regional Hospital, Feb. 18, a girl. T/Sgt. Hershberger is now stationed at Lowry Field, Colo.

**JONES**—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Earl Jones at the Pyote Regional Hospital, Feb. 18, a girl. Sgt. Jones is now stationed at Rosecrane Field, St. Joseph, Mo.

**WAGGONER**—Born to M/Sgt. and Mrs. Flint Waggoner at the Pyote Regional Hospital, Feb. 17, a boy. M/Sgt. Waggoner is assigned to Squadron D.

M ran a dead heat for second place. Inspection honors were won by Squadron B.

# Britain War Losses One Million Lives

The armed forces of the British Empire suffered more than 1,000,000 casualties between Sept. 3, 1939 and Dec. 1, 1944.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave this itemization of Empire military losses in a report to the House of Commons: (Newfoundland is included with the United Kingdom).

Country	Killed
United Kingdom	199,497
Canada	28,040
Australia	18,015
New Zealand	8,919
South Africa	5,783
India	17,415
Colonies	4,493

Totals 282,162

Wounded men in the Empire's Armed Forces totaled 386,374. There were 80,580 missing and 294,438 PWs.

Although Mr. Churchill did not make any reference to the United Kingdom's civilian casualties, the last published figure was 140,675.

U. S. Casualties from Dec. 7, 1941, up to Dec. 14, 1944, were 628,441, of which 547,823 were Army killed, wounded, missing, and prisoners. The Navy's casualties for the same period totaled 80,618.

## OFF-DUTY TIME

According to Base Regulation 35-7, dated Feb. 19, physical training will be taken only in off-duty time. You will not be excused from duty to participate in orientation lectures, PT, etc.

# HORSING THEIR WAY BACK TO HEALTH



Up in the saddle and definitely on his way to recovery is one of the Pyote Regional Hospital patients. Beside him is Jack Fitch, also a patient who has been acting as chief horseman for the Convalescent Program's newest activity. Looking on, behind the bars of the corral, which they built themselves, are other patients who are waiting their turn in the saddle. The project provides healthy, vigorous exercises and gets the boys outside where the Texas sunshine and tangy air can do its part in making them well.



## Don't Fall For Dependency Racket—AAF

An AAF letter, aimed at eliminating a new racket being perpetrated on dependents and next of kin of deceased AAF personnel has been received at Pyote Army Air Field and all military personnel are advised to inform their next of kin and dependents of its contents.

"It has been brought to the attention of headquarters," AAF Letter 39-31, dated 19 Jan. 1945, stated, "that certain firms and individuals are using the mails to contact and solicit the next of kin of deceased AAF personnel, offering to assist them, for a fee, in connection with pension applications to the Veterans' Administration.

"The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to recognize agents and attorneys in the preparation, presentation and prosecution of claims under statutes administered by the Veterans' Administration."

In addition to pointing out that it is unnecessary for such dependents to pay a fee to any firm or individual to obtain payment of monetary benefits to which they are entitled, the AAF Headquarters asked that dependents be advised that Personal Affairs officers are fully prepared and competent to assist them in the proper execution of applications for pensions or other benefits.

## More New Books At Library Add Variety To Menu

A stack of new books have been added to the Field library this week. A quick thumb-nail resume goes something like this:

**Best Plays '43-'44:** The annual review by Burns Mantle of the best plays on Broadway, with scenes and synopses. A must for dramaddicts.

**Lost In the Horse Latitudes:** If you read "Low Man On A Totem Pole" or "Life In A Putty-Knife Factory" you know what H. Allen Smith can do; if not, and you enjoy stories of practical jokers, characters, and bathroom humor—you'll love it.

**Captain From Castille:** A brand new book destined for best-seller lists of piracy, buccaneers, and adventure.

**Plowman's Folly:** The latest dope on modern agriculture for devotees of the seed and soil. Not too technical and most revolutionary in methods.

**Basic Teachings Of Great Psychologists:** For students of the



The brunette with the far-away, come-hither look is Rhoda Fleming, 20-year-old Selznick starlet. Some wily press agent has posed her, at great trouble and expense, propped up against that wagon-wheel, so that the sight of the girl would start you thinking about wheels and wagons and long trips and all that. But we bet you're not thinking of any such thing, you little rascals you.

### NEW PT HOURS

Effective February 19th, the following Physical Training class schedule went into effect in the Athletic area. Classes are held at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 4:00 p.m., and 5:00 and 6:00 in the evening.

norms, ab and sub, and the workings of the human mind; all in di-

Besides these new books, the library has several new technical reference books. Titles: "Regional Geography of the World", "Physics Made Easy", "Alternating Current

### CHEMICAL WARFARE LAST CHANCE

Tomorrow (Friday) is your last chance to attend the monthly refresher course in Chemical Warfare. Morning classes are held at Theatre No. 1 at 10:00. Afternoon classes at Theatre No. 2, 5:45. All personnel will attend during their off-duty hours.

Circuits", and the "Gregg Short-hand Refresher".

Get in the library habit. It's pleasant, educational, and downright cozy.

### HONG KONG NEXT?

**Chungking (CNS)** — Unofficial sources here, jubilant at the American entry into Manila, predicted that both Canton and Hong Kong would be freed from Japanese control within the next six months.

### KEEP OFF

**Personnel** of this Station will not cut across grassed areas. Grass is very difficult to grow in this section and it is badly needed as a dust preventative, as well as to beautify the grounds.



# Rattlers Close Season; Meet Pecos Here Tonite

## Rattlers Drop Close Game To Pecos Quintet, 26-24

The Pecos basketball squad inched out the Pyote Rattlers 26-24 at Pecos to keep the inter-city rivalry still in Pecos' favor for this season, 4 games to 2.

In a red-hot court match, Pecos was leading 13-11 at half-time. This was the second close game within a week which the Rattlers dropped by that all-important two-point margin.

The Pecos squad returns to Pyote for a final game that will conclude the Rattlers' court season, tonight, Feb. 22nd, at 8 p.m. This will wind up a slam-bang season for the local quintet and it is anticipated that the Rec. Hall will be packed to witness the last basketball of '44-'45.

In the Pecos game last Wednesday, Ray and Hogan split high-point honors, both netting eight. Stanford of Pecos, tickled the twine for 11. The game showed both teams putting heavy accent on smart, sparkling defense.



Professional baseball is walking the gangplank. The only thing that will save the game now is a Presidential Green Light similar to the one President Roosevelt gave it two years ago when he said "go ahead" and play.

In the wake of the President's call for National Service and additional legislative methods to force the nation's 4 million 4F's into war plants, baseball is in a bad way. There are 281 4F players in the big leagues. Without them the game seems doomed.

There is little chance that Washington will halt baseball entirely the way it stopped horse racing. But there is a strong possibility that there just won't be enough players to go around. One thing is certain: Ball players are going to be very reluctant to leave war plants and farms to scamper on the diamond before stands full of jabbering fans.

The major league magnates, registering optimism, are grinning like gargoyles but they aren't fooling anyone. "It's a long way till April," one club owner said hopefully, indicating that by the time

## Root Readies 8 Ring Entries For 2AF Tourney

Eight leather-tossers under the tutelage of S/Sgt. Fred Root are preparing to take part in the Second Air Force elimination tourney at Biggs Field on 26 March 1945.

From there the winners will go to the Second Air Force Championship Tournament of boxers, which will probably be held in Denver. At Biggs Field the Pyote boys will compete against boxers from four other fields—Alamogordo, Fort Sumner, Biggs and Tucson.

Squadron C dominates the Pyote team with six of the eight men going. Only unrepresented weight divisions are the fly- and bantam-weight. In case you're interested the legal weight limit is 112 for flyweights and 118 for bantams.

And the minimum weight for induction is 105 pounds, so maybe there's an extra good little man around, huh?

Members of the team are:

Ike Robinson, featherweight (C) 127; Jack Thomas, lightweight (C) 135; Clifford Weiss, welter (D); Otis Delce, welter (C) 146; William Witherspoon, middleweight (C) 160; Richard Smith, lighthheavy (C) 170; and Art Greco, heavyweight (D) 195. The eighth man, John Henry Williams of Squadron C, rattles the Fairbanks today at 180 pounds and can take his choice between the lighthheavy and heavy-weight divisions.

Competition will be under Collegiate rules which call for use of 12-ounce gloves and three rounds of two minutes each.

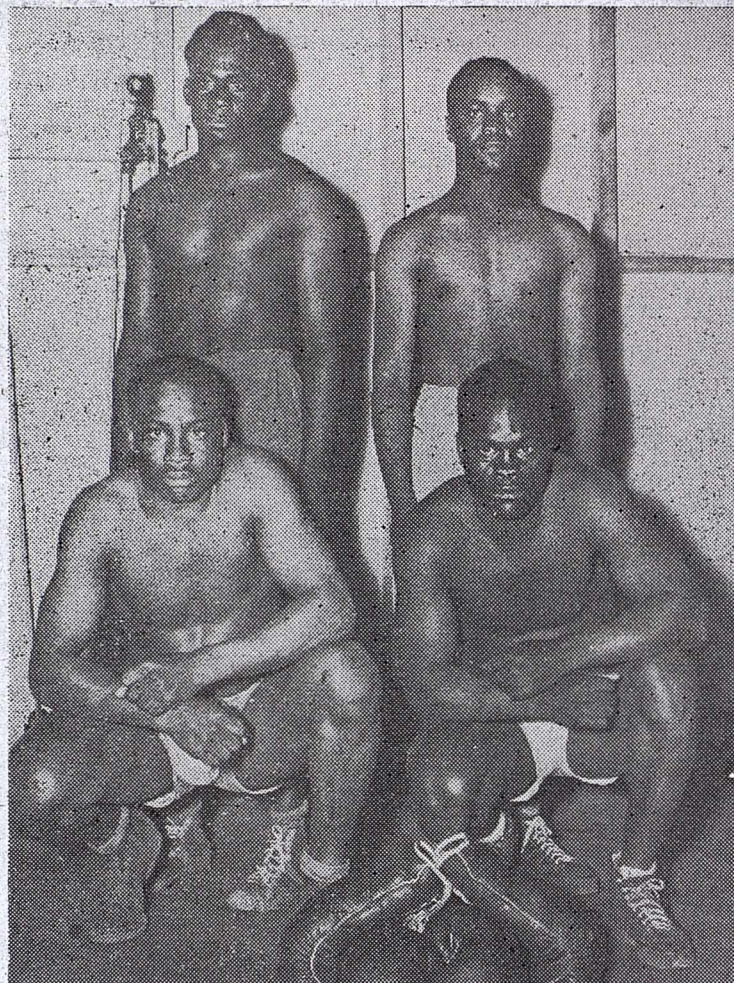
Winners at Biggs Field will be presented \$18.75 war bonds and the runners-up will get \$10.00 warbonds. Prizes for Second Air Force championships have not been announced.

If you're interested in competing for a Second Air Force ring championship, apply at the Recreation Hall. Workouts will be held each evening until the Biggs Field tourney.

the season begins on April 17, everyone will have forgotten all about his problem. Fortunately few people share this attitude.

Right now baseball can do itself and the nation a favor by facing the future honestly. If the big leagues can field 16 teams next year, swell. If not, so what? Things are tough all over.

## EIGHT FISTS OF DYNAMITE



Four fistic contenders that will carry Pyote's hopes to the 2AF boxing tourney next month, are: back row, (left) Willie Witherspoon, ex-Golden Glover from Tennessee, middleweight, and (right) Ike Robinson, 1939-finalist in Golden Gloves at Detroit, featherweight. Front row: (left) Richard Smith, unbeaten in 12 amateur fights, 7 of them on this field, 170, lighthheavy, and John Henry Williams, heavyweight.

## General Arnold Hospitalized; Giles Acting AF Chief

WASHINGTON—Gen. H. H. Arnold, Army Air Force commander, has been forced by illness to enter a convalescent hospital.

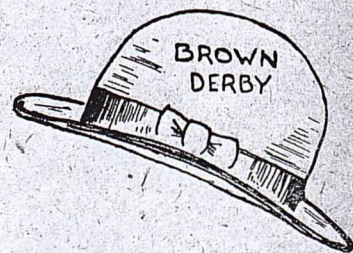
In disclosing the information, the War Department said Maj. Gen. David N. W. Grant, air surgeon, had said that Arnold's illness was said to have been induced by overwork.

Directing the forces in the general's absence is Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, deputy Air Forces commander.

## INAUGURATE CLASS IN MILITARY DISCIPLINE

Officers and enlisted men found delinquent in military courtesy or discipline will be required to attend a class in military courtesy. The class will be held Saturday evenings from 7:30 until 10:00 in Building T-26T (west of A street

## PT AWARD

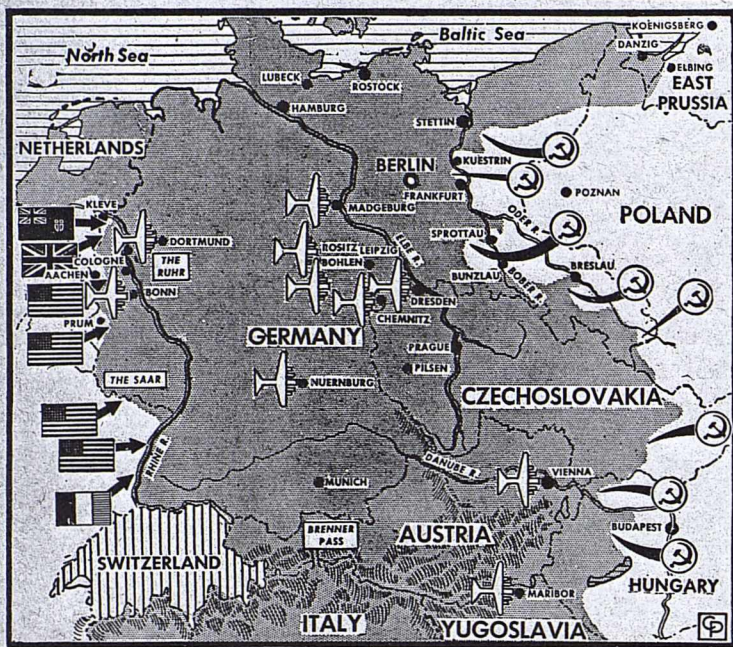


This week's shame chapeau adorns the drooped noggins of Sqdn. D. They copped the dubious honor with the lowest percentage in PT participation for the week, 95.71%. Sqdn. E ran a close second with 96.00%.

and across from Ninth). Officers found to be delinquent in military courtesy or discipline will be reported to the Station Adjutant. Enlisted men will be reported to their squadron CO.



# JAPS SLOW U.S. ATTACK ON BLOODY IWO JIMA



FROM THE SIEGFRIED LINE to the Russian front, more than 10,000 Allied warplanes battered German installations as brilliant, spring-like sunshine flooded the battle zone, the weather finally turning against the Germans. Soviet troops 60-odd miles from Dresden could see the flames as the important Nazi city was enveloped in fire from the terrific aerial bombardment. And Dresden was but one of 10 key German cities used as targets by the around-the-clock attack, one of the greatest of the war. Other urban areas coming into the Allied bombsights were Chemnitz, Magdeburg, Bohlen and Rositz—all south of Berlin and within 120 miles of the capital—and Nuernburg, Bonn, Dortmund, Vienna and Baribor. (International)

## Reds Advance on Berlin from Three Sides; Churchill Promises to Continue Jap War

In the 167th week of the U.S. at War, this was the news from.

### ● THE PACIFIC THEATRE

American Marines landed on the tiny island of Iwo Jima, had made slight gains despite Jap resistance, mortar and artillery fire, and some rocket fire.

Iwo Jima is 750 miles south of Tokyo, from where Nip warriors had warned Japan of coming bombings, from where Jap pilots had started their attacks on our B-29 bases in that area.

Iwo Jima was well defended; the fight was going to be tough. Lt. Gen. Holland Smith, commander of the Pacific Marines, said: "the fight is the toughest we've run across in 168 years." That meant—tougher than Tarawa, a blood-soaked, hallowed name in the American memory. Iwo Jima was described, by one correspondent, as "eight square miles of unadulterated hell".

But however well the Jap defenders were fighting, the Tokyo homeland was jittery. Said one newspaper: "We must now realize that it is not impossible for the enemy to attempt a landing on the homeland . . . the homeland has indeed become a fighting front."

### ● EUROPEAN THEATRE

The Russian Army knocked on many doors this week. The claws of the bear were spread and sweeping. Konev's First Ukrainian Army was squeezing Berlin from the Southeast. At last reports, his units were 51 miles from Berlin, 62 miles from Dresden, 12 miles from Goerlitz. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army marched on from liberated Budapest, were within 80 miles of threatened Vienna. To these southern Red-starred Armies, Germany delivered its fiercest counter-blows, leading analysts to one conclusion: With the powerful First White Russian Army massed for a frontal assault on Berlin, 30 miles due east of the capital, the Nazi High Command intends to wage its last ultimate battle for survival among the rugged mountains of southern Germany. Far to the north, another, Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army rammed to a point 46 miles south of the prized port of Danzig. The squeeze play was on, and a ruthless Army was tightening the hold.

Rumors were rampant on the continent that a landing was imminent. The Allies were preparing a force to recapture Norway, Denmark. That was the rumor. Fact? Only time would tell.

The Canadian First Army advanced slowly on the northern reaches of the Siegfried line. The American Third put on a surprise attack, on a 55-mile front, registered gains in the south up to two and a half miles. Between these two extremities lies the Roer River, that curves around the bulge where three Armies are poised, tense, waiting. Waiting for the flood waters to recede, waiting for supply roads to dry. Slowly the waters dropped.

### ● HOME FRONT

In San Francisco, Francis Van Wie, 58-year-old streetcar conductor who clanged, clanged, clanged wedding bells in bigamous delight, admitted that his fifth wife was the daughter of his first wife, disclaimed parentage of the girl.

## Pfcs—

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 1)

Ensminger, John H. Ericson, Ernest K. Evans, Harvey R. Fowler, Raymond E. Fulps, Anthony F. Gambino, Charles B. Gilman, Jr., Robert A. Hanggi, Guy E. Harrell, Robert J. Henderson, Elbert B. Hoffpauir, William R. Humbert, James L. Isenhour, Elmer L. Johnson, Kenneth K. Keene, Joseph L. Kowell, John S. Kuncewitch, Jean W. Larkin, Frank Lombardi, Ernest O. Lorenz, Merle H. Marietta, Howard M. Martin, Jr., Vincent Masi, Bruce M. Michna, Forrest B. Montgomery, Karl M. Nett, Edward F. Palmer, John H. Peterson, Clarence H. Richards, Donald R. Sanders, Arthur A. Schiavi, Donald J. Schuchart, Bert R. Sexton, George J. Skurna, Rodman U. Smith, Phillip D. Stancampiano, William C. Swanson, Clarence L. Tisher, Thomas W. Victor, Edward L. Woodmansee, John A. Worsely, Don L. Alumbaugh, William F. Baba, Albert V. Baleme, Jr., Ginder H. Bendz, Joseph W. Biondi, Joseph W. Bowley, Daniel Buchichio, Ralph M. Cannon, Robert C. Carr, Harold L. Caudle, Lee R. Cleveland, John B. Copeland, Julius G. Cox, Harry O. Dawson, Ivan E. Dettmer, Louis Dudzik, Martin E. Eckart, Jr., John E. Erbacher, Clarence A. Esbenshade, Richard Finley, Leonard H. From-

### KING OF EGYPT GIVES \$2,069 TO YANK TROOPS

EGYPT (CNS)—For the 3rd successive year, King Farouk of Egypt has presented American troops in his country with a gift of 500 pounds (approximately \$2,069) as a "seasonal gesture." The money was turned over to the Special Services Officer, Headquarters, U. S. Army Forces in the Middle East.

son, John P. Gallo, William E. Gehres, Brian B. Hall, Richard D. Hanson, William J. Hechler, Geo. A. Hill, Merlin M. Hulbert, Jacob J. Ibach, Robert E. Ives, Richard J. Jones, Howard L. Kirchner, Milton Kramer, Edward M. LaBeau, Leon H. Lemoine, Jesse C. Long, John W. Maillett, Arthur J. Marta, Lyle K. Martin, Allen E. McNeal, Carl E. Mills, Morris J. Nehme, Oran O. Pack, Glenn O. Pegump, Ralph W. Powell, Theodore Roberts, Bernard Schanowitz, Philip L. Schmidt, Lewis P. Scott, John L. Shimko, Robert L. Smith, Edward J. Stadnik, James J. Sudtelgate, Ronald P. Theriault, Willard O. Tyler, Beery W. Wallace, Robert M. Woodward, Benjamin D. Harris.

#### SQUADRON E

Joseph Bensman, Fred Brenner, William A. Spencer, Jr., Sidney Blumenthal, Walter E. Ladwig.

#### SQUADRON F

Herman Slotkin, John Turcaso.

## 16th BOTWing Takes Command

Command function over Pyote Army Air Field has been returned to the 16th Bombardment Operational Training Wing, with headquarters at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas.

The reason for the return of command functions to the commanding general, combat crew training wing, is to provide the Commanding General, Second Air Force, with an intermediate commander who can exercise close command control over indicated installations of the Second Air Force, and to provide immediate direction necessary to the mission of the Second Air Force, it was stated.

Commanding General of the 16th Wing is Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow. Other fields under the command of the wing are: Davis-Monthan, Alamogordo, Biggs, Clovis, and Albuquerque.

### ● INTERNATIONAL FRONT

President Roosevelt obtained from Prime Minister Churchill a new promise "to throw everything" at the Japs, after Germany's defeat.

France has sought and received assurances from the United States that no secret agreements were made by Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin at Yalta for the government of liberated countries of Europe. DeGaulle snubbed a Roosevelt invitation to attend a conference at Algiers.

Argentina, miffed at Germany's detention of seven Argentine diplomats, froze all Nazi funds in their country.



# Lose An Heirloom? Read the Classifieds!

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

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND**—Two "cylinder lock" keys on PT field; probably lost Thursday, February 8. Owner may have same by identifying at Rattler Office. (T-640).

**FOUND**—Small ring at Monahans News Office belonging to truck driver from Motor Pool. Call for same at Rattler Office.

**LOST**—A pair of sun glasses in the officers bowling alley, Sunday, Feb. 11th. I hope you can help me! If found, please return to Rattler office (T-640).

**FOUND**—Wrist watch in Mess Hall 4. Owner may have same upon identification. Contact Sgt. Kaminski, Sqdn. E, Bks. 2.

**LOST**—Any number of fine books belonging to the Station Library. Why not bring them back and let the people waiting to read them share some of the enjoyment the books hold? Reward: Good reading. Return to Station Library, two doors east of Service Club.

**REWARD FOR information** leading to the recovery of a Foth Anastigmat and candid type camera. Serial number 73388. Camera is (or was) in brown leather case with name inscribed on flap. Contact Cpl. John M. Siroseky, CCD, Squadron II.

**FOUND**—String of pearl beads. Owner please contact the Adjutant's office.

**LOST**—Wyler wrist watch with rectangular gold case, curved crystal. Finder please contact Sgt. R. L. Grener, Sqdn. E. Reward!

**LOST**—Short coat taken by mistaken from Officers' Club Feb. 13th. If any officer knows of its whereabouts, please leave coat with Club Officer or in cloak room.

**FOUND**—Two small keys at parade Saturday. Owner may have same upon proper identification at Rattler Office (T-640). No Phone calls, please.

### TRANSPORTATION

**WANTED**—1941 automobile. Will pay ceiling price, cash. Phone

# M A L E C A L L

By  
**Milton  
Caniff**

FLANK EXPOSED; TROOPS VULNERABLE



Reprinted by Request

F/O James Ruska, ext. 96.

**PYOTE TO HOUSTON** bus ticket via San Antonio, \$5.00; Pyote to Cleveland, Ohio, by train, \$12; Houston to Dallas by train, \$3. See Cpl. Bob Opitz, Bks. 516, Sqdn. D, Box 419.

### PERSONALS

**HUNGRY** for fellowship with fellow Christians? The Young married couples Baptist Training Union and the Young People's BTU extend an especial invitation to soldiers and soldier-couples to be with them each Sunday night at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Monahans, Texas. Chester G. Watt, pastor.

**TONIGHT** and every night. Love, Rita H.

**MODEL AIRPLANE** builders, why not get together with me and form a model airplane club? Meeting February 26, Monday, at Service Club war-room, at 7 p.m. Pvt. Frank H. Jerman.

**INCOME TAX**—Civilians. Save money, expert tax advice by lawyers. Short Form, \$5.00; Long Form, \$10.00. TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Court Room, Headquarters.

**WANTED**—Furnished apartment or house. \$25 reward for information leading to rental. Lt. John F. Gribbin, Sqdn. F.

**WANTED**—GIs to work, in off-duty time, at Service Club, main store, cafeteria, and tap room. See manager, main Post Exchange.

**CHUT**—The package arrived. Phone me after five. W.

**WANTED**—Electric phonograph, any make, any model. See Sgt. Ward Howell, S-1, Personnel Office, Base Headquarters.

**MAKE \$5 EASY!**—I'm willing to pay a five-spot for information that will lead to my obtaining an apartment for my wife and children. Phone J. C. Meeker at

## G-Aisling

(The column of G-AISLING welcomes all announcements of marriages of personnel of the field.)

### POWERS - KNOX

Married at the Station Chapel, Feb. 13, Ellen M. Gracey of Steubenville, Ohio, to Cpl. Ralph W. Powers, (Sqdn. D) of Steubenville, Ohio. Rites performed by Chaplain E. W. Norton.

### FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—1940 Hudson with radio, heater, and good tires. Ceiling price: \$945. Contact Pfc. Stowe, Barracks 529 anytime after 5 p.m. or during noon hour. It's a buy you can't afford to pass up.

**FOR SALE**—1939 Pontiac Tudor sedan. Excellent tires, clean body and motor. Contact Sqdn. D First Sgt., ext. 159.





# KOOPS' KORNER

## SUGAR REPORT

(A column of notes and memos from Koops' faithful, everlasting, ever-lovin' secretary, Sugar.)

DEAR KOOPS: Hearing ever so many people agreeing with your colyum of two weeks ago, about moving the matinee time up to one pee-em. Hope they do! . . . The typographical error on Page 10 of the Feb. 1 Rattler is making it a collector's item. Tsk- tsk. . . . You'll get a tee-hee out of this. I

was having lunch at the PX Cafeteria when the two gals across from me started talking about the Korner. They both agreed that there just "wasn't any such person as 'Sugar'", so I introduced myself. They're probably still gasping. . . . Ralph Coven was a natural as Henry Aldrich. Sorry you missed the show. It was a honey. . . . Terry Tubbs continues to add laurels to her fine acting career here, doesn't she? She was terrific in "Off Limits", "Cactus Capers", and "Easy Does It", and tops them all in "What A Life". . . . This week's "Male Call" is an Oldie. The past three months that strip has been strictly from hunger, and not comparing at all to some of the earlier ones. What happened? Did Caniff get his knuckles nibbled by the higher-ups? . . . Myer passes along this conversation-piece from Mess Hall

3: "Why this babe I'm goin' with now is even more neurotic than I am!" . . . Frank Sulweski at the Monahans USO is talking up a radio workshop class for fellows who like to tinker with broadcast writing, acting, announcing, etc. . . . Funny that long, long waiting lists are on hand at the library for the Thorne Smith books and others, but one of the naughtiest volumes ever—has only been taken out four times in two years. It's "Jurgan", by James Branch Cabell. . . . Liked your last week's definition of a honeymoon being over; but the way I heard it, Johnny, is that a honeymoon is over when the bride's angel-food cake starts to taste like the devil. . . . The Army-Navy Journal picked up your gag about not having to answer your kid's questions as to what you did in the big war—that they'd be

## The Wolf

by Sansone

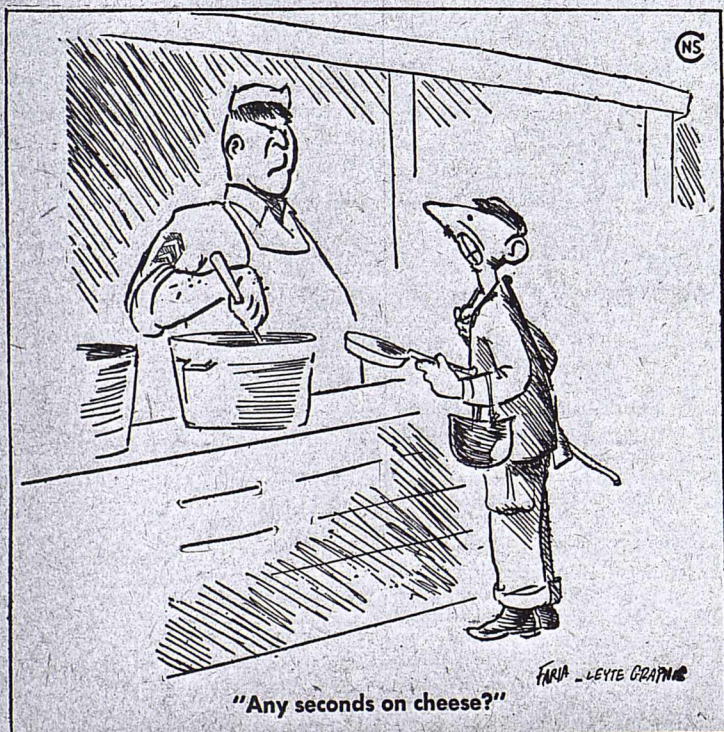
Copyright 1945 by Leonard Sansone, distributed by Camp Newspaper Service



"Oh! I forgot to tell you— my sister was a guerrilla!"

fightin' it with you. . . . The field averaged donations of twenty cents per man in the recent March of Dimes campaign; think that's a 2AF record. Isn't that swell. . . . Saturday night's USOpus should be a honey. They tell me that this Ann Howard, comedienne, is a riot. . . . You haven't mentioned that the Big Theatre in Pyote has re-opened, thus giving joes a chance to catch a film they might have missed when it played the field. . . . Don't know whether or not you saw it, but fo'other noon-time the Service Club cafeteria had up a barrage of signs that read: "No Milk", "No Cokes", "No Ice Cream" and underneath it some wag added, "No Love, No Nuthin'". . . . "Rum 'n' Coca-Cola" isn't on the LS Hit Parade altho it is top in juke-box listings and sheet music and record sales. . . . Top tune at Pyote is "Evalina" by a slim, slim margin, according to juke-box surveys. . . . The Stars and Stripes editorialist is smouldering about education. Claims that 70 per cent of the soldiers haven't finished high school. Fooey, sez I. It isn't how much education you got in that's important, it's how much got in you. . . . Be sure, Ed, to give ribbons to T/Sgt. Larry Shipp and the CTP crew; their folding of Rattlers gets the sheet out Thursday afternoons instead of Friday mornings. . . . This week's Rattle Snake Charmer is one of the best. In 21 issues only one gal has made that spot twice;

Marilyn Maxwell—mmmmm! . . . Home-town papers please copy: Temperature February 15th was 85 degrees; two days before it was 82. Write that to the blizzardy home-folks. . . . The Texas and Pacific RR has ordered several streamlined trains which will hit Pyote, thus reducing train times considerably. Chances are, tho, they won't go into effect till V-day. . . . Check on story that local WAC cage squad has best won-lost record in 2AF, will you? . . . Understand that a model airplane club is forming soon for GIs on the field. Similar interest is being shown in a photog club. Gonna be just like hobby-lobby, huh? . . . The art exhibit at the Service Club is a whizz. Amazes you to realize Pyote has such artists. . . . The comic-strip, Li'l Abner is treading on ticklish ground. It's newest femme character is a Grade-A nymphomaniac. And the old lady in Li'l Orphan Anne, just bumped off her hubby. The kids must go for the funnies these days, eh? . . . The statuesque brunette (you see her at the Friday night dances) is engaged to three different GIs on this field. She's making the mistake of telling too many people. Tsk-tsk. . . . GIs who like pin-ups can get a free shot of a Walter Thornton cover-girl simply by dropping a line to Walter Thornton, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, 17. Autografed, too. . . . Guess that's all for this week. Love, Sugar.



"Any seconds on cheese?"

FARVA LEYTE GRAYNE