

# THE RATTTLER

B-29s FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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## PYOTE TO ATSC

### 150 Pyoters Enlist In Regular Army Since Drive Began

150 enlisted men from this field, 75 alone from Squadron C, have enlisted as Regulars in the United States Army since October 1st, said Lt. James H. Sehon, recruiting officer for this base, in an interview early Monday morning.

The recruiting office, formerly in the north end of headquarters has been moved to the front of the Shipping & Receiving building, T-636.

A staff of 12 enlisted men and three officers are on hand to facilitate the long queues that last week forced the office to close for 48 hours in order to rush through applications already on file.

One of the new provisions just released by the War Department for the enlistee, provides full mustering out pay in a lump sum, if he so desires. Travel pay is another big item, with the rate of 5c per mile paid in advance from here to the enlistee's home, and from his home to the place where he is to report for duty.

Furloughs will be given to men who reenlist in the Regular Army according to the length of time spent in service. From 6 to 18 months, 30 days; 18 to 30 months, 60 days; and over 30 months, 90 days.

Three year enlistees can choose their desired branch of service and overseas theatre. Periods of reenlistment are: 1 year, 18 months, 2 years, and 3 years.

Travel, education, security and a career are now offered men in the Regular Army in a manner far surpassing anything offered a peacetime soldier in the past.

### KILLS COYOTE ON RAMP



No finer example of the Pyote wilderness can be offered than this shot of Maj. Ralph K. Watts, Flight Control Officer, and a dead coyote. The Major caught the coyote on the runways, chased it down with a jeep, slugged it with a stick, and sets himself a record as bagging the first Pyote coyote killed in line of duty.

#### RECRUITING OFFICE MOVES TO BLDG. T-636

The Recruiting office is now lo-

cated in Bldg. T-636, across from the north side of Headquarters.

The phone number is 201-Ring 2.

### Air Technical Service Moves In November 15

Pyote Army Air Field, from which thousands of B-17 and B-29 combat crews went forth to battle since it was activated in October 1942, will be transferred from the Second Air Force command to that of the Air Technical Service Command, effective November 15, it was announced today by Col. Algene E. Key, commanding officer.

Col. Key made the announcement after receiving the official order from Major General Robert B. Williams, commanding general of the Second Air Force, with headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Headquarters of the Air Technical Service Command is located at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. Under the new set-up Pyote will be directly under the San Antonio Air Technical Service Command, San Antonio, Texas.

The first stake, marking the opening of construction of the base covering 2,270 acres of land, was driven on September 5, 1942. On October 9, 1942, Lt. Col. Clarence L. Hewitt, world war I flyer, took command.

From that time until the present, Pyote served as a combat crew training station under the Second Air Force. The first mission was the training of B-17 Flying Fortress crews. For almost two years the field turned out highly trained B-17 crews who took a vital part in the aerial war in Europe and the Pacific.

In January 1943 the famed 19th Bombardment Group, the most decorated organization in the Army Air Forces, returned from their battles in the South Pacific, and were assigned to Pyote. Most of (See ATSC, Page 6)

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• PYOTE, TEXAS

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## A Most Depressing Week

While enjoying the comforts of a 3-day pass, we were roused from our lethargy by the atom bomb discussion in Congress. The scientists say that half the people in the United States could be wiped out by one attack. And they say there is nothing we can do about it. There is no defense we can muster.

When we stop to think about that, everything seems pretty futile. There's darned little sense in buying a package of razor blades if we won't get to use more than two before we are blown to glory. In fact, any plans one makes for the future in the face of such information is sheer optimism.

But if that wasn't bad enough, we had to go and read H. G. Wells.

There is something about Mr. Wells that sounds like Nostradamus in neon.

We remember back when H. G. Wells told about the war. "Things to Come" was a book he had published in 1933. It prophesied such things as the blitz, rocket bombs, jet propelled rockets, air-raid shelters, and so on. In his book, Wells prophesied that the war would start between Poland and Germany and inflame the world, and the attack would break out in Danzig in 1940. (He only missed it by four months.)

So, when H. G. Wells has anything to say, we listen right closely. And you can imagine our feelings when we discovered that H. G. peered into his Grade-A crystal ball and announced "The world is at the end of its tether. The end of everything we call life is close at hand and cannot be evaded."

"People are discovering a frightful queerness has come into life. Even unobservant people are betraying, by fits and starts, a certain wonder, a shrinking, fugitive sense that something is happening so that life will never be quite the same. There is no way out, around or through the impasse. This is the end."

"The limit of the orderly, secular development of life had seemed to be a definitely fixed one. But that limit has been reached and passed into hitherto incredible chaos. Distance has been abolished and events become practically simultaneous throughout the planet."

But the paragraph that has had us shaking with unnamed fears is this one:

"It's like a convoy lost in darkness on an unknown, rocky coast, with quarreling pirates in the chartroom and savages clamoring up the sides of the ship to plunder and do evil as the whim takes them. The mind is near exhaustion and still makes a futile, final movement toward that way out. And this, the mind's last expiring thrusts, demonstrates that the door closes upon us for evermore."

What with Mr. Wells' prophetic accuracy on other things—we are scared silly. And is some kid in a dime-store mask passes us on the street tonight, we'll go into screaming hysteria.

Whenever you start feeling low, just be thankful Dick Tracy's not chasing you.

## "Up Front" With Mauldin

So Mauldin's getting a divorce. That just about puts the icing on the cake, as far as we are concerned.

Somehow the action of the Arizona ex-doughboy seems sadly inevitable. It makes the vicious cycle of war complete. The downy cheeked lad who traded home for the army five years ago and vaulted to fame on his bitter, brilliant drawing pen now tastes the full measure of bitterness: He says his wife was unfaithful to him.

Maybe she was and maybe she wasn't. We don't profess to know. But we have seen other women who played around on the home front, and have seen what it has done to their returning husbands. Some men have had their lives wrecked by it.

This could happen to Mauldin. There's a difference between bitter brilliance and unfounded venom. Mauldin's cartoons, always strong in theme and brutally true to life, might take a turn toward real cynicism. Those who read the ex-sergeant's recent article in Collier's concerning his own personal readjustment know he was more than somewhat disappointed with some civilians he encountered.

What has happened to him, has happened and will happen to great numbers of men returning from the war. They've pictured home as a never-never land of happiness and gadgets, where the boss is always kind and the light bill always paid. And where the wife is faithful. Instead they find that home is really a bunch of nervous, harassed individuals trying to protect their own interests. They find that sometimes the boss gets mad and the electricity company has been known to cut off the lights. And the marriage vows are sometimes good only on this side of the POE.

Because Bill Mauldin represents to the average soldier the personification of GI experiences, misery and hope, his career is followed with great interest. He's the alter ego of every dogface; consequently the Mauldin divorce action comes as something of a slap in the face.

Of course, this could turn out to be a good thing for him. His work was always based on a keen appreciation of sad and desperate situations and the dry, wry humor contained therein. His bitter brand of wit may continue unabated. We hope it does.

And the moral? We'd like to find one, but the nearest approach we can make is this: Home never fails to look good from a thousand miles away, but up close it turns out to be a land of surprise and sadness, if you happen to draw the wrong number. That rosy dream you've carried around for so long is just a dream until you get your arms around it—and then it doesn't always stay put.

As a lot of the guys wearing the little gold buttons will testify.

## This Week

### At The Theatres

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

#### TODAY & TOMORROW

The Spanish Main with Maureen O'Hara and Paul Hendried. (Technicolor. Buckets of beautiful paint and yards of flowing costumes in a pirate story worn threadbare. Mme. O'Hara runs around with low cut gowns draped underneath her bosom.) Shorts: News.

#### FRIDAY

First Yank Into Tokyo with Tom Neal & Barbara Hale. (A lot of film gone to waste that could have been used by the boys on the base snapping each other in exciting poses like that of coming out of the mess hall wiping one's mouth.) Shorts: Jan Garber; Sportscope.

#### SATURDAY

Janie with Joyce Reynolds, Ann

Harding and Edward Arnold. (Revival. Everybody says this one is a light little comedy that makes you want to laugh. Especially at the H.P.S. Hollywood Paper Soldiers.)

#### SUNDAY & MONDAY

That Night With You with Fran-chot Tone and Suzanna Foster. (Mr. Tone gives a credible performance as usual while the young Suzanna stops meekly in his shadows picking up crumbs of the polished one's experience and getting a trifle older all the time. Your 15c will go across the boards here with at least some return.) Shorts: Disney Cartoon and News.

#### TUESDAY

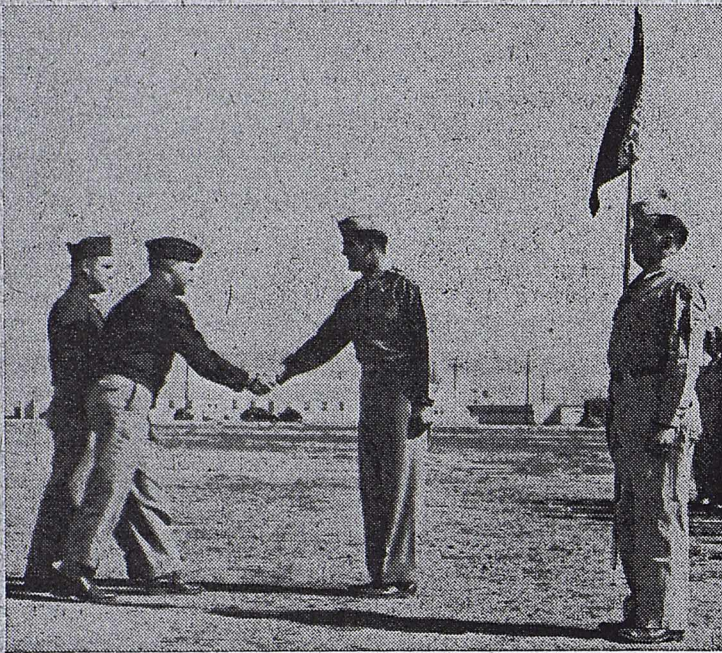
Double Feature—Wanderer Of The Wasteland with James Warren and Audrey Long. (This picture has just been released. Why?)

The Tiger Woman with Kane Richmond and Adele Mara. (If they turned up the lights somewhat during this one you could perhaps read "The City of Trembling Leaves", which is a pretty good book.)

#### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Then There Were None; Barry Fitzgerald & Louis Hayward. (Good, good, good, that's this, that's this.) Shorts: Army-Navy Scen Magazine; News.

**SQ. M AWARDED PLAQUE**



Lt. Col. Howard Davis congratulates Lt. Robert H. Robinson, Squadron M. Commander, upon the awarding of the Meritorious Service Unit plaque to the AAF Regional Station Hospital at review Saturday. Guidon bearer is T/Sgt. Larry H. Shipp.

**Decorated Sqdn. M Honored At Review**

Highlighting what was probably the last review at Pyote Army Air Field under the jurisdiction of the Second Air Force, was the awarding of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the Army Air Forces Regional Station Hospital.

The Medical Squadron was presented to the reviewing officer, Lt. Col. Howard A. Davis, and his staff, before the troops passed in review. The citation was read, after which Col. Davis congratulated Lt. Robert H. Robinson, squadron commander. The entire squadron then joined the reviewing party to review the troops.

Also present as guests of the field were two troops of Scouts from Kermit, Texas. They were under the supervision of the following members: District Scout Commissioner Atkin Cook; Assistant District Scout Commissioner M. L. Cunningham; Scoutmaster M. Q. Burns, Troop 166; Assistant Scoutmaster Frank Stark, Troop 166; and Scoutmaster Joe Morris of Troop 66.

The scouts were conducted in a tour of the field where they ate their share of Army chow in one of the mess halls; and inspected the many activities including a close-up check of the famous B-29 Superfortress.

The award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the hospital was announced earlier by Maj. Gen. Robert B. Williams, commanding general of the Second Air Force. It is reported to be the first such award ever to be made to a hospital in the 2AF.

All medical and administrative personnel assigned or attached to the hospital during the period indicated are now entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Unit insignia, a golden wreath on olive drab, on the right sleeve of the uniform.

**T-Sgt Larry Shipp Elected President Of NCO Club**

At a special election on Friday, Oct. 26th, the NCO Club elected new officers to the club. The following men will carry the headaches for awhile: President, T/Sgt. Larry H. Shipp of Sqn. M; Vice President, Sgt. Joseph J. Ryan of Sqn. D; Secretary-Treasurer, Sgt. Jack M. Gentle of Sqn. D. Elected members of the Board of Governors were: Sgt. Patrick W. Stripp, Sqn. A; Cpl. Vera Hrevus, Sqn. B; Sgt. Walso M. Beck, Sqn. A and Sgt. Stanley G. Adams also of Sqn. A.

The special election was called at a general meeting because the former president, Peter A. Dalton, left the base for separation center and a number of the board members are already out of the service.

**Jim Grier's Orchestra Plays Rec Hall Friday, NCO Club Saturday**

Newest in the procession of name bands to hit Pyote during the fall season will be Jimmy Grier's orchestra. Grier will play at the Rec Hall at a dance for all enlisted personnel Friday, November 2nd, from 8 to 12.

Saturday night he will play a dance for the NCO Club, from 8 to midnight.

Grier's orchestra—a west coast outfit—has always been a popular crew. His band has featured Larry Cotton, Joy Hodges, Trudy Wood, and a number of vocalists who jumped from there to the big time in Hollywood or in radio.

**Col. Key Thanks Personnel for Accomplishments**

The following message was read to troops at the review last Saturday, expressing Colonel Key's personal appreciation for the splendid records which were set at Pyote as a B-29 training base.

"This station was activated as a B-17 combat crew training station in October of 1942. For almost two years of the war Pyote was responsible for turning out a large number of the B-17 crews that helped to smash Nazidom to its crushing defeat.

"At the inception of the B-29 program, Pyote was selected as one of the first few B-29 bases at which combat crews were to receive training. It was a difficult task to convert equipment and experienced B-17 men in the maintenance of B-29's. However, by long hours of work and conscientious devotion to duty above personal pleasure, everyone at Pyote managed to build up the B-29 program to such a high degree of efficiency that during the month of July of this year, Pyote set an all time high in hours flown for a single month of any B-29 base in the Continental limits of the United States. This record still stands unblemished for historians to record. The type of teamwork that set this record at Pyote was the same type of teamwork that resulted in Japan's humiliating defeat.

"To those of you who remain at

**2AF Announces 23,056 Separations As Of October 24**

The following is the latest official information regarding discharges from Headquarters 2AF. As of midnight Oct. 23, 4752 officers and 18,304 enlisted men were ordered to separation centers from 2AF stations. This makes a total of 23,056 military personnel ordered to separation centers to date. In addition, 2,428 officers and 2,797 EM are eligible for separation at 2AF installations and are awaiting quotas.

**TOBACCO RATIONING DISCONTINUED SUNDAY**

Starting Monday, personnel of the field no longer had to shine their orange ration cards to obtain cigarettes, pipe tobacco or cigars. The Army discontinued tobacco rationing October 29th.

**HUNTING WITHOUT LICENSE IS NASTY**

Hunting of game and birds in Ward County, Texas without license or out of season is a misdemeanor and punishable by fines ranging from \$25 to \$100.

Pyote; to those who may be transferred to another military assignment; and also to those who are returning to civilian status, I would like to extend to you a genuine 'thank you' for a difficult job well done, and to wish you peace, happiness, good health, and prosperity in the years to come."

**USO's 'Step On It' Plays Theatre 1 November 6th**

"Step On It" is the newest USO show to play Pyote, and stops here for two performances next Monday, November 6th, at theatre No. 1, at 7 and 9 PM.

The bill includes a chorus line, appropriately labeled the Kitty Wolf girls; a novelty whip cracking and rope-spinning act by Bud Carrell and Rosa; the four Richel sisters, harmony vocalists; Josie Thorpe, a pantomimist who mimics movie actresses; a comedy dancing act, the Barclays; and Paul Cadieux, a singer.

All in all, "Step On It" sizes up as a trim little bill.

**Discharge Box Score**

The following number of officers and enlisted personnel of Pyote Army Air Field were ordered to separation bases in the week ending Monday, October 29, according to figures released by Statistical Control Office.

**OFFICERS: 28  
ENLISTED: 220**

Bringing the total ordered to separation centers since October 1 to:

**OFFICERS: 376  
ENLISTED: 1446**

**"Postmark, Pyote" opens the columns of The Rattler to any and all correspondence. Letters should be signed but names will be withheld on request. Address: Editor, Rattler, Pyote**



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

**CONGRESSMAN**

Editor, the Rattler:  
Please settle this. Can you, or can't you, write to a congressman?  
Cpl. N. R. D.

• The right to beef was upheld before a Congressional Committee, which has been told by Brig. Gen. Robert Berry, on behalf of the WD, that the Army will "protect" any individual who puts his beef in writing to his Congressman.

**OCS CONTINUES**

Editor, the Rattler:  
There have been conflicting stories about OCS schools. Are they still open, and if so, what ones?

Sgt. Tom Partch

• According to WD circular 293, schools will continue to operate for sometime, but applicants will have to sign a statement that they will remain in the service 1 year after graduation. Following schools are still in business: AAF, Arm'd, CWS, FA, Engr, Finance, Inf, JAG, I.P, Ord, QM, Signal, Transportation.

**MATERNITY CARE**

Editor, the Rattler:  
Are Servicemen's wives still entitled to maternity care?

(Name withheld.)

• Yes, the wife is so entitled, and so is the baby until he is 1 year old. Also, a veteran's wife may be cared for if she was pregnant while he was on active duty in one of the eligible grades and was honorably discharged. Babies will be cared for if the father was in an eligible grade during the wife's pregnancy or the child's first year.

**SOLDIER'S BENEFITS**

Editor, the Rattler:  
Are soldiers deposits continuing, now that the war is over?

• Yes. EM overseas may bank with Uncle Sam, depositing money in units of \$5. Four per cent interest is paid. Try to get that anywhere else.

**O'SEAS WAC**

Editor, the Rattler:  
I have been in the WAC 19 months, but never was shipped overseas. I would like to go. What do I do?

(Name withheld)

• Too late. No more Wacs are

being sent over.

**NCO CLUB**

Editor, the Rattler:  
So the "bucket brigade" has decided to admit the lowly Corporal. The pendulum of non-commissioned aristocracy has swung to the left with England, France and the rest of the world. The era of the common non-com is at hand. Paradise, at last! I can hear the cries of exultation, the whispered ecstasies: "The NCO Club" at last! Ahhh!"

Amidst all this regurgitating, may I offer a few well-worn, commonplace, even trite statements. The biggest gripe of EM anyplace, anywhere is the privilege of the Officer and the privation of the EM. Their next: that the officer either thinks or regards himself as a separate case. A law and a creed unto himself. And lastly, that the Officer must segregate himself from the EM.

Now my point is: Can an EM condemn the officer when he does the same thing? An NCO Club stacks up to pretty much the same

thing to me. Corporals and above, by act of God, not Congress, enjoy privileges as a separate caste from Privates and above all, must segregate themselves from the lower grades.

These are indeed the times that try men's souls.

(Name withheld.)

**JANE RUSSELL**

Editor, the Rattler:  
Is the movie "The Outlaw" due to play the post theatre soon?

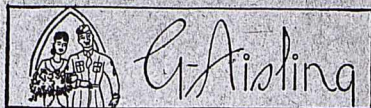
Sgt. R. F. C.



• "The Outlaw", featuring the contours of Jane Russell, has finally been released and is to play movie-houses early in '46. As a preview we offer you the above picture of Miss Russell to prove that, verily, "Jane is Bustin' Out All Over".

**JOB RIGHTS**

Editor, the Rattler:



**FRAZIER-WUNDER**

Married at the Station Chapel on Oct. 19th, Miss Doris Wunder of Milford, Iowa, to Lt. Max L. Frazier, Sec. I, of Albert City, Iowa. Attending the couple were F/O Warren G. Ewen, Sec. III and Maid-of-Honor Miss Garland E. Wintz of Milford, Iowa. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain E. W. Norton.

**KENNEDY-BRUMFIELD**

Married at the 1st Baptist Church, Carlsbad, N. M. on Oct. 14, Lt. Thelma Brumfield, Sqn. M, of Sweetwater, Texas, to Lt. Reuben O. Kennedy, formerly of the 498 Bomb Group, of Whitney, Texas. Attending the couple were Lt. Richard W. Gardner, Sec. I and Capt. Myrtle Drake of Sqn. M. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain E. W. Norton.

How does the law protect my case? The job I did prior to draft is now a lot tougher than it was when I did it. Can they fire me for inefficiency?

(Name withheld.)

• A rise in job standards is no bar to your re-employment, says Selective Service. "If the position has so changed in job content that it is beyond the veteran's skill, he is entitled to a job requiring skill comparable to that required by the position which he left at the time he left, and equal in seniority and pay to that which he vacated."

—Send Rattler the Home—

*So This Is Pyote!*





Lt. Alvin Shulman, Personal Affairs Officer, points to the critical labor areas that exist in the country.

## Job Hunter's Guide To America: Here's Where Workers Are Needed

GIs who are returning to civilian life and have no strings attached have the opportunity to choose the part of the country that will afford them a good job. The War Manpower Commission has made a survey of the labor market as of Oct. 15th.

**WHERE IMPORTANT JOBS MAY BE HAD:** Oxnard and Ventura, Calif.; District of Columbia; Columbus, Ga.; Butte, Montana; Asheville, N.C.; Ogden and Tooele, Utah; Richmond, Va.; and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**WHERE WORKERS ABOUT BALANCE EMPLOYMENT:** Phoenix, Ariz.; Bakersfield, Calif.; Denver, Colo.; Stamford and Waterbury, Conn.; Wilmington, Del.; Miami, Fla.; Ft. Wayne, Gary, Hammond, S. Chicago and Muncie, Indiana; Aurora, Elgin, Chicago Heights, Harvey, Peoria, Quad Cities, Rockford and Waukegan, Ill.; Council Bluffs, Ia.; Lexington, Ky.; Baton Rouge, La.; Elkton, Md.; Fall River, New Bedford and Worcester, Mass.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Jackson, Miss.; Omaha, Neb.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Paterson, Perth Amboy, and Trenton, N.J.; Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Binghamton, Jamestown, Massena, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse, Rome, Utica, N. Y.; Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Alliance, Canton, Cleveland, Columbus, Elyria, Hamilton, Massillon, Middletown, Lorain, Piqua, Sharon, Sidney, Troy, Stephenville and Warren, Ohio; Allentown, Altoona, Erie, Harrisburg, Johnstown, Philadelphia, Pottsville, Pottstown, Reading, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport, Pa.; Charleston, Columbia, Greenville and Spartansburg, S. C.; Chatanooga and Knoxville, Tenn.; Galveston and San Antonio, Tex.; Provo and Salt Lake City, Utah; Hampton Roads, Va.; Spokane, Wash.; Charleston,

Clarksburg, Fairmont, Huntington Morgantown and Wheeling, W. Va.; Madison, Merrimac and Milwaukee, Wis.

**WHERE UNEMPLOYMENT IS GREATER:** Mobile, Ala.; Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Ark.; Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco Bay, San Jose and Stockton, Calif.; Bridgeport, Hartford, Meriden, New Haven, and New London, Conn.; Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta, Brunswick, Macon and Savannah, Ga.; Chicago, Decatur, Joliet and Springfield, Ill.; Anderson, Evansville, Indianapolis, and South Bend, Ind.; Des Moines, Ia.; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans and Shreveport, La.; Bath, Me.; Baltimore and Hagerstown, Md.; Boston, Holyoke, Lynn, Northampton, Salem, Springfield, Mass.; Bay City, Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Saginaw, Mich.; Minneapolis, and St. Paul, Minn.; Pascagoula, Miss.; Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo.; Omaha, Neb.; Portsmouth, N.H.; Newark, N. J.; Elmira, N. Y.; Wilmington, N. C.; Akron, Cincinnati, Dayton, Lima, Sandusky, Springfield and Toledo, O.; Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla.; Lancaster Pa.; Providence, R. I.; Bristol, Kingsport, Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.; Beaumont, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and Texarkana, Tex.; Seattle and Tacoma, Wash.

**DON'T LOOK FOR A JOB HERE:** Talladega, Ala.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Panama City, Fla.; Wichita, Kan.; Portland, Md.; Detroit and Flint, Mich.; Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Portland, Ore.

## Pretty Clothes To Cost Pretty Penny, Brother

The young man in the dapper outfit pictured above is T/Sgt. Raphael Dobesh, formerly of Squadron F and presently of Sewer, Nebraska. A local haberdasher in Monahans very kindly supplied the ensemble as a prelude to the good sergeant's fall debut, a chic coming out party in which one runs around pursuing civil liberties.

All through the fitting the sergeant kept one eye on the layout of threads and the other on his wallet. He blushed a little as he scratched his leg. "It itches, you know, the wool I mean." And when he had appraised himself in the mirror, he stepped back and spoke to the manager.

"Holy hell! How much is it?"

"Nice, isn't it?" said the manager. "Fits you like it was a suit." And then in pure ecstasy, the in-born salesmanship spouted out in a loquacious manner, explaining the material, the style and finally the cost. To-wit:

The gentleman is wearing for the fall season a light tan fur felt hat with a snap brim and darker brown band to match, \$5.00. His shirt is a tan open throat, \$2.50. The sport coat is of Aqua plaid and prominent design with matching slacks of solid Aqua, \$39.50.

The coat over his arm is a natural camel hair topcoat with shadowed plaid, \$39.50. And the shoes

are scotch grain tan brogues, \$7.50.

The accessories to this ensemble could be a tan figure four-in-hand tie, \$1.00, and socks to match, 50c.

All the items are nationally advertised brands. The hat is a Stetson, the shirt, Arrow, the suit Kuppenheimer, the top coat, Kerry, and the shoes, Jarman.

If he should decide upon another suit, he might like the double breasted bankers grey with pencil stripe, \$39.50, either for business or for the evenings. His shirts may be acid collar, pin stripes or solid colors.

So with \$200 in the kitty, the gentleman is prepared to exclude himself from the files of the local nudist colony and walk down the street eager to meet his friends so that he may take the tan pigskin glove, \$5.00, from his right hand and fondle it before the world; knowing that in his room a supply of handkerchiefs, socks and the like lay neatly stacked amongst the lavender scent.

Of course, such items as dinner cloths, Malacca canes, pearl cuff links and costumes for such occasions as Alp climbing, grouse shooting and pajama parties are passe'. But with the wardrobe mentioned, an afternoon at the football game and a Havana cigar and a flask of brandy will still leave the gentleman with carfare home in his kick.



T/Sgt. Raphael Dobesh . . . "Mr."

## Sport Snorter

By MAYO FIDLER

The other evening Lt. Alvin Shulman called me over to the gym and told me that he had some dope on the basketball team.

Lt. Shulman used to be the coach of the Notre Dame College of Canada. Well, I figured, anybody who once was the coach of Notre Dame College Way Up In Canada ought to know what they are talking about. So I shagged myself over to the gym and when he wasn't looking I nuzzled up to his elbow and leaned kind of close to his ear and shouted, "Well! Where the hell is he?"

The Lieutenant popped three feet into the air like he was top man on a jump ball. Not bad, not bad, I said to myself. This boy's got form.

So when the Lieutenant came down and twisted his ankle, why I naturally dragged him over to the bench and went over to the drinking fountain and filled my mouth with water and came back and squirted it over his face, making sure I got a little more over his right side because that's where he had a small round smudge. Then I tore off the Lieutenant's T shirt and made a bandage out of it like they taught me to do in the first-aid lectures and I twisted it around his thigh because that's where they told me to do it in the lectures so that the blood doesn't run out.

The Lieutenant was looking a little pale by this time, and he was kind of gasping for breath, so I figured that if I was ever going to get an interview out of him I had better hurry and do it before he passed out.

Anyway, this is what he told me. Sometimes it was hard for him to get the words out, so when this happened, why I merely leaned over and poked him gently between the fourth and fifth ribs with my middle finger. This seemed to have recuperative powers, tho occasionally, when I would render this treatment unawares, the Lieutenant would jerk his body around like he was having a convulsion and fall off the bench.

I tired of this a little later in the interview, so around the fifth time I just let him lay there on the floor.

There I was, sitting on the bench scribbling down notes like mad and giving the Lieutenant a little poke in the ribs every now and then when he seemed to be about ready to crawl into the green pastures.

Pretty soon one of the boys wearing a very nice pair of purple shaded trunks and shirt to match came over and looked the two of us over.

He had been standing out there on the floor and some guy under the basket was feeding him the ball and he had been making some

## ATSC—

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the members became instructors who passed on their battle knowledge to new fliers training for action against the Nazis and the Japs.

On August 23, 1944 the field was changed to a B-29 training field, one of the first such fields in the Second Air Force. Since that time the Superfortress crews who trained at Pyote took a leading role in the bombings of the Japanese war from B-29 bases in the China-Burma-India theater as well as from Pacific Island bases.

The present commanding officer is Col. Algene E. Key, a veteran pilot of both the European and Pacific theaters of war, and one-half of the famous team of the Key Brothers, who made aviation history in 1935 when they set a world's endurance record of 23 days in the air.

Under Col. Key's command Pyote set an all-time high record of 3,396 flying hours for the month of July 1945 during the peak of the B-29 training program, to top all B-29 training fields in the Continental United States for any one month. The record still stands.

No announcement as to Col. Key's new assignment, or the name of the new commanding officer has been made.

I would have suddenly decided to change his routine and began to dribble madly down the court in preparation for a spectacular one and shot when he passed us by near the line and got in the way of a little pool of water that had formed when I had been trying to revive the Lieutenant.

Needless to say, he made a perfect three point landing. Tho truthfully, I was disappointed in the flight of the ball. A little more practice, I said to myself.

Anyway, that's why this guy came over, I mean the fellow wearing the very nice shade of purple trunks with shirt to match.

I figured he must have had a childhood accident because he was limping in an awful way. I am not one to jump at first impressions, but I said to myself, this boy is a trifle too lame to be playing basketball. And with that I looked down at the Lieutenant a bit scornfully.

I don't know what happened next, but this pseudo-cripple in the very nice shade of purple trunks with shirt to match made a grab for my little wrist. And as I said before, I am not one to jump at first impressions, but I have been taught by me toothless grandmother that there are quite a few exceptions in this world. And with this teaching I somehow felt that this fellow was up to no good.

Whereupon I got myself out of there in two smooth easy strides.

Oh yes, about the interview. The opening game was at Abilene, Texas, Oct. 30.

## RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



Along about Hallowe'en, every movieland chorine with any legs at all, jumps on a broomstick, leans against a haystack or spits at a black cat. It's just an old Hollywood tradition, that's all. And as veterans of a war to make the world safe for cheese-cake, we'll just have to print it. The gal is named Barbara Bates, if it matters.

## Victory Loan Opens Today

The Victory Loan opened this morning when a group of Wacs set up bond sales agencies at the paytables at each Squadron. All personnel were given an opportunity to get the drive off to an early start by making cash purchases after receiving their October pay. Most popular was the GI bonds, which costs \$7.50 and matures at \$10.

"Despite the announced change of mission of the field," Lt. John N. Chaney, Bond Officer stated, "we expect to carry the campaign to a successful conclusion."

At present the field quota is set at \$200,000 and will remain in effect unless the strength of the field is reduced materially before the drive ends.

Every officer and enlisted man is urged to initiate or continue Class B allotments in addition to purchasing for cash at least one GI bond during the campaign.

In addition to purchases of

## ACCIDENTS DECREASE IN PAST 12 MONTHS

According to the Ground Safety Office, the national accident toll for 1944 stands at 95,000—a decrease from 97,500 in 1943. While a decrease of 4% may not seem large, says the Ground Safety Office, it means that 2500 fewer American deaths occurred due to accidents.

A decrease in disabling injuries also was revealed. In 1943 there were 10,100,000 disabling injuries, and in 1944 only 9,800,000. The report which was prepared by the Statistical division of the National Safety Council, included the costs of all accidents which amounted to the staggering total of four billion, nine hundred million dollars.

bonds at pay tables, personnel may buy bonds at the finance office, bank, and orderly rooms. Bonds purchased by relatives in the name of anyone at the field may be counted in the field quota. Individuals in such instances should notify the Bond Officer so that the amount may be accredited to Pyote.

# Take a Lookie at This Week's Classifieds!

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

### LOST

"SHASTA", 7-week old pup has strayed from home in the Civilian Housing Area. Shasta is brown and white with white paws and nose. The pup is part Spitz. If you have seen Shasta, give T/Sgt. Bagley a loud bark at the Signal office.

SILVER identification bracelet was lost in the Sq. D area about Oct. 21. Bracelet is complete with pilot wings on the front and ASN 35548587 on the back. Return to Rattler office.



## General PSYCHOLOGY

Concepts and Theories of Psychology and its everyday applications; Why you behave as you do; Understanding the thinking and actions of others; How you observe, learn, think; Leadership; Why Individuals Differ; Meaning of Personality, Intelligence.

Ask your I & E officer about these courses

Prepare today for the job you want later

At Special Services Office  
Next Door to Service Club

LADIES' identification bracelet lost near or in Officers' Club Oct. 22. The name "Spence" on front. If found turn in to Cashier's Desk at Officers' Club for F/O Arnowitt.

SET OF CAR keys lost on Oct. 22 in the vicinity of Central issue or Sq. F mail room. Return to Capt. Ritter, Sec. III, Operations or Rattler office.

TAN WALLET was lost on 21 or 22 of Oct around the Service Club or PX area. Wallet, with zipper around end, contained personal items such as pictures and passes belonging to Cpl. Virgil Triplett of Sq. A. Please return to Rattler office or Triplett at Warehouse 8.

DOG TAGS ON chain are lost. Tags bear name of William Sleaford, ASN 16088440. Please return to Sq. A orderly room.

### FOUND

MAMMOUTH sterling silver ring

with copper inlay of skull is on hand at Rattler office. Pick it up. It scares us.

WALLETS and keys are still loitering in our lost-found dept. plus a pair of leather gloves.

IF ARTHUR Hicks will come in and identify himself he can have his wallet, which is mighty white of us.

FIND SOMETHING? Rattler classifieds will find the owner.

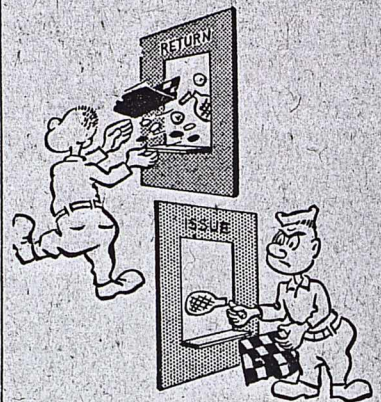
### HOUSING

FOR RENT in Barstow: One 3-room house furnished; one 3-room apt. with private bath; four 2-room apartments with bath. Contact Sgt. Hopkins at Officers' CCD Mail room anytime between 8 and 5.

### FOR SALE

THREE cocker-spaniel puppies, male, black, pedigree, papers, \$25, call 25.

RETURN IT IN GOOD CONDITION ...



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SEND THE RATTLER HOME!

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# KOOPS' KORNERS

## SHORT SNORT

Thank God that love is not a thing that lasts!  
 Though poets praise forever and a day—  
 I much prefer a guest that knows the charm  
 Of getting up and being on its way.  
 I want no permanence from love. Indeed  
 The length adds small enjoyment to the song.  
 So, kiss me quick and say you're mine, my love,  
 Come to my arms! But please don't stay too long.

## AMERICANS ARE LOUSY LOVERS

Stars and Stripes, the now-defunct ETO newspapers that gave GIs a Dorothy Dix eye-view of romance in khaki, printed a letter from an Army nurse a few weeks ago. The nurse, citing her own romantic experiences as proof, dismissed present-day American soldiers as lousy lovers.

She prefers the "gallant, subtle, and glib" British and French soldiers. As for the Americans, their love-making technique is disinte-

grating so rapidly that "very shortly there will be no technique at all", she said.

They operate, according to nurse, on a catch-as-catch can basis, as a result of their quick success with candy and cigarettes on smoke-famished lasses of Europe.

"The love-market in the US won't operate on this candy and commodity basis", she warned. Americans had things pretty much their own way with, the females, what with chewing gum supplant-

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Did you enjoy the movies?"

ing conversation, and chocolate bars superseding the build-up in Europe."

The nurse sadly related a typical evening with an American soldier: "I go to an officers' party. By 10 PM all the officers have made passes at me, which, although flattering, are so lacking in subtlety, originality, and deception that they are utterly repulsive. When their efforts go unrewarded, the officers disappear to the more lucrative chocolate circuit and the nurses are left to walk home."

"On a single date, a hot hand closes on yours, a husky voice grates on your ear, and you are propositioned! All this without even awaiting an opportunity in keeping with the mood of such an operation." The nurse added that she hadn't attended an EM's party, but had dated them singularly, and—"the situation is exactly the same".

### Straight From The Plumber

According to unofficial sources the Navy does not intend to abandon the point system in late winter. The Navy stated on Sept. 26th that there would be 750,000 more bell-bottomed boys out by Christmas.

The American Dentistry Association announced the newest post-war utopia. A painless dentist drill that eliminates noise, heating of the tooth and vibration. A dentist in Corpus Christi, Texas developed it.

M/Sgt. John Westervelt, who at 77 is the oldest man in the Army, says he's quitting after 47 years' service if he "has the points".

Surplus Army pigeons are being offered for sale at Washington DC. This hot item is going at \$25 for 5 pair.

They're still talking up tax relief for veterans in Congress. One plan calls for a servicemen's tax exemption of \$1500 for one year after discharge, removal of the requirement that veterans fill out tax forms when they do not owe Government taxes, elimination of the 6% interest penalty for veterans requiring six months to pay up their accumulated tax arrears.

If US immigration quotas were not lifted, it would take 150 years to admit the 15,000 Australian girls that GIs have picked for wives.

The state of New Hampshire has paid nearly \$600,000 in bonuses to more than 6000 of its veterans of World War II. Payments have been on a basis of \$10 for each month's service, up to \$100.

The men's fashion guild held a style show in New York. Designs emphasized sport and leisure clothes and colors are mostly maroon or gray.

Says a big shot clothing manufacturer, "any clerk who shows a blue suit to a navy man, a brown to a soldier or a green to a marine, is not cut out for the men's clothing business."

Incidentally, the Navy is definitely going to discard the middy blouse and bell-bottomed trousers. The House Naval Affairs Committee is now considering a new outfit. Changes in officers' uniforms are also under study.



"How late is 'late winter'?"

OLIVER PEDIGO — "ADAKIAN"