



## SERVICE CLUB TO OPEN OCTOBER 11th

### Strother Field is Host to Teachers

Strother Field was host today to 200 teachers, mostly from high schools over the state, who were in Winfield Oct. 7-8-9 to attend the annual Education Clinic held in that city.

Our guests were escorted over SAAF in order that they could become better acquainted with activities of the army air force. In this way they acquired first-hand knowledge to convey to high school students of eligible age to enlist in the Air Corps Reserve.

During Friday's sessions of the clinic Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF and Major M. W. Allen, Director of the Ground School, delivered addresses. Col. Carroll spoke on the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve and Major Allen discussed the academic training of cadets.

Dr. Walter Myer, news analyst, will speak on the program presented in Winfield tonight. The public is invited to attend this session.

### Promotions Announced for SAAF Officers

Four officer promotions announced the first of the week by headquarters give SAAF an additional major, captain and two 1st. lieutenants.

Russell J. H. Hutton, Intelligence Officer, has been promoted to the rank of major; Earl McPhail, Dental Officer, is now a captain; and promoted to the rank of 1st. lieutenant are Kenneth L. Winters, Adjutant of the Station Hospital, and William A. Wishart, Medical Supply Officer.

### Fire Prevention Week Observed Here

Fighting fire with fire is one manner in which Strother Army Air Field is observing National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-9th. Local participation has been under the direction of Major Cyrus F. Breeden, Post Engineer, and Fire Chief James A. Leach. The concluding activity in connection with the event is to be a "double-header" fire-fighting demonstration tomorrow afternoon east of Headquarters following the luncheon period.

A huge bonfire of scrap-wood saturated with gasoline is to be ignited. The station fire department members will then lay a hose line to extinguish the blaze, demonstrating (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

### New Cadet Class 44-B Here for Basic

Late last week we said so-long to the lads in 43-K, 1943's last class, who went on to advanced flying in both twin and single engine and did an about face to greet the men in Class 44-B, newest cadet class.

Before these gadgets had a chance to breathe, Major Foster R. Dickey, cadet commandant, had the lads in the process of orientation. Fairly soon, these young fellows will take over the Valiants on the line, and go winging their way thru the nine weeks Basic course.

So with a passing glance at 44-A, the upperclass which is holding its own, we bid welcome to the men in 44-B.

### Open House for Enlisted Men, Guests From 2 p.m. Until 10:30 p.m. Monday

Strother Field's enlisted men's service club is to be officially opened to them next Monday, according to Major J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer. In order that there will be room to accommodate all visitors in the new and beautiful recreation center, no definite program has been planned for the opening night. In this way the visitors may spend the evening enjoying the various facilities of the club which include a game room, reading and writing room, snack-bar and a large auditorium-lounge room, 40 by 55 feet in size.

### Free Admittance to Winfield Games

The Board of Education of the Winfield schools announced this week that it had voted to extend the privilege to all men in uniform to be guests of Winfield High School at all home football games this year. This is a continuance of the decision reached last year when the same privilege was extended during the 1942 season. This invitation is not extended however to civilians or wives accompanying military personnel to the games.

As football is the favorite sport of many of the military personnel of Strother Field, the privilege to attend the games in Winfield free of charge will be most welcome. As on previous occasions the city of Winfield is showing its interest in the entertainment and recreation angle of military personnel at this base. Appreciation will be expressed by a large attendance during the season of SAAF soldiers.

### New Warrant Officer

It will be Warrant Officer (jg) Joseph E. Barrett, effective as of Oct. 9th, according to announcement from post headquarters. M/Sgt. Barrett is the Personnel Sergeant Major at Strother Field.

In the main room of the structure are four divans, 12 upholstered chairs, four coffee tables and four large tables laid with leather, five end-tables, hassocks, magazine racks, bookcases, and small rugs. The furniture which is sturdily made of oak was constructed by National Youth Administration students formerly enrolled in the school at Arkansas City.

Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, whose home is in Carthage, Mo., will be the club hostess. She recently received hostess training at the enlisted men's club of the Cavalry Reception Center, Ft. Riley, Kans., and prior to this specialized training had been active in volunteer work in the Carthage USO. Mrs. Bernheisel's husband who formerly was a professor at Southwestern college, Winfield, Kans., and Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, is now an enlisted man in the U. S. Army, serving overseas. While residing in Winfield Mrs. Bernheisel was active in the Civic Music Club and the University Women's Club. She possesses a bachelor of science degree from the Kansas State Teachers College and for a period of five years taught in public schools. Pvt. Alden D. Craig of the Special Service Department will assist Mrs. Bernheisel in managing the club.

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### Bond Sales Totaled \$5,825.25 at Carnival

The War Bond Carnival held on the field Thursday of last week was a success according to figures on war bond purchases released by the Insurance and War Bond office of SAAF. Military and civilian personnel attending the event purchased bonds to the amount of \$5,825.25, cash value.

Among civilians purchasing bonds during the carnival were Wayne McEwen who invested \$675.00 and Mrs. Lotus Day who purchased bonds to the amount of \$225.00. Several officers made large purchases and one enlisted man of SAAF invested \$1,650.00. Attendance at the carnival was made up of mostly officers and civilians.

During the month of September cash purchases of War Bonds including those made during the Bond Carnival totaled over \$28,000.00. SAAF officers were high with an investment of \$13,738.50. Next in line were the civilian personnel with a total of \$9,956.25. Of this amount \$2,362.50 was invested by the civilian workers in the Post Exchange. Enlisted personnel purchased \$4,581.25 during the month. All these purchases were in addition to the participation of all three groups.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

The September review and inspection of enlisted men at Strother Army Air Field was held in honor of Major Marcellus P. Lee, Special Projects Officer, whose retirement from active service in the Army Air Corps became effective Oct. 1st. In the above picture of the reviewing officers Major Lee is shown to the right of Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF. Standing behind these two officers are other members of the reviewing party, reading from left to right: Major Jason L. Beatty, Major Robert L. Wehr, Major James R. Williams, Major Joseph B. McDonald, Capt. Samuel L. Fly, Capt. Edwin S. Vickers, Capt. Robert E. Lynch, Jr., Lt. Elbert E. Hall, Lt. Peyton F. St. Clair and Lt. Paul E. Lange.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

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## Speaking of-Civilians

Why is it so many soldiers can be overheard making disparaging remarks concerning civilians, including those working at Strother Army Air Field? True, they are making more money than most enlisted men—their social life continues the same. Perhaps those things, so different from the army life we have become accustomed to are enough to make a soldier gripe, but such thoughts should never reach the audible stage.

These civilians are the mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters of men in service. Their home life is far from normal with loved ones in the services probably not heard from in weeks. Their's is anguish that must be held within, there is too much work to be done to allow self-pity.

Many men doing civilian work on the field were in the thick of battle during World War I. They are not satisfied with the work they are doing now—they want once again to don the uniform of Uncle Sam but age keeps them from doing so. Their help in bringing Victory closer must necessarily be confined to the job they are doing today.

So the next time you feel a remark coming on concerning civilians, think before uttering it.

## 'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 9 October

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Nelson Eddy—Claude Rains

Susanna Foster

Color Cartoon—Screen Snapshots

Sunday and Monday, 10-11 October

DESTROYER

Ed. G. Robinson—Glenn Ford

Marguerite Chapman

News of the Day—Disney Cartoon

Tuesday, 12 October

FRONTIER BAD MEN

Diana Barrymore—Lon Chaney

Andy Devine

Looney Tune—Traveltalk

Grantland Rice Sportlight

Wednesday and Thursday, 13-14 October

SWEET ROSIE O'GRADY

Betty Grable—Robert Young

Adolph Menjou

News of the Day

Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Friday, 15 October

THE FALLEN SPARROW

Maureen O'Hara—John Garfield

Person Oddities—Color Cartoon

## City of Dreadful Night

There is a real City of Dreadful Night—and the bomber crews of the Army Air Forces soon know it well. The charts of Berlin are spread; the courses to Berlin are plotted; our comrades of the RAF have marked the path with flare and bomb; we are going to visit the Nazi capital by night and by day. Death shall come to the City of Death at long last.

Have we forgotten that here in Berlin, seven years ago, Truth died on a pyre of sacred books? Do we remember that Honor died here when Hitler's stormtroops marched into Czecho-Slovakia? The crucifixion of Faith began in this city as jail doors opened for Pastor Niemoeller. Then followed the bombing of Rotterdam and on that day—in Berlin—the Christlike grace we call Pity was dead. Prague . . . Warsaw . . . Paris . . . Belgrade . . . Athens were swept into German darkness. These cities knew tears and misery unspeakable; in Berlin there was a smug and gloating calm.

Nazi trumpets jibed at Poland; Nazi flags danced in the sad air above Norway. Berlin had become the stony tomb of every ideal which Christianity reveres. Its people turned their stupid faces to Goebbels, Goering, Himmler and Hitler. Remorse died last—but in this city Remorse is dead.

Remember all this you men of the Fortresses and Liberators. Warsaw still lives for courage and Paris for humanity; Prague stirs alive with its dream of freedom and little Athens is named with love and sorrow by good men everywhere. But Berlin . . . this great charnel house . . . this lair of bullies . . . this satanic altar to war has chosen death.

So let it die. Let the great bombs dig its grave both wide and deep. In letters of fire may its epitaph be: "Here stood a city that hated Mankind and mocked their God."

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

## "Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

Have you ever walked to the field gates, especially the main south gate, when in a hurry to get to town—walked because you had missed a bus or were running low on money? The chances are you have done it many times just as I have. Ever count the number of cars driven by enlisted men that whizzed right on by you—cars with empty seats?

When you are fortunate enough to hear an approaching car slow down to pick you up chances are the driver is a civilian worker who not only takes you to the gate but on to either Arkansas City or Winfield depending on the direction he happens to be going.

I do not have a car here on the field with me but if I did, believe me, it would never reach the gate without being filled with GI's who were walking along the road. What difference does it make whether you know the men, we are all here for the same reason.

Next time you leave the field pick up as many soldiers as your car will carry, even if you only take them to the gate. It will be appreciated.

A WELL-WORN SOUL.

## Have You Read . . .

Come Back to Wayne County by Jake Falstaff  
Poems for Penguins by Joseph S. Newman  
Make This the Last War by Michael Straight  
Slaves Need no Leaders by Walter M. Kotschling.

They're in your Post Library!

## Post Chapel Services

Catholic Confession - - - Sunday 7 a.m.  
Catholic Mass - - - Sunday 8 a.m.  
Protestant Negro Service - Sunday 9 a.m.  
Protestant General Service - Sunday 10 a.m.  
Jewish Sabbath Service - Friday 8:00 p.m.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER



### A SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Our flag is a symbol of what is best in our American way of life. When the fathers of our republic gave to the world a new form of government, they laid its foundations not on conquest, but in conscience. They respected in the citizen of the state the human dignity that is his as a child of God destined to inherit His kingdom. They conceded to every man, as the Creator Himself has done, an opportunity to advance by his own efforts, and the right to lead a happy life of personal freedom under the law.

It is this regard for the dignity of the individual which distinguishes democracy as we know it from those systems of government which would now destroy it. The superficial glamour which dollars can buy, is not what we love about America, or what we stand ready to defend. It is rather the intangible spiritual values which the framers of the Constitution breathed into their inspired charter of liberty, fresh and living from the serene depths of their own noble souls. The flash of insight which guided their pens will again enlighten every thoughtful American who looks reverently upon his flag as the symbol of a great ideal, second only to the cross itself, the imperishable symbol of Christianity. The flag, like the cross, will do its appointed work in society as long as men live by its spirit.

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## Liftings

"Do you play cards?"  
"Yes, we burn the midnight Hoyle."

What is the difference between a flea and an elephant?  
An elephant can have fleas, but a flea can't have elephants.

Chemistry Professor—"What can you tell me about nitrates?"

Student—"Well—er—they're a lot cheaper than day rates."

Play: In Da Barracks or, Borrow yore shorts!  
Scene: Ditto.  
Characters: Yeah, all of 'em.  
Joe: Got some paper and a pen I can borrow?  
Moe: Sointeny, chum; heh you is.  
Joe: Say you got some ink and an envelope too?  
Moe Shore, Bub, have a handfull.  
Joe: Now have yuh gotta stamp?  
Moe: At yer elbow, Fatty.  
Joe: Okeh, now what's your girl's name?

SAAF Joe: Gorsh, I'm so hongry I eud eat a horse!  
KP Sgt.: Hey you, when did you get a look at da menu?

## Male Call



# BEHIND OUR PILOTS Finance Office

"Get 'em paid!" That's the motto of the Post Finance Office, another anonymous SAAF group which backs up the men at the front by doing its job well at home. Under 1st Lt. Alexander D. Lieb, Post Finance Officer, the task of seeing that all of the payrolls are checked and computed correctly, and that all of the EM, officers and civilians are paid on time, is well handled. The operation of the office breaks down into five sections.

Chief Clerk T/Sgt. Julius J. Leeds (now on DS) heads the section which has general charge over the office, making out the reports and keeping up on correspondence. T/3 Will J. Riddick is bonded cashier, and he has charge of the cash on hand, occasionally making casual payments. He is authorized by the Secretary of War to make payments in Lt. Lieb's absence.

The EM's pay section is in the hands of acting Chief Clerk T/4 Steve L. Vaynes, and his assistants: T/4 Emmet W. Loughan, and T/5 Harold Kranzusch, are the men who see that your allotments and deductions are correct, and that you get the right amount of mazzoola due you.

S/Sgt. Edgar A. Bill, assisted by T/5 Donald Kenny sees that the Officers' section gets the same capable supervision, while T/5 Wavland Boyer has charge of the mileage and per diem voucher section. The remaining two men—S/Sets. Rowland R. Cotter and George G. Phumphrey, are also on DS.

These men are trained both here at camp, where they have regular classes, and at specialized NCO training schools, such as the one in Wake Forest, North Carolina. In order to meet the pressing demands of time they must be thoroughly skilled so that the last day of the month means "happy days" to all of us.

# Use of Mess-kits Is Discontinued

There is no more "jingle-jangle-jingle" among enlisted men of Strother Field—the sound made by knife, fork and spoon banging against mess-kits as the men gathered at the mess-hall three times daily, has ceased. The dish-washing equipment has at last been installed and once again GI's are eating from china plates and cups.

# North End of Mess Hall Opens Saturday

If a bright and cheery atmosphere increases one's appetite, SAAF Mess Officers better boost the amount of food supplies.

The newly decorated north end of the 1000-man mess-hall is to be opened for use beginning with breakfast Saturday morning. The interior has been completely redecorated, paneled with wall board material on the upper part of the walls and part of the ceiling and board paneling along the lower part of the wall. The colors are light and give the place an entirely different atmosphere. Redecorating work will begin immediately in the south end of the building.

In the near future pictures of airplanes are to be framed and placed between the windows. All in all, there will be about 16 pictures in each section of the building. Above each picture will be a painted reproduction of an air corps branch insignia. The art work, which is being done by Pvt. Alden D. Craig of the Special Service Dept., will also include murals on either side of the center partition.

# 'Sleepy Lagoon' Parody Makes Hit

In the October issue of the "Army Hit Kit" song book many new and strictly GI songs have found favor with the lads in K all over the world. The PF takes pride in publishing the parody written by Pvt. Eddie Cherkose, Ft. MacArthur, Calif., which is among the best. Sing it to the tune of "A Sleepy Lagoon."

"A sleepy latrine, a pastoral scene, And two at a basin. The job isn't fun, the mirror is one,

You can't see your face in. The lighting is bad, it's driving you mad,

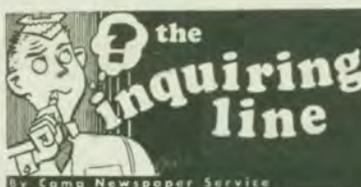
That's half of it brother—The farther you go, the first thing you know,

You're shaving each other. A sleepy latrine, where soldiers convene

With nat'ral intentions, And then hang around, and finally sound

Like seven conventions. One fellow 'heard this,' another 'heard that,'

And that's how they start, For rumors careen in Sleepy Latrine Sweetheart!"



What is the permanent Army rank of Gen. Dwight D. (Ike) Eisenhower?

A. President Roosevelt recently announced the designation of Gen. Eisenhower as a permanent Major General in the Army. Gen. Eisenhower now holds the temporary rank of full General. Permanent ranks are those which were held by Army personnel prior to Oct. 1, 1940, and most promotions after that date are temporary. Gen. Eisenhower had received a previous permanent promotion to Colonel, his rank prior to Oct. 1, 1940, having been Lieutenant Colonel.

# EM Select Gifts Desired for Xmas

What gifts do GI's want most for Christmas? This question was asked enlisted men by staff members of the Army Times newspaper and the answers appeared in the Sept. 18th issue of the publication. Listed below are the ten most desired items and the one least wanted by servicemen.

	Swell	Fair	JunK
Cigarettes	79.4	10.7	8.8
Wristwatch, waterproof	75.7	14.0	10.3
Portable Radio, small	70.1	13.6	11.7
Good Reg. Shirt	65.0	24.3	8.5
Leather Wallet, with insignia	64.0	26.2	9.3
Cigarette Lighter, wind-proof	61.7	26.2	10.7
Good Reg. Socks	61.2	27.1	8.4
Stationery	56.5	29.4	9.8
Homemade Cookies, Cakes, Jams, etc.	55.6	29.4	11.7
Extra GI Cap. of proper branch	54.7	31.8	12.6
The item least desired:			
Checkers	12.1	35.0	49.1

### USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....	Ping pong..Games Ark.....Do-as-you-please..Eats
Sat.....Win.....	Barn dance..Old fiddlers Ark.....Dancing..Refreshments
Sun.....Win.....	GI-Sorority..Sing Ark.....Bingo..Call..Cake 'n' coffee
Mon.....Win.....	Movie..Refreshments Ark.....Square dance
Tues.....Win.....	Bingo..Badminton Ark.....Record voice..GI movies
Wed.....Win.....	Dance..Do-as-you-please Ark.....Party night..Refreshments
Thurs.....Win.....	Bridge party Ark.....Ping pong USO vs. A.C.

# Major Lee Retires From Active Service

Major Marcellus P. Lee, former Special Projects Officer at Strother Field, the grand old man of headquarters, has retired from active service in the United States Army during his fourth year.

In accordance with the revised war department program which retires men over sixty, Major Lee has gone on inactive status, but is subject to recall at any time. A full military review of the station's complement was held on Saturday, 25 September, 1943, to honor his splendid record of service with his country. Major Lee will spend a few days vacationing in Hot Springs, Arkansas, before returning to his home in Corsicana, Texas, and back to work for the Treasury Department, his former employer.

His life and adventures on the continent of Africa, where he attended Transvaal Technical Institute and received his engineering degree, and did a bit of work for the Johannesburg gold mines, and the famous Kimberly Diamond diggings, to say little of his big game hunting for relaxation, revealed him to be a broad-experienced well-traveled man. After the Spanish-American, the Boer and the World I wars, the present struggle for survival was old stuff to him. Now, after many years of service with his country's Corps of Engineers, Major Lee has given his desk over to Major Robert L. Wehr, who will tackle the SPO in addition to his S-4 duties.

# Service Club to Open

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Following the opening of the building, plans will be made for organizational nights during each week. Each squadron in this way can plan their own dances or parties, enjoying the facilities of the club among their own members on such designated evenings. Regular monthly dances will be held in the Post Gym as in the past.

Entertainment to be held each week will include song jamborees, dances, classical concerts and variety shows. There is a stage complete with curtains and dressing rooms in the south end of the lounge to be used for such entertainment. Sunday will be considered visiting day. Friends and families of enlisted men visiting on the field will in that way have a comfortable place to enjoy themselves.

In the snack-bar cold drinks, malts, milk shakes and sundaes, will be sold along with coffee and sandwiches. The snack-bar will be open from 2 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. as will the rest of the service club.

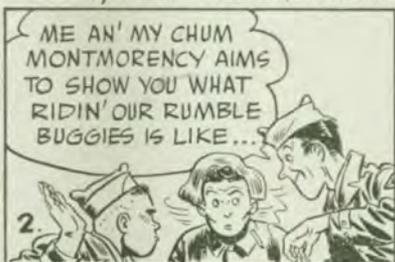
There is one rule enlisted men will be asked to respect and that is to remove their hats upon entering the club. While wearing fatigue clothing or coveralls enlisted men can visit the snack-bar, reading and writing room and game room. After 6 p.m. OD uniforms will be worn.

Enlisted men are cordially invited to bring their wives, sweethearts or girl friends to the club, for the opening as well as any other time. This is their own club and its one purpose is to provide them with the entertainment and recreation facilities desired.

Annie from Ark City: "My, chummie, your ticker is beating like a tom-tom."

Pvt. Fuddy-Duddy: "Yeah, babe, dat's the call to arms."

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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# Dim View

# SPORTS

## Officers Bowling League

STANDINGS (as of last week)

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hurricanes	8	1	.889
Bostons	5	4	.556
Devastators	4	5	.444
Corsairs	4	5	.444
Cubs	3	6	.333
Avengers	3	6	.333

High Game (Ind) Peters—220; High Game (Team)—806, Cubs and Devastators. High 3 Game (Ind) Ryan—552; High 3 Game (Team)—2248, Devastators.

### HURRICANES

Thompson	166	156	120	442
Carlisle	111		131	242
Gibson	140	120	125	385
Otto	144	187	136	464
Hammond	114	139	120	373
Neff		102		102
Handicap	28	37	34	99
Total	703	741	666	2110

### CUBS

Culbertson	134	144	159	437
Hartzell	133	154	138	425
Dodson	118	154	111	383
Honovich	140	101	208	449
Burns	113			113
Markland		182	190	372
Total	688	735	806	2179

### CORSAIRS

Choate	122	103	148	373
Quisenberry	159	153	138	450
Bradley	142	107	112	361
Bramble	152	130	156	438
Peters	156	164	170	490
Handicap	13	13	13	39
Total	744	670	737	2151

### DEVASTATORS

Dunn	115	138	138	391
Conte	145	129	170	444
Smith	127	140	161	428
Ryan	182	178	161	521
Gunther	169	133	162	464
Total	738	718	792	2248

### BOSTONS

Gordon	158	123	100	381
Corrick	111	137	164	412
Jones, K.	124	131	100	355
Heying	137	188	140	465
Bowers	100		106	206
Stuart		136		136
Handicap	42	15	42	99
Total	672	730	652	2054

### AVENGERS

Austin	138	110	114	362
Counter	162	100	96	358
Engels	125	120	112	357
Kostka	147	142	125	424
Dummy	125	125	125	375
Total	697	597	582	1876

## Squadrons Sponsor Basic Training Classes

Squadrons participating in the basic training program for enlisted men will soon total 100% here at Strother Field.

During the last two weeks the 1082nd Basic Flying Training Squadron, 1088th Guard Squadron and the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 55th Flying Training Group have entered into the program. The 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron will commence its training tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 9th, and the 1084th Service Squadron and 322nd Aviation Squadron are to begin their programs soon.

The basic program consists of 18 hours of training, divided into five different classifications. Six hours are devoted to close-order drill, six hours for extended-order drill, two hours of study in military courtesy, two hours of training in sanitation and first-aid, and two hours of interior guard training.

Time devoted to this training each week by the squadron varies, but in most instances there are several hourly classes, any one of which may be attended by squadron members.

## Waynes Socks Sock

In the line of gossip at Strother Field, a certain young nurse in Welsh, West Virginia, is going to be glad to hear that T/4 Steve L. Waynes of the Finance Detachment connected with the 448th Squadron, has hit his sack-away sock for five one-hundred dollar bonds, to be put in the kitty for that rainy night, er, day.

## New Series GI Movies Here Next Week

Series number seven of GI Movies will be shown at the Post Theater next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In this showing will be a number of interesting features including the cartoon character "Snafu," in "Spies," in which he determines to keep his lip zipped, but wine and women change his resolve and Hitler learns every secret in his mind.

Other features include, "China—Somewhere in the U.S." showing an airfield in the U.S. buzzing with P-40s as Chinese Air Force pilots go through thrilling maneuvers in American fighter planes three miles up.

"Shoe Hospital," in which is shown GI shoes walking in where angels fear to tread.

"Sgt. Meyer Levin," Colin Kelley's great gunner in his last interview—dramatic irony in his last recorded words, "They haven't got me yet."

"Pan-American Serenaders," musical novelty featuring authentic instrumental arrangements of the "Samba," native dance of Brazil.

"Prophet Without Honor," the amazing story of Matthew Fontaine Maury, most decorated naval hero and author of many books and charts on wind, weather and tides.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

One of the outstanding entertainers presented during the Formal Dance held in the Winfield USO Saturday before last was Miss Juanita K. Welt whose home is in Winfield. This 16-year-old miss won much applause for her fine dancing ability.

## Fire Prevention

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strating equipment and procedure of handling this type of fire. The second demonstration will show how to extinguish a "crash" fire of oil and gasoline with foam. Military and civilian personnel who are able to be absent from their work are urged to attend.

The earlier part of this week fire alarms were answered by the department in zones one three and four, in connection with fire prevention week. Talks and demonstrations were given enlisted personnel in these zones as well as to members of various departments on the field by Chief Leach and his assistants.

In regard to fire extinguishers located in the barracks, Chief Leach announced today that they contain chemicals in addition to water and the liquid will damage clothing and bedding. It is suggested by him that horseplay among enlisted men in the barracks not include spraying extinguished liquid on the others. Barrack chiefs are asked to see that the extinguishers are always kept in their proper place.

## Visit Other Fields

Capt. Oren P. Stoner, Director of Physical Training at SAAF and his assistants, Lt. G. D. Allen and Lt. H. H. Cummings, have this week been visiting army air fields in the state for the purpose of studying various phases of their physical training programs. Capt. Stoner acquired general information on PT programs while Lt. Allen studied cadet athletic training and Lt. Cummings studied PT training for enlisted men.

Field organizations having bowling teams playing in inter-squadron competition that would be interested in having weekly scores of teams and players appear in the Prairie Flier are asked to send such copy to the PF office by Wednesday morning of each week.

## GI Sends Out Clever Announcement

Sgt. John D. Nelson of the 55th Squadron, and Mrs. Nelson are the proud parents of an 8 lb. boy born Sept. 28th. The announcement of their son's arrival is so clever that we thought you would enjoy reading it.

### HE IS HERE!

The Firm of NELSON & NELSON has just taken delivery on the latest 1943 "Model," known as the

### JOHN DAVID, JR.,

and it is now on display at the Newton Memorial Hospital, Winfield. Will be on display at our show room, after October 8, 1943,

1008 North Summit Street, Arkansas City, Kansas.

### NOTICE:

This "Model" will be the only one off our Assembly Lines this year. It was accepted and is now on display so the American Public can know what to expect in the future.

Following are some of the specifications of this "New Model" at the time of its delivery 7:18 p.m., September 28th, 1943.

Weight (net) - - - - - 8 lbs.  
Overall Length - - - - - 20 inches.

### HEADLIGHTS:

Sealed beam (sealed most of the time so far) with "Special Blue" lenses. Especially suitable for dimouts. (Lenses may change in color later.)

### RADIATOR:

Leaky!!!

### FUEL CONSUMPTION:

Terrific!!!! Tank must be filled every 3 hours. The nice performance of this "Model" makes the fuel consumption a minor detail.

### MOTOR:

Quiet, except when running low on fuel.

### COLOR:

Finished in "white" and tinted with "red." Top dressing in "black."

### EQUIPMENT:

Because of war time restrictions this "Model" is equipped with changeable seat covers only. However, we are fortunate and have a full line of accessories on hand.

### COST:

This "Model" is NOT for sale. Since we are not on volume production the cost of this "Model" would be a small fortune, no doubt.

For further information, see us Today!!!

## The Wolf

## by Sansone

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"Frankly, I don't see how you rate a good conduct medal! Specially after last weekend!"



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LT. COL. JASON L. BEATTY

## Jason L. Beatty is Promoted to Lt. Col.

Last week Strother Field received a new Lieutenant Colonel. He is well-known Jason L. Beatty, Executive Officer, key man on Colonel Carroll's staff.

Hailing from the "you gotta show me" state of Missouri, Lt. Col. Beatty dropped out of school to enter World War I. After serving overseas he returned to school and completed his college career. He has served as an elementary school principal, and done quite a bit of work with the CCC. He entered the service of Uncle Sam for the second World War in '41, and soon arrived at SAAF to occupy a responsible position. Last week he was rewarded for his excellent work on this base by an advancement in rank.

Lt. Col. Beatty and family have their "home for the duration" in Winfield, and his three young sons were no doubt proud to see their father pin on those scarce and coveted silver oak leaves.

## Service Club Opening Attended by Hundreds of Enlisted Men

Hundreds of enlisted men attended Strother Field's new service club opening last Monday and the general comment was one of amazement that such an attractive interior was to be found within an exterior of two-by-fours and tar paper. "What we have needed for a long time," was the comment of S/Sgt. T. M. Fahey of the 1082nd Sqd. "Better than the club at Chanute Field, Ill.," was the opinion of Sgt. Floyd Craft, 55th Sqd.

All facilities of the club were in use during the opening, except the game room which is yet to be completed. The lounge-auditorium with its comfortable divans and chairs proved a popular place, especially Monday evening when a string quartet composed of Winfield young ladies presented a musical program.

### Etiquette Note:

Did you know that a salute may be rendered to any civilian, in lieu of the civilian form of greeting? Remember, when meeting a lady on the street, it is preferable to salute instead of removing your hat or cap. If the lady pauses to converse with you, remain covered and at the end of the conversation, salute if salute was used in greeting.

Members of the quartet were, Miss Dorothy Merriam, first violin; Miss Patti Reiter, second violin; Miss Wanda Stiner, viola; Miss Lois Wind, cello.

A number of enlisted men enjoyed the writing room with its large tables, comfortable chairs and free stationery. A mail box is located in the room and letters deposited will be picked up by the station post office each day.

The snack-bar was a busy place during the opening and has continued so since that time. The selling of sandwiches, bottled drinks, malts, milk shakes and coffee hit the spot with GI's. Members of the Special Service Department were kept busy filling the orders.

An attractive bouquet of flowers adorned the lounge-auditorium, an expression of best wishes for the club's success from the 322nd service squadron.

"Is that attractive young lady the club hostess?" was a question asked by visitors during the opening. When informed that the ayl. was Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, hostess of the club, there came the same reply from each guest, "Gosh, this is wonderful."

The club will be open each day and evening of the week from 1400 until 2230. All facilities of the club are available to enlisted men during that time.

## Privates, Pfc's and Corporals on KP Duty

Are you tired of your army job? Do you feel at times that you want to do something different? Are there days you would give almost anything to miss doing your daily routine? Well, the chance for such diversion is now being given the choice few enlisted men who are corporals, privates first class or privates—it's KP duty!

Previous to this week SAAF had a staff of permanent KP's, adequate to handle the mess hall work, but with a number of these men desiring other types of army duty, still others being shipped out, or on sick-call there were not enough replacements to handle the job.

Seventeen enlisted men who desired to remain in this work along with the cooks and bakers have been formed into a mess detachment of the 448th Hdqts. & AB Squadron. This number of KPs is considered inadequate, according to Lt. W. C. Doody, Mess Officer, therefore, it has been necessary to resort to the policy of enlisted men doing KP duty on the field.

Squadrons are to furnish enough men each day to assist the regular KP workers in the necessary work along this line. All privates, privates first class and corporals will eventually do their share of this work, approximately once every twenty days. At least it is variety from the old routine.

## 1082nd Dance Held in Service Club

The first organizational party to take place in the enlisted men's service club was a dance held Tuesday night by "B" shift members of the 1082nd squadron, their wives and GSO girls from Winfield and Arkansas City.

Approximately 300 persons attended the affair and danced to music furnished by the post orchestra under the direction of T/Sgt. Alton B. Calhoun.

Sandwiches and drinks were served the guests in the snack-bar of the club.



Shown in an informal gathering in the lounge of the new service club which was officially opened last Monday night are, left to right, T/Sgt. Arlington Krajnik getting a light from Pvt. Alden D. Craig, asst. manager of the club. Sgt. Howard Day looks on while Cpl. Charles M. Glover and Sgt. Quenton A. Blackwell read. Cpl. Edward J. Stewart gets a laugh from Sgt. Edward W. Pease with a remark about Michigan, no doubt. Sgt. Max Huetter, Jr., enjoys a magazine and one of the club's easy chairs. This group of men are in the 448th Base Hdqts. and Air Base Sqdn.

(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

## Field Will Participate in War Fund Drive

The Strother Field drive for contributions to the National War Fund will start Monday of next week and continue through Saturday, according to an announcement made today by Col. J. F. Carroll, commanding officer of the field.

Lt. J. K. Grigsby, post claims officer, is in charge of the drive and said today that each and every officer and civilian on the field will be asked to contribute an amount equal to one day's pay. Enlisted men will not be asked to contribute to the fund but any who desire to do so will find their cooperation greatly appreciated.

## Changes Made on New GI Dog Tags

Addresses of "next of kin" are no longer being stamped into GI "dog tags," which in the future will carry only the soldier's name, serial number, blood type, religious preference and date of completion of tetanus toxoid vaccine series.

Under the provisions of paragraph 62, AR 600-35 the address of person to be notified in case of emergency will not be shown on new identification tags. This does not apply to completed tags now in possession of military personnel, but in cases where necessary information is not complete and new tags are to be issued.



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MRS. DOROTHY BERNHEISEL

Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, hostess of the Strother Army Air Field service club for enlisted men. Mrs. Bernheisel's home is in Carthage, Mo., and she formerly was a teacher in the Winfield schools.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.

MAJOR J. W. BOXLEY, Special Service Officer

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## Speaking of Womanpower

The other day we overheard a soldier telling his girl friend—"Don't you join the WACs or WAVES; that's a lot of hooley. And besides, it would do you a lot of harm."

At a time when the shortage of manpower in the Services is in the critical stage, remarks like these, insipid and uninformed, can do grievous harm. Today, the Armed Services are conducting extensive campaigns to encourage women to join ranks with men and enlist in the many branches where women can serve. It is imperative that the Army and Navy have an adequate number of trained personnel with which to replace the men now being transferred overseas. The vital import of this call cannot be overstressed.

And as for the question of women's demoralization by the adoption of a uniform we all should know as England and Canada have proved, that women's characters are not altered by a change of clothing. Idle gossip has tried continually to discolor this progressive movement.

Remember this: if you have an opportunity to counsel some young woman considering serving her country as you are doing, report the facts correctly. Women *are* needed very much; and they're not going to hell when they pull on khakis or blues.

## 'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 16 October  
MY KINGDOM FOR A COOK  
Charles Coburn—Isabel Elsom  
Marguerite Chapman  
Terrytoon—Featurette

Sunday and Monday, 17-18 October  
A LADY TAKES A CHANCE  
Jean Arthur—John Wayne  
Charles Winninger  
News of the Day—The Age of Flight

Tuesday, 19 October  
ADVENTURES OF A ROOKIE  
Wally Brown—Alan Carney  
Margaret Landry  
World of Sports—Musical Parade  
Terrytoon

Wednesday and Thursday, 20-21 October  
THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS  
All Star Cast  
News of the Day

Friday, 22 October  
HOLY MATRIMONY  
Gracie Fields—Monty Wooley  
Merrie Melodies—Paramount Headliner

## Brotherhood of Battle

There is a brotherhood of battle that only men who have faced the enemy together can know. In the Army Air Forces we speak of a mission to Rabaul . . . a mission to Lorient . . . a mission to Capriari. Our combat teams walk casually to their bombers or fighters. Airborne as squadrons, they cross the harbor; they vanish behind the hill; they disappear into the horizon.

They have gone to fight the Hun and the Jap. The janitor's son, the plumber's nephew, the lawyer's kid brother—farmer boy, city boy, American boys together—plunge like dauntless voyagers over the rim of this earth. They enter a world halfway between life and death. Its wind is fire. Its rain is steel. Its sound is thunder. Its colors are gray flesh and purple blood. It is the world of the soldier at work—and even soldiers falter when they speak of it.

For this man-made Hell is a searing, purgatorial test of will and heart and brain. There is fever in the eyes and a blizzard in the bones. Privates, sergeants, captains, colonels must answer the same question: "How shall my comrades think of me when this is finished?" The petty irritations of rank and discipline do not matter now. Was my officer too harsh with me? Did my men seem slow to learn? Now the iron storm is raging. My officer leads me well! My men have learned their hard-taught lessons. Forward now together! Bomb the city . . . strafe the trench . . . blast the enemy from the sky. Mission completed.

And then the magic silence after combat, when men look at one another with red-rimmed eyes and grimy smiles—and know they have become a little band of brothers in the stern fraternity of war. Out of the horror and the hate they come. Back to the home field they fly. Yes, there is a brotherhood of battle—and a love that only they can ever understand. It shall go with them down the years and each group will have its own immortal password . . . Wake . . . Midway . . . Guadalcanal . . . Tunis . . . Lorient . . . Rome . . . Berlin . . . Tokio . . .

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

## "Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

It is sort of useless to try and grow grass around the barracks when cigarette butts seem to sprout faster than the blades of grass. I don't mean that they are never picked up and placed in the trash can at least once a day—if this was not done there would be a blanket of white within a short time over the field.

One of the first things I was taught when in the replacement center following my enlistment in the army was to split the paper around the finished cigarette, scatter the tobacco to the four winds, and then roll the paper into a small ball.

I see many SAAF enlisted men doing this every day but there is also a great number who continue the civilian habit of flicking cigarette butts into the air, letting them land where they may. These men evidently do not care about the appearance of our field but those of us who do care would appreciate the others remembering their "recruit" training in disposing of cigarette butts.

A SNIPE.

## Have You Read . . .

Time of Peace by Ben Ames Williams  
For My People by Mildred Walker  
Singapore is Silent by George Weller  
Born in Paradise by Armine von Tempski  
They're in your Post Library!

## Post Chapel Services

Catholic Confession - - Sunday 7 a.m.  
Catholic Mass - - Sunday 8 a.m.  
Protestant Negro Service - Sunday 9 a.m.  
Protestant General Service - Sunday 10 a.m.  
Jewish Sabbath Service - Friday 8:00 p.m.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER  
CO-WORKERS WITH GOD

The day is long and the day is hard,  
We are tired of the march and of keeping guard;  
Tired of the sense of a fight to be won,  
Of days to live through, and of work to be done;  
Tired of ourselves and of being alone—  
Yet all the while, did we only see,  
We walk in the Lord's own company.  
We fight, but 'tis He who nerves our arms,  
He turns the arrows that else might harm,  
And out of the storm He brings a calm,  
And the work we count so hard to do,  
He makes it easy, for He works, too,  
And the days that seem long to live are His,  
A bit of His bright eternities; and close to our need His helping is.

—Susan Coolidge, in Religious Herald.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.—JOHN 15:13.

## Liftings

Once upon a time there was a little girl who wouldn't smoke, drink, neck or stay out late with soldiers. Yeah, once upon a time.

Little Miss Muffet  
Sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey.  
Along came a wolf  
Hot on the hoof  
And said:  
"Ain't I seen you before Babe?"

A GI came into the football game in the last few seconds of play. The scoreboard was lacking so he asked the pert young miss next to him "Hi there; who's game?" "I am," was the reply.

Rookie on maneuvers: "Say Sarg, is there any other cure for snake bite besides whiskey?" "Who cares?" blasted the Sarg.

GI Joe was out on a party. His wife had retired and had almost succeeded in going to sleep when she heard the front door open. She waited a moment and then heard someone stumble into the parlor below. As she reached the head of the stairs she heard a crash.  
"Joe! Are you going to break up the furniture again tonight?"  
"No honey," Joe shouted, "but I'll be darned if I'm going to let those cursed goldfish of yours bark at me again!"

## Thought For Today

### OBSERVATION

If I don't drive around and park,  
I'm pretty sure to make my mark.  
If I'm in bed each night by ten,  
I may get back my looks again.  
If I abstain from fun and such,  
I'll probably amount to much;  
But I shall stay the way I am,  
Because I do not give a damn.  
—Dorothy Parker.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff



## BEHIND OUR PILOTS The Flight Surgeon

Esprit de corps. Take these three words, break them down, study them, and you have the backbone of the Flight Surgeon. These three words mean a lot to the best fighting men in the world—The Army Air Force. Esprit de corps or "The Spirit of the Body," makes good pilots into a great fighting force. But it can also go to extremes and endanger not only the one particular cadet or flying officer, as in the case of flying personnel at Strother Field, but the efficiency of a group. Otherwise, when the individual attempts to keep on going after becoming inefficient he may fail in his own instance and cause his squadron to do likewise.

The Flight Surgeon department at Strother Field is comprised of the following personnel: Major John W. Erickson, Senior Flight Surgeon; Captain Jack Hartman, Flight Surgeon; Sgt. Robert B. Gangwere, Non-Com in charge and Flight Surgeon Assistant; Cpl. Dinos Dickos, Flight Surgeon Assistant, and two civilian workers, Miss Jo Zimmerman and Mrs. Phyllis Cooper, typists.

The one purpose of the Flight Surgeon is to protect the flying officers and cadets from disease and to see that they stay in flying condition. He has the power to ground or hospitalize them when he thinks their physical condition will endanger themselves and their groups.

Flying fatigue, one of the numerous obstacles that confront the Flight Surgeon is but a step in the fight for health of our flying personnel. This sensation creeps up as a curtain does on the opening night at the theater. Staleness piles up from a multitude of minor strains on nerves and muscles, strain of monotony from sitting in one position, listening by the hour to the radio. This piles up poison on the nerves until at last judgment becomes erratic, reactions slow, sleep poor, appetite jaded, and they wish they could get "away from it all." At such a time the student or officer has two choices: one, to keep on flying until an accident occurs or go to see the flight surgeon.

Being grounded for a couple of days is better than being "grounded" for life. Remember, the flight surgeon's purpose is not to ground flyers but to keep them in the air. He wants you fit to fly and whether or not you realize it he is your friend.

## He Dove Thru The Air at 840 M.P.H.

England — Diving so fast the paint curled on his elevators, 2nd Lt. Robert H. Knapp is believed to have achieved a speed of approximately 840 miles per hour in a dive during an air fight over Emden, Germany.

If true, Lieutenant Knapp has traveled faster than any human being. His P-47 Thunderbolt fighter showed no evidence of strain or structural damage with the exception of the paint peeling.

Skeptics doubted the possibility of the speed of "more than 780 miles an hour" credited to Col. Cass Hough some time ago. Flying his P-47 faster than the speed of sound, Colonel Cass' feat has been the subject of considerable controversy among aviation authorities.

Lieutenant Knapp has dived from 20,000 feet with Lt Robert E. Ealey to attack a Focke-Wulf 190.

When his plane achieved a speed so great that the paint "curled on his elevators" and his controls locked, the fast-flying pilot thought he was doomed, but at 5,000 feet the plane came out of its vertical dive and he was able to regain control.—From Army Times.

## Famous Orchestra Coming to Ark. City

Bohumir Kryl, conductor, and the Chicago Women's Symphony are to present a concert in Arkansas City on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9th, according to an announcement made this week by the Ark. City Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the musical attraction.

Mr. Kryl and members of the Chicago Women's Symphony are now on a coast-to-coast tour and their appearance in Arkansas City will bring to Kansas one of the outstanding musical organizations of the country.

Admission prices will be \$1.12 for officers and 56c for enlisted personnel.

Lt. Robert A. Gnospelius, Signal Officer of SAAF, was given a birthday cake last Friday by members of his office staff. The cake was covered with 108 candles. Perhaps the reason for so many candles is because it seems he has lived so long as a result of being in his particular service work!



Q. Another guy and I are having a rather heated argument over the meaning of a star on the Defense Service Ribbon. Can you settle this for us?

A. The American Defense Service Medal is awarded to persons who entered upon a period of active Federal Service of 12 months or longer, who served for any part of that time between Sept. 8, 1939, and Dec. 7, 1941, and whose service was honorable. The ribbon is yellow with a red, white, and blue stripe 1/8 inch wide and 1/4 inch from each end. In the Navy a star appears upon the ribbon if the wearer had sea duty prior to Dec. 7, 1941, while in the Army a star is worn only when the wearer had been in service a full year prior to Pearl Harbor.

## First Xmas Gift Arrives at Postoffice

The thought by some GIs, particularly those men who activated the field, that being stationed at Strother Field should be considered "furrin" service has at long last been verified.

A package marked "Christmas present" and addressed to an enlisted man on the field arrived at the station post office this week, beating the deadline of sending gift packages to our men overseas, which is today!

Two months and ten days is a long time to wait before opening the package. Perhaps the receiver would be justified in taking a peek at the gift now with the idea in mind of exchanging it—could be a pair of skis!

### USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....	Win.....	Ping pong..	Games
Ark.....	GI movies		
Sat.....	Win.....	Dance..	Special attractions
Ark.....	Wiener roast		
Sun.....	Win.....	Styles..	Guess It..Sing
Ark.....	Bingo..	Call..	Cake 'n' coffee
Mon.....	Win.....	Open house..	GI talent
Ark.....	Square dance..	Food	
Tues.....	Win.....	Pumpkin pie party	
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please..	Eats	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dance..	Instructors
Ark.....	Party night..	GI movies	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Bridge..	Prizes
Ark.....	Ping pong..	Games..	Eats

## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

In a patriotic mood I went to a blood bank but they wouldn't give me any.

A fellow who hadn't kissed his wife in five years shot a fellow who did.

I'm fortunate in getting good laundry service — but they don't leave enough shirt on the cuff.

Know a girl who has too many mannerisms and not enough manners. She's had her way so much she writes her diary a week ahead of time.

He had a pound of liverwurst and wanted to marry a girl who had a pound of butter. He'd marry her for butter. . . She'd marry him for wurst.

## New USO Club Opens in Ponca City

Announcement has been received by the Prairie Flier of the opening on Saturday, Oct. 16th, of the Ponca City, Okla., USO. A reception is to be held from 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., followed by the dedication ceremony. There is to be a dance in the new entertainment center for servicemen from 9 p.m. until 12 p.m. Enlisted men of Strother Field are cordially invited to attend the opening by officials of the organization in Ponca City. The club is located at Grand avenue and Fourth street.

## Pvt. Fuddyduddy Makes Sowse of Self

Here I am pre-fighting this dam typewriter when I should be out wid my cookie. Dat's wat I get for flubbin' the dubb at the departmental inspection yesterday. So I kleans da machine and misses Poil from Ponca: foooey!

Where's dat rag? I put it in da drawer here somewhere. Oops! Wat's dis brown bottle? Smells like cleanin' fluid; (of a sort) I wonder should I taste it? Dere's no lable on it. I dood it! Ah, mellow chum, it braids my toes! I shall took another liddle swig. Oh well, still another won't hoit me. I wonders should I kill da bottle? After all it's just some old cleanin' flooey. (Are I kiddin'?) Ah, smooth, brother, smooth! That last drop alwaysh—erp—hits da spot.

And now to get back to da—shay! Where's da machine! I left it here right on ad—shay, what's it doing on da wall? And who's dat zombie poundin' out a feature story? I seed heem before! Heesh da Ed. Heesh drunk. Woooo! Da room it moves in coicles! I musta overheated my motor. My green camel just pulled up wid his B card for a sazarac with two cherries. I cut heese haid off and put eet in da drawer. Woosh! Six more gargoyles just carried off da small inkwell I wash drinking out of. I yam mad. I am getting down off of dish ceiling and going home. Wheresh my cane?

Becoming a warrant officer is expensive business, take the word of Joseph E. Barrett who was sworn in as WO (ig) last Saturday.

Upon leaving SAAF headquarters he was confronted by thirteen GIs who nicked him to the tune of thirteen bucks. "They had me all right. Saluting by the numbers made it impossible for me to get by with only a one dollar pay-off," commented WO Barrett.

Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

## It's All In The Way You Look At It



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# SPORTS



## PT Instructors Return to SAAF

Sgt. Herman W. Stiles and Cpl. Albert D. Vance, physical training instructors who have been attending the Non-Com PT school at Miami Beach Fla., returned this week to Strother Field. Both men are now busy instructing classes daily.

## Lt. Col. D. C. Polhamus Now in B-24 Training

For the second time within a month transition training on B-24 Liberator bombers has called one of Strother Field's key men into combat preparation. Lt. Col. Douglas C. Polhamus, Director of Training at SAAF, was last week relieved of his duties here and is now in transition training elsewhere in the U.S.

Lt. Col. Polhamus came to Strother Field one year ago this month when the field was activated and assumed the duties of Director of Training. He had been on DS attending Staff and Command School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., before returning to SAAF in September to resume his duties. In his absence Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance, Jr., served as Director of Training. Upon Lt. Col. Polhamus' return to Strother Field Lt. Col. Vance left here for transition training on B-24 bombers.

An opportunity to make some extra money awaits several enlisted men who are interested in setting pins in the most bowling alleys during their spare time. Men who are off duty between the hours of 1400 and 1800 are requested to contact Mr. Austin, manager of the alleys.

## Play Rugby Game for Nat. War Fund

Sport fans among the military personnel of Strother Field are to have the opportunity of seeing a game of rugby (English version of football to you) Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m. in Arkansas City.

Two teams composed of RAF cadets who are receiving their flight training at Ponca City, Okla., are scheduled to play a game for the National War Fund on that evening. The event could be called an "international affair" as the 35 players hail from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

The team members represent the upper and lower classes and form two teams known as the "Fighters" and "Bombers." The game is to be explained to the spectators over a public address system but even if you do not understand all the plays there is enough action promised to convert the most rabid football addict into a rugby fan before the evening is over.

The admittance charge is to be 50c and an advance sale of tickets is now going on at the Collinson-Kelley men's clothing store in Arkansas City.

## G.I. Color Movie Coming Next Week

A G.I. Movies special release titled "Report from the Aleutians" is to be shown at the post theater next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The film, showing the tremendous task accomplished in the Aleutians, is in full color, something new in the G.I. series of films brought here for showing to officers, cadets and enlisted men.



The snack-bar of the new service club is a popular spot with the enlisted men, as evident from the smiles of Pvt. Alden D. Craig, assistant club manager, Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, club hostess, T/Sgt. Arlington Krajnik, Cpl. Charles M. Glover and Sgt. Quenton A. Blackwell. In the background are shown Cpl. Edward J. Stewart, Sgt. Max Huetter, Jr., and Sgt. Edward W. Pease. (Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

## —BOWLING—

448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron

Bowling team standings, and individual handicaps.

1. Designations such as 9-55-127 represent nine (9) lines (games) bowled to date, 55 handicap, and 127 average.

### PARAGRAPH TROOPERS 10 Wins—2 Losses

Jackson	9-38-136
Biederman	9-44-142
Johnson	5-62-117
Shook	5-57-124
Busch	4-70-107
Cowling	8-45-140
Abbott	5-37-151

### "WOLF PACK" 7 Wins—5 Losses

Kuhn	6-37-151
Webb	9-57-124
Huhn	6-51-132
Reed	6-61-119
Dodds	9-43-143
Hammontree	3-62-118
Chatelain	6-26-165

### FINSIGS

6 Wins—6 Losses

Boyer	6-58-123
Kenney	9-63-116
Leeds	3-50-133
Burts	6-54-128
Woodard	6-57-124
Lelle	3-85-87
Mac	3-53-129
Davis	6-42-144

### POST OPERATIONS

5 Wins—7 Losses

R. Stewart	6-69-108
Spencer	9-55-127
Karber	9-37-151
Ofstad	6-40-147
Gay	9-67-111
Vanderburg	3-77-97
Thomas	3-64-115

### "TECH TERRORS"

5 Wins—7 Losses

Kreuter	9-29-162
Krajnik	9-62-118
Carach	9-56-125
Broskovak	9-61-119
E Stewart	3-35-153
Eichler	9-48-136

### ORDERLY AND SUPPLY ROOM

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## Free Chicken Dinners, Entertainment for GIs

Home-cooked chicken dinners and entertainment including horseback riding await 225 fortunate enlisted men of Strother Field. The citizens of Oxford, Kans., have issued an invitation to this number of GIs through their squadron commanders and are ready to show the boys a grand time.

In each day room there is posted a copy of the invitation and space for signatures of men desiring to attend the affair. Transportation will be provided to Oxford and the return trip to SAAF. Men signing to go will be picked up here at 10:30 Sunday morning and the return trip to the field will take place at 4 p.m. Those men who cannot remain away from the base for this length of time may return following the dinner. Transportation will also be provided for this group providing there is a sufficient number to justify use of a bus.

## Wichita USO Invites Enlisted Men to Dance

Men, call it a coincidence, or what you will, but a big U.S.O. dance and a mammoth Jalopy Parade are planned for Saturday, October 16 in Wichita. There will be plenty of excitement during the day and the U.S.O. plans super-fun that same night. Are you curious? Satisfy that curiosity by going to Wichita and seeing for yourself what it's all about.

The sponsors promise an abundance of de-licious food, de-lightful music, de-vastating entertainment and de-lovely young ladies for dance partners. Go to the Midian Shrine Temple at 115 North Topeka a northeasterly angle from the Bus Depot—almost next door to the U.S.O. Club. Dancing will begin at nine o'clock. There will be mixers so you can get acquainted. Don't miss this chance for a weekend of grand entertainment.

Met a gal in K.C. and asked her to have a drink. She talked so slow, by the time she said, "I don't drink" . . . she was drunk.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"I feel so much safer, sitting near a soldier!"

My idea of an ideal couple . . . he snores and she's deaf.



## Soldiers and The Civilian Law

Just what is the relation, the position of the soldier in regard to civilian law? This question has been popping up in the minds of millions of service men since they entered the Armed Forces to fight for Uncle Sam. Well, here's the low-down.

Primarily, every soldier is subject to military law, but when he is off the post, or away from his military station, he is subject to the state laws and local ordinances as is any other citizen. The legal jurisdiction over the soldier is handled concurrently by both military and civilian authorities, except in capital cases. Only in the case of military necessity are civilian codes set aside to make way for the Army or Navy.

An interesting point of law in regard to this concurrent jurisdiction is that altho the civilian authorities may try a man for both major and minor violations of the code, they usually turn them over to the military courts for trial. If you are convicted in a civilian court of doing something against the law, you can also be held accountable (according to Article of War No. 96) in a military court for violating a civil statute.

The moral of our story is, in any case: be good. Obey the law, both civilian and military and stay out of the guard house.

## GI Movies Offer Education and Humor

Series number eight, latest release of GI Movies, will be shown at the service club on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

The five features incorporated in the film include, "France Flies Again," in which is shown the rebirth of the Lafayette Escadrille. Generals Spaatz and Doolittle inaugurate the beginning of a new French air force flying for the U.S.A.

"Invaders in Grease Paint" features movie stars Carole Landis, Kay Francis, Mitzi Mayfair and Martha Raye, 3,000 miles from home on a tour of camps.

"Attu," in which is shown a convoy Attu bound after long months of preparation, and the landing and capture of Attu.

"Shark Hunting," features the world's greatest archer hunting the denizens of the deep with bow and arrow. There are unexpected thrills as a small boat capsizes and giant hammerhead shark is killed by an arrow just in the nick of time.

"Firepower," is the story behind the creation of our firepower. Army-Navy experts perfect the weapons of war, as shown in the picture.

## No More Special Projects Office

The Special Projects Office, formerly under the now-retired Major Marcellus P. Lee, is no more. It and its duties have been absorbed by the S-4 (supply) under Major Robert L. Wehr.

## Holiday Season Pass Setup Is Announced

In case you GI's are wondering about the furlough and pass situation over the coming holidays, you'd better give attention to a memo issued by headquarters.

As for Thanksgiving Day, the first holiday to come, you can only get a one-day pass, and the number of men receiving passes cannot exceed ten per cent of organizational strength.

The standing regulations for furloughs up to December 10 remain the same, but after the tenth the following orders are effective: first, all furloughs must not exceed 14 days; secondly, the men on furlough must not exceed ten per cent of organized strength; and last, that the furloughs do not require that men travel to or from the

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## Newest USO Camp Show Next Week

"Say When," a USO Camp Show musical and dancing review, is to be presented at the post theater next Wednesday night, and an evening of outstanding entertainment is promised the military personnel of Strother Field.

In the review will appear Harry Rose, comedian and emcee; Arlene Del'ave, vocalist; the Musical Johnstons, xylophone artists, and Emmett Oldfield and Co., comedy acrobats. All performers have appeared in leading theaters and night clubs over the country. Oldfield and Co., recently appeared with Bobby Crosby and his orchestra.

There will be two performances, the first at 6:30 p.m. and the second show at 8 p.m. Remember, both shows are free.

## 'This Is The Army' Premiere Nov. 2nd

The premiere showing in Arkansas City and Winfield of the motion picture "This Is the Army," will take place Tuesday, November 2nd, according to announcement made today by Lt. Frank M. Mathews, War Bond, Insurance and AER officer.

Proceeds of the first night of the showing will go to the Army Emergency Relief Fund and tickets to either the Regent theater in Winfield or the Howard theater in Arkansas City may be purchased at the Insurance office on the field. Admission price is \$1.10.

Irving Berlin, outstanding American composer, wrote the hit songs in the production and appears in the picture. Army talent and prominent movie stars are in the production.



The newly redecorated north wing of the thousand-man messhall is shown in the picture above, taken during the noon meal Saturday of last week. The interior is painted in light colors and the walls are decorated with branch insignia of the air corps. Large pictures of airplanes taken by the SAAF photo lab, also adorn the walls. Redecorating work is progressing in the south wing of the building at this time.

(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

## Five SAAF Officers Receive Promotions

Newest officer promotions announced this week advanced a captain to major, and changed gold bars to silver for four lieutenants.

Now wearing the coveted gold leaf insignia is Major Samuel S. Wolf, post quartermaster, who was promoted from the rank of captain on October 18th.

Three flight instructors were this week promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. They are Willard Graham, John B. Hammond and William L. Hansen.

2nd Lt. George D. Allen, assistant physical training officer, also was promoted this week to the rank of first lieutenant.

## October Review Scheduled Saturday

The October review and inspection of enlisted men is to be held tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Col. J. F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Army Air Field, will be the reviewing officer assisted by Major James R. Williams who will be the commander of troops, Capt. Kline D. Culbertson, executive officer and 2nd Lt. Michael J. Grogan, adjutant.

The 1088th Squadron and the Medical Detachment took top honors during last month's review, the two organizations drilling as a single unit.

Regulation OD uniforms will be worn by EM in the review.

## So Help Us, We'll Say No More

... About the SAAF swimming pool. Many times the PF has stuck its neck out saying—"it's almost finished!" and it never came true. We were always left holding the bag.

We're not going to tell you that the final cement coat is finished and that the flagstones are being laid around the edge of the pool. We are not going to inform you that a bath house remains to be built by the Engineering Office, and with the completion of these two tasks, the pool should be finished, ready for ice skating this winter.

No sir, we're not going to open our yaps till the job's done.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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MAJOR J. W. BOXLEY, Special Service Officer

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## Speaking of--Phases

The first difficult step of winning this war is about over. When we entered this struggle for survival in 1941 we had many problems confronting us. A large and tough army had to be raised, organized and trained. Sources of procurement and systems of distribution of war materiel had to be set up. The logistics of a global war had to be learned the hard way: by trial and error. And the nation had to be converted into the production center and arsenal for half of the world.

Now we have nearly ten million men under arms. We are trained and organized to wage a bitter war. We are ready to take that next step towards proving that the democracies are the most powerful nations on this earth, and that they will not bow before the beasts of Fascism. We are ready to carry the offensive.

The next step towards victory will be the most trying, the most bloody, for we will be fighting uphill all the way. All of us of the democracies must ask ourselves: are we going to be perseverant? Are we going to plug away at the job day after day, month after month, until this "hurlyburly's done"? Or are we going to become overconfident, smug, complacent, and foolishly think that the battle's won?

Be cautious, for the crafty enemies of free peoples play upon their weaknesses. Do not let the termites of indifference undermine your determination. And remember, you can lose a war anytime; Victory only comes at its successful completion.

## "Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

A couple of weeks ago the PF printed an editorial in criticism of the soldier's view towards civilians. I believe that as an average enlisted man, I may clarify the GI's opinion on this matter.

Do not get the mistaken notion that the soldier hates civilians. He does not, for he was one once himself. A GI, like any other good citizen, wants to see everyone do his share in the war effort. In this point, I believe, lies the crux of the whole matter.

A soldier has given up the ease of civilian life, its comforts and liberties, to don a uniform and fight. He gives his government the right to order what he shall eat, how he shall dress, and where he will sleep. He surrenders his well-loved money-making civilian life to defend the benefit of all.

In view of these sacrifices, don't you think a soldier should be even a little indignant over some people who remain civilians, who give up but few of their cherished freedoms, who make high wages in war work, and who never lend support—full support to bringing the war to a successful end? These lazy people who do not buy their share of Bonds, support the USO or adopt a uniform, or who do these things in a be-grudging and half-cocked manner are certainly worthy of criticism.

Indeed, what redress for such a grievance is there in a democracy except indignation and criticism?

A FORMER CIVILIAN.

## Beside Valiant Brothers

We of the Army Air Forces shall never forget that we fight beside valiant brothers. Here's to the Royal Air Force and the lads who flew the Spitfires through that awesome September of 1940. Hitler stood looking toward the white cliffs of Dover until they streamed with German blood—and he turned his haggard face away from world domination.

Here's to the Aussies, the Anzacs, the Canadians. They were rugged men in the days when the Luftwaffe raged boastfully toward Egypt and Suez. Outnumbered, outplanned but never outfought, they put the icy chill of defeat in Goering's fat heart. Then from the rubble of their homelands, the Pole, the Norwegian and the Dutchman rose up to smite the foe. They fought in borrowed aircraft; they fought from strange fields with sorrow and bitterness in their souls—but how they fought! The German choked in burning cockpits; the Jap plunged down with broken wings—and once more the tyrant learned that free men can be terrible in war.

Nor should the brave story end without a toast to the Russians and Chinese. Three words . . . Leningrad . . . Moscow . . . Stalingrad. . . Oh, men of Russia, our enemies will remember them. You sharpened the blizzard's stroke with Stormoviks and Yak Ones. A million Nazi corpses lie beneath the hammer and the sickle. And now the China Air Forces take wing. Chinese boy, we shall meet you in the sky above Tokio.

Our comrades, our allies are an inspiration to us and a challenge. So let us fight, that when the victory is won our comrades shall say: "These Americans kept faith with us and with Freedom's eternal soul."

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

## Liftings

An old maid was phoning downstairs to the hotel clerk. "Listen here young man, what kind of a hotel is this? There are chinks in the wall plaster!"

"Listen lady," said the clerk, "Waddya want for a buck a night—gigolos?"

Gob Guy: "What sports do yuh like best Tillie?"  
Tillie from Texas: "Those who are free with their money and know when to say good night and go home!"

An old maid was calling the Fire Department on the telephone. "You'd better hurry over here quick, there's a man here trying to get into my room!" shouted the hen nervously.

"You want the police lady, not the fire house."  
"The hell I do," she shouted back. "He's on the pavement and I live on the second floor; hurry over with that ladder!"

## 'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 23 October  
WATCH ON THE RHINE  
Bette Davis—Paul Lukas  
Geraldine Fitzgerald  
Merrie Melodies

Sunday and Monday, 24-25 October  
SAHARA  
Humphrey Bogart—Bruce Bennett  
J. Carroll Naish—Lloyd Bridges  
News of the Day—Community Sing

Tuesday, 26 October  
FIRED WIFE  
Robert Paige—Diana Barrymore  
Swing Symphony Cartoon—Jamboree  
Grantland Rice Sportlight

Wednesday, 27 October  
"SAY WHEN"—USO Camp Show  
Two Shows—6:30 and 8:00 p.m.  
It's Free!

Thursday, 28 October  
CORVETTE K-225  
Randolph Scott—Andy Devine  
Barry Fitzgerald  
News of the Day—March of Time

Friday, 29 October  
CLAUDIA  
Dorothy McGuire—Robert Young  
Ina Claire  
Color Cartoon—Screen Snapshot



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER  
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER COMES FROM  
BRANCH RICKY, BIG LEAGUER

So strong a believer am I against the use of alcoholic liquor that I have come to believe that the only safe way to be temperate about it is not to use it at all. I have known a lot of men who, so far as I know, have never been hurt by their use of strong drink. But I have never known a man who was helped by it. It certainly has no place in the life of any athlete, and that includes professional baseball players. Physical fitness and alcohol don't mix. I personally know of two pennants that were lost, as I view it, because one fellow on the club drank a bit, and then associated with someone with whom he would not have associated if he had not been drinking. This happened two different years in a major league.

Drinking is usually not as bad as what follows it. I don't like hypocrites and I don't like pretenders; I like people who are natural and who act natural. But this thing called "drink" removes what I call justifiable inhibitions so quickly in many men, or does something to them that causes them to think in unaccustomed directions and do things they would not do if they were not drinking.

The Eighteenth Amendment was thought to be a good idea when it was adopted by most temperance people, but I think it resulted most disastrously to the temperance cause. The job must start all over again. It may best be done, I think, by way of local option. I think I could not vote for national prohibition, but I would certainly support the process of local option, in units as large as, say, the county. And perhaps I could find good reason for enlarging the unit to the state if there were assurance that the elections would be held more or less frequently. I am much afraid that most temperance folks will not regard me as an orthodox believer in temperance. If so, I can only say that I believe the educational process, slow and more abiding, is better than the "law" process or the "force" process.

—Reprinted with author's approval.

## Have You Read . . .

New Yorker War Album  
Barrack 3 Room 12 by Marcel Haedrich  
Germany's Master Plan by Joseph Borkin and Charles A. Welsh  
The Commandos by Elliott Arnold  
They're in your Post Library!

## Post Chapel Services

Catholic Confession - - - Sunday 7 a.m.  
Catholic Mass - - - Sunday 8 a.m.  
Protestant Negro Service - Sunday 9 a.m.  
Protestant General Service - Sunday 10 a.m.  
Jewish Sabbath Service - Friday 8:00 p.m.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "TOMMY" and "SMOKEY" series

Dear Miss Lace—  
Since you are the only glammer girl most of us guys ever see, w'd appreciate it if you'd show up in real pin-up outfits—You know—like the movie stills.  
Dogface Dan



# BEHIND OUR PILOTS Personnel Office

"Modern writers of fiction try continually but in vain to glamorize modern war. There is nothing to it but mud, blood and a dull kind of office work." The men who will vouch for the last part of that statement taken from the archives of the London Daily News; the men who do a major share of the papwo (paper work) at SAAF are the fellows in personnel.

Heading S-1 at Strother Field is personable Major Truman C. Abbott, who is assisted by WOJGs Kenneth Wolf and Joseph E. Barrett. T/Sgt. Edwin L. Bass, Personnel Sgt. Major, is the enlisted man who supervises the work of the six sections in the office, and directly under him comes his assistant. Enlisted Section Chief S/Sgt. Julian J. Webb.

The service record section, which has charge of all entries, corrections and additions to the many hundreds of EM's personal records, is headed by T/Sgt. Jolly A. Adkins; and can boast of Cpls. Robert L. Newhouse, Paul L. Davis; and Pfc. Bernard L. Kelly and Richard M. Myatt; the four section workers.

The job of making up the payrolls, checking deductions and family allotments, goes to the EM's pay section, under S/Sgt. Ralph C. Kuhn, and his men; Cpls. Nathan W. Lassiter Jr. and Willard H. Shelton.

The morning report group, managed by S/Sgts. Fayette L. Thompson and Virgil L. Huhn, keeps tab on the summary morning report for the Post CO, and knows the duty status of every man on the field.

Those special orders, by which the CO makes known his commands, including everything from man shipments to promotions, come from the correspondence and special order sections; and headman S/Sgt. Starr L. Smith, together with Cpl. William O. Reed Jr. and Pvt. Fred H. Berson, are the men responsible.

File Clerk Cpl. Charles V. Jones, known to most of you as the locator, is the man who can tell you where you may reach any EM, officer, cadet or civilian employee on the field.

The last section in the S-1 office, the not least in importance, is the Officers' section, which keeps the officers' records, including their 201 files and pay vouchers up to date and in shape. Cpl. Oscar F. Cassibry Jr., is in charge of this department.

## Mil Cor Afts J's Eng

That head says just what it is supposed to: that Military Correspondence has Affected (GI) Joe's English. And if you don't believe us, get a load of the letter he wrote home to the gal he left behind.

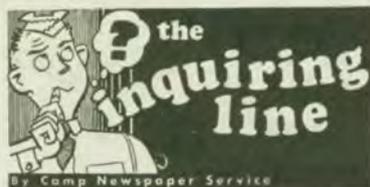
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PERS LET A77b2  
SUBJECT: Love Letr  
TO : Hny Chld Dsy Mae  
1. Dr Dsy;  
2. Hellow hny; am glad to hr frm you.  
3. Am busy with CO's corres evry dy. & hve litle time to wrt.  
4. Hope you are ok & hany.  
5. Do not go out wth othr guys. Wait fr me.  
6. I love you. I drm of you.  
7. Say helo to famly fr me.  
GI JOE BLOOP  
Pvt. AC 36776606

## WAC Recruiting for SAAF Personnel

Captain Robert E. Lynch Jr., public relations officer, 2nd. Lt. Lavina C. Garrity, assistant unit personnel officer. S/Sgt. Arthur H. Fink, public relations dept., and Cpl. Oscar F. Cassibry Jr., officers section personnel, left Strother Field last Sunday for 60 days detached service during which time they will assist in the recruiting program for the Women's Army Corps. The group expects to be sent to Alpena and Oscoda, Mich., from Patterson Field, Ohio, where they arrived last Monday morning.

From Oct. 20th until Dec. 7th, eligible Wac applicants may enlist directly into the Air Corps, selecting the particular work they are interested in such as, clerical, Link trainer, radio, etc. Names of applicants in this vicinity may be submitted to the PRO office. As the SAAF recruiting team is on DS the drive in this vicinity will be delayed a short time.

USO ACTIVITIES	
Fri.....	Win.....Ping pong Ark.....Do as you please..Eats
Sat.....	Win.....Dance..Square Ark.....Dancing..Refreshments
Sun.....	Win.....Hay rack ride..Program Ark.....Bingo..Quiz..Cake-coffee
Mon.....	Win.....Pop it..Party Ark.....Dancing..Food
Tues.....	Win.....Bingo..Prizes Ark.....Bridge..Eats
Wed.....	Win.....Dance..Special instructors Ark.....Snack bar party..Dance
Thurs.....	Win.....Bridge..Prize Ark.....Ping pong..Refreshments
Refreshments every evening (Winfield)	



Q. If a soldier is taken ill on furlough, what does he do?

A. First he hotfoots it to the nearest Army hospital where he is treated. His furlough ceases automatically once he is hospitalized but he may resume it when he's discharged from the hospital. If there is no Army hospital in his home town area the soldier is urged to light out for the nearest civilian hospital where the bill will be paid by a special fund maintained by the Surgeon General.

## Mahoney Sells Self Brooklyn Bridge

Only a few weeks ago, gregarious Cpl. Robert E. Mahoney, who hails from Detroit, Michigan, was working happily in the Recorder's Office of the Cadet Examining Board selling pre-induction civvies the idea of enlisting in the flying training program of the Army Air Forces. All of a sudden one day in the midst of conveying the AAF's cadet information, something must have snapped in Mahoney's mind.

Mahoney is no longer with the SAAF. He is away preparing to fly himself as a gadget with the greater winged forces of the United States. It seems he fell prey to his own line. Forgive the Ed if he cornily paraphrases the saying: give a man enough bait and he'll bite himself.

## GIs Had Great Time at Oxford, Kansas

Approximately one hundred enlisted men from Strother Field were guests of Oxford, Kans., citizens last Sunday for home-cooked chicken dinners and entertainment including horseback riding and visiting several oil field leases. Many of the enlisted men enjoyed their visit so much that they remained for the evening meal.

It is understood that the original invitation was for nearly 250 EM. Working schedules no doubt kept many soldiers from accepting the invitation. There is no question but that these men would certainly like to be invited again, and soon.

## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Before they were married—he talked and she listened. The first year she talked and he listened. Five years later—they talked and the neighbors listened.

Cpl. Hines wore his glasses to bed so he could get a better look at the girl of his dreams.

I met a gal the other night that has the kind of eyes that look right through you—and see the wife and kids.

Sgt. Francis Martin still is growing . . . in the middle.

I've never been able to convince my wife that a pretty steno was as efficient as an ugly one.

Those who live in glass houses should pull down the shades.

## Campaign in Full Swing

The National War Fund drive at Strother Field has been in full swing this week with all officers and civilian personnel being asked to contribute an amount equal to one day's pay. The drive will end Saturday, according to Lt. J. K. Grigsby, post claims officer, who is in charge of the campaign.

## 322nd Squadron Party Held in Club

The 322nd Service Squadron held an organizational party in the service club Thursday evening of last week and the affair was judged a success by squadron officers, enlisted men and their wives and girl-friends.

Dancing to juke box music was the main entertainment, but the feature of the evening was a presentation in which Good Conduct ribbons were awarded to seven enlisted men who have completed one year's army service with rating of excellent. 1st Lt. William J. Logan, commanding officer of the squadron, presented the awards to the following men: Cpl. Mose Crittle, Cpl. Tony St. Amant, Pfc. Robert Diggs, Pfc. John Harrison, Pfc. Thomas Smith, Pfc. John Thibodiaux, Pfc. Roy Jack.

## Holiday Passes

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station during the period of the 24th and 25th of December.

As for passes after December 10, both for Christmas and New Year's Day, the following are effective: one, that men on pass must not exceed ten per cent of organized strength, in addition to men on furlough, for either holiday; two, that passes commence not later than the day before the holiday; and third, that the men on pass return to their station not later than the day after the holiday.

Three day passes granted otherwise than those already mentioned during this special period, also must not exceed ten per cent of organized strength, in addition to those on furlough. Week-end passes will not be consolidated with those authorized for Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years.

That's the dope, men, as issued in HQ Memo 132; so if you are considering passing out during the holidays, you'd better lay your plans in advance. And finally, for the last word on the subject, we say (as does everybody else) see your top-kick.

of "Terry and the Pirates"

## There's A War On, Don't Be A 'No Show'



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# SPORTS

## —BOWLING—

448th BASE HEADQUARTERS & AIR BASE SQUADRON  
Designations such as 9-55-127 represent nine (9) games bowled to date, 55 handicap and 127 average.

### PARAGRAPH TROOPERS

13 Won—3 Lost

Jackson	12-51-132
Biederman	12-41-146
Johnson	8-60-120
Shook	5-57-124
Busch	4-70-107
Cowling	11-39-148
Abbott	8-44-142

### "WOLF PACK"

10 Won—6 Lost

Kuhn	9-38-149
Webb	12-55-125
Huhn	6-51-132
Reed	9-59-122
Dodds	12-44-142
Hammontree	3-62-118
Chatelain	9-32-157

### FINSIGS

7 Won—9 Lost

Boyer	8-62-118
Kenney	12-61-119
Leeds	3-50-133
Burts	9-48-136
Woodard	6-57-124
Lelle	3-85- 87
Mac	3-53-129
Davis	8-44-141

### POST OPERATIONS

(Dive Bombers)  
6 Won—10 Lost

Stewart R.	9-67-111
Spencer	12-56-125
Karber	12-41-145
Ofstad	9-44-141
Gay	12-68-110
Vanderburg	3-77- 93
Thomas	3-64-115

### "TECH TERRORS"

8 Won—8 Lost

Kreuter	12-31-159
Krajnik	12-59-122
Carach	9-56-125
Broskovak	9-61-119
Stewart E.	6-23-170
Eichler	12-47-138

### STANDINGS OF ADM. OFFICERS LEAGUE

Team	Captain	W	L	Pct.
No. 5	Capt. Williams	8	1	.88
No. 6	Lt. Jackson	6	3	.66
No. 4	Maj. McDonald	5	4	.55
No. 1	Maj. Erickson	4	5	.44
No. 2	Maj. Abbott	2	7	.22
No. 2	Lt. Holbein	2	7	.22

### STANDINGS OF FLYING OFFICERS LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hurricanes	11	1	.916
Bostons	6	6	.500
Corsairs	6	6	.500
Avengers	5	7	.416
Cubs	4	8	.333
Devastators	4	8	.333

High game (Ind) Peters 220.  
High 3 games (Ind) Ryan 552.  
High game (Team) Cubs and Devastators 806.  
High 3 games (Team) Devastators 2248.

Cadets of class 44A are this week taking the physical fitness tests under the direction of Lt. G. D. Allen, assistant physical training officer of SAAF. Scoring results will appear in next week's issue of the Prairie Flier.

### Lt. Col. Vance Visits

Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance Jr., formerly stationed at Strother Field, was a visitor here this week while enroute to his new station following his taking B-24 transition training at Ft. Worth, Tex.

### ORDERLY AND SUPPLY RM.

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Shown above are members of the Technical branch of the Air Inspector's Office at Strother Field. From left to right are: CWO Vernie J. Pierce, assistant to the Technical Inspector AAF, T/Sgt. Arlington C. Krajnik, T/Sgt. Edward J. Kreuter, S/Sgt. Joseph A. Carach, Sgt. Edward W. Pease, S/Sgt. John H. Brumfield and Capt. John H. Hueners, Technical Inspector AAF. The enlisted men in the picture comprised the day shift when photo was taken. There are eight other EM members of the organization. (Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

### Post Hospital Has Recreational Program

Military convalescents in the station hospital have no need to worry about losing contact with world events, discontinuance of education in various studies, receiving physical training, or the lowering of morale while away from their specialized jobs, thanks to the untiring efforts of 2nd Lt. William Aston, recreational and convalescence officer.

"Primary purpose of the hospital recreational program is to return men to full duty in the best physical and mental condition possible. We are striving to build high morale among patients as prolonged hospitalization tends to lower their morale," Lt. Aston said today.

There is now a well-stocked library made possible through the cooperation of the station library. A physical training instructor has been detailed by the PT department to give exercises to certain types of patients. A series of lectures by officers and enlisted men on the field are now being given, along with the showing of motion pictures. These pertain to the function of the various departments and include the study of radio maintenance, parachute maintenance, military intelligence, ordnance (care of armament), code, military sanitation, etc.

Through this program the military personnel is kept "on the ball," so to speak, while confined to the hospital. When released to return to duty the men are ready once again to do their job and do it well through high morale made possible by this vital program.

### 1082nd 'A' Group Party Held in Club

Not to be outdone by the "B" group of the 1082nd squadron which held an organizational party in the service club last week, members of the "A" group turned out Tuesday evening of this week with their wives and GSO girls from Winfield and Arkansas City for a party all their own in the club. Dance music was furnished by the post orchestra under direction of T/Sgt. Alton B. Calhoun.

Sandwiches and drinks were served the guests in the snack bar of the service club.

### GI Movies Shown in Service Club

GI movies will be shown in the future in the enlisted men's service club instead of the post theater, as has been the policy in the past.

As the club is not open until 2 p.m. each day and the theater is used for lectures to military personnel during each week, the decision to change the location for showing the GI movies was made this week. The films will be shown during the mornings and early afternoons so as not to interfere with regular club activities.

### Appeared on War Bond Program

Pfc. Ashton J. Williams, tenor and concert pianist, appeared on the National War Fund drive program held in the USO at Winfield last Monday evening, singing three selections.

Williams, a member of the 322nd squadron and who is an assistant to Capt. Donald E. Wineinger, post chaplain, presented a program to the students of Ponca City, Okla., schools on Sept. 30th, during which he sang over twenty songs including spiritual and operatic selections. He is scheduled to present a concert to students of Wichita schools in the near future.

### Air Medal Awarded Brig. Gen. Strother

Brig. Gen. D. C. Strother, Commanding officer of the 13th. Fighter Force, and a brother of the late Capt. Donald Strother for whom this base was named, recently was awarded the Air Medal by Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon. The presentation took place somewhere in the Pacific theater of war according to Dr. J. O. Strother of Winfield, father of Gen. Strother.

### The Wolf by Sansone



"He has a wonderful touch, hasn't he?"



## General Electric's 'House of Magic' Scheduled for Theater Tomorrow

The human voice, light, the approach of a body, or humidity can control electric current as well as the familiar switch, and demonstrations of these less usual methods of control provide some of the most startling effects in the General Electric "House of Magic" which will be presented at the post theater Saturday, Oct. 30th. There will be two performances, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The control of electric current by sound is demonstrated with a miniature electric train. Apparently endowed with the ability to understand a spoken command, a small locomotive obeys orders to "Stop," "Go ahead," and "Back up." But this unusual method of dispatching a train is less complicated than it seems at first. It is explained that the number of sounds and their timing when spoken into a microphone provide the electrical impulses which control the actions of the train.

Capacity control, or the control of current by the approach of a body, is another method which creates seemingly mysterious effects. A "kidnap detector" is used to demonstrate this method. Whenever a body approaches the "baby," a bell rings and so it is impossible to steal the baby without setting off an alarm.

Humidity control is demonstrated with a light which can be turned on by blowing a moist breath or turned off by blowing a dry breath, making it possible to "blow out" an electric lamp just as a candle flame is blown out.

With the aid of the electric eye.  
(Continued on page 3, col. 4)

## New Block House at Hackney Gate

That tiny pew which used to house the guards stationed at the east or Hackney gate is now gone, and in its place stands a new enlarged block-house.

Of course the architectural design isn't what you'd call the French-chateau type, and it hasn't got hot and cold running chambermaids, but it is a vast improvement over the small cell-like cubby that had a capacity of one and one-half men.

The new shack is about eight feet wide by ten feet long, and is about ten feet high. A tiny front porch faces south and windows east, west and north makes it possible for the occupant to keep a weather eye out for trespassers.

## Major Dickey Leaves; New C of C is Named

Major Foster R. Dickey, Strother Army Air Field Commandant of Cadets, this week received orders to report for duty assignment at Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Named as his successor is Major Kline D. Culbertson, formerly commanding officer of the First Basic Flying Training Squadron, who last Sunday was promoted to his new rank from that of captain.

Also ordered to report at Goldsboro were 1st Lt. James V. Thunnell, Radio Maintenance Officer, 2nd Lt. Patrick J. O'Sullivan, assistant Radio Maintenance Officer,

## Halloween Party Held in Service Club

The enlisted men's Halloween party held in the service club Tuesday evening was a great success, according to comments of those who attended the affair.

A crowd of 200 enlisted men, their wives and 75 GSO girls from Arkansas City, Winfield and Wellington, were on hand for the gala party. The club was decorated with black and yellow streamers and the SAAF dance orchestra played amid stage decorations of corn stalks, pumpkins, and goblins. There was truly the spirit of Halloween.

As an added attraction, a floor show was presented for the entertainment of the guests. Sgt. Jack Blackman of the 55th squadron was master of ceremonies and Miss Juanita Wilt, tap-dancer of Winfield, gave several numbers accompanied by Miss Lora Jean Ogelsby on the piano. Also on the program was Pfc. Sylvester Bland of the 322nd squadron, who played two boogie-woogie piano selections, to the delight of the crowd.

Members of the 322nd squadron held a Halloween party in the service club last night.

## Contribute \$2,480.99 to Nat. War Fund

Officers and civilian personnel of Strother Field contributed \$2,480.99 to the National War Fund drive held on the base last week, according to figures released by Lt. J. K. Grigsby, Post Claims Officer, who is in charge of the campaign.

Officers contributed \$1,342.30 and civilian workers contributed \$1,138.69 of which \$664.01 came from post headquarters workers and \$474.68 from Sub-Depot employees. At this time the drive has not been completed among Sub-Depot workers and the campaign has been extended until Nov. 8th.

Lt. Grigsby said today that of all officers and civilians contacted, the contributions were equal to the requested sum of one day's pay, except in a few instances.

## Officers Appointed to New Duties

Majors James R. Williams, Henry W. Markland and Dale E. Dunn have been appointed to new duties at Strother Field according to special orders released by headquarters last week-end.

Major Williams is now Operations and Training Officer. Major Markland is the Station Air Inspector, and Major Dunn is the new Director of Flying.

## Swim Pool Filled; Three Take Dip

Excitement was at a high pitch Wednesday afternoon as a crowd of officers and enlisted men rushed toward the swimming pool. The figures of three men had been seen diving into the sand-bottom and concrete walled project.

In many issues of the Prairie Flier announcement of the pool's completion has appeared. Our constant fear has been that some fond reader might take a running jump into the pool, only to land in a pile of sand. When we found out what the commotion was about Wednesday we knew the worst had happened. Getting up courage we dashed over to the pool and believe it or not, clear blue water filled it from the 5 foot low level to the deep end which is 10 feet.

First to take a dip in the pool were Capt. Clifford A. Cook, student officer; Sgt. W. B. Miller of the S-4 office and A/C J. A. Gregory of class 44-A.

The swim was of an inspection nature, Gregory and Miller having assisted in construction of the pool, the former from the engineering angle while the latter was connected with the Special Project department.

Oh yes, the water temperature was 56 degrees during the initial swim, brrrrr!

## 'This Is The Army' Showing Next Tuesday

"This Is the Army," the famous picture of soldier life, is to be shown in Arkansas City and Winfield next Tuesday evening. Proceeds of the premiere will go to the Army Emergency Relief Fund and tickets to either the Howard theater in Ark. City or the Regent in Winfield may be purchased in advance through the Field Insurance Office. Admission price is \$1.10.

## USOs Planning Special Parties

The USO centers in Arkansas City and Winfield are making gala plans to entertain the enlisted men of Strother Army Air Field Saturday evening, Oct. 30th. Dances are scheduled for both places and the post orchestra will play for the Ark. City USO dance. It is also planned to have orchestra music for the event in Winfield.

There will be masks for enlisted men and the GSO girls will be dressed in appropriate costumes and also wear masks. Floor shows with excellent talent are to be presented during both parties.

Plans call for various Halloween stunts such as apple bobbing, etc., and all in all, the enlisted men of this field are assured of having a wonderful time, whichever USO they attend.

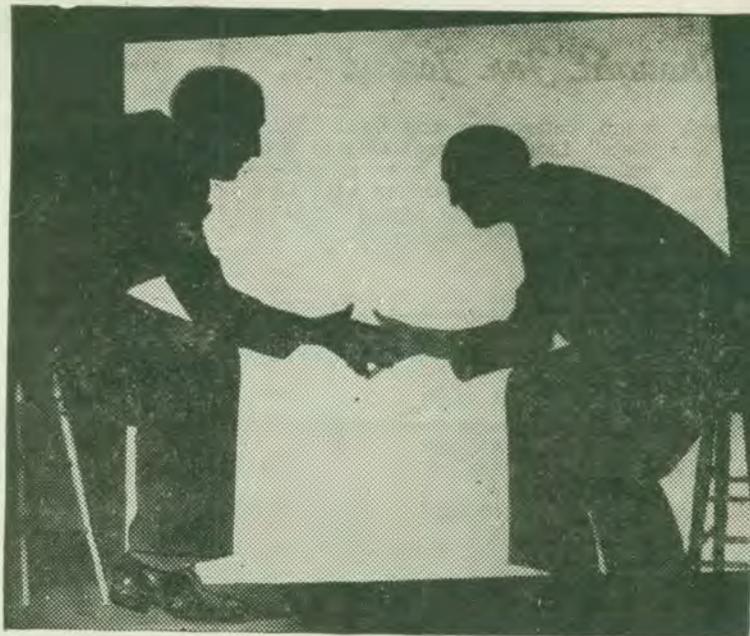
## Dental Corps Makes Regular Survey

The regular dental survey of Strother's military personnel, taken by the staff of our spiffy and up-to-date clinic, is almost completed.

"The general purpose of the survey," stated Captain W. G. Whiteneck, SAAF's Dental Surgeon, "is to determine the condition of the soldier's teeth, or the existence of any mouth infections, and so arrange for treatment of the men who need it."

Captain Whiteneck also mentioned that the survey is conducted as often as scheduled work permits, and that during the past period, the turnover of patients has been large.

Also the Dental clinic staff has not been able to consolidate all of its survey material, a preliminary observation revealed that both the dental and oral health of SAAF's boys are very good.



C. Edward Gluesing shakes hands with his own shadow in the General Electric "House of Magic" science show which will be presented on the stage of the post theater tomorrow night. A phosphorescent screen enables Mr. Gluesing to walk off the stage and leave his shadow behind; fold his shadow up in a box; or to do any of the many things you may have wished you could do with your shadow.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

## We Will Remember

Great is the B-17, the mighty fortress, they said . . . and that is true. No more powerful plane has ever flown the skies. But fortresses, on the ground, on the sea, or in the air, are but sticks and stones and cold iron. Human courage must spring to flame in them . . . and when it does, they are a staunch bulwark to use and a terror to our enemies.

Men have fought in Flying Fortresses above Bataan, across the Coral Sea, in the skies of China and of Java, in the ruddy Burmese dawn and in the twilight of the Solomons. Their wings have dared the Atlantic gale and the sandstorm of the North African desert and the German hell that is Europe. Most of these splendid ships . . . manned with unflinching flesh and fighting hearts and reverent souls afire with the will to be free . . . have dealt the enemy a dreadful punishment and returned to fight again.

But some did not return. There are absent comrades . . . there are funeral pyres . . . there are unmarked graves. But they are not forgotten. Chinese girl . . . Greek baby . . . Polish woman . . . Norwegian boy . . . Belgian grandmother . . . shall YOU forget them?

Oh, young and fallen, who dropped the bright coin of your lives into these thin, shackled and beseeching hands . . . you will be remembered. Slaves set free shall call your names in thankfulness . . . and we, your living brothers, will not forget. Over Tokio . . . over Berlin . . . as we reach for gun trigger and bomb release . . . we will remember.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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## Speaking of--Last Thoughts

A Flying Fortress with fourteen highly-trained officers and enlisted men crashed into the Arkansas river east of Ponca City, Okla., last Friday, bringing to this vicinity its first air tragedy of major proportion.

The plane was on a routine training flight between Galveston, Texas, and the home base at Harvard, Nebraska. Its crew members probably had one thought in mind—eventual combat service.

In the eyes of these men the terrain of Nebraska, Kansas and Texas perhaps became that of Germany, Italy or Japan during this, their last flight.

They possibly saw not the prairies, hills, towns and cities of our United States, but the countryside and cities of axis nations—allyed objectives. Farm implements in fields were enemy tanks and mobile equipment—privately owned automobiles and buses on the highways were enemy gun and troop carriers.

Had there been a choice of terrain on which the fatal crash took place, these men no doubt would have chosen some axis soil, perhaps the river Spree which runs through Berlin—with the bomb bay and machine gun belts empty — their objective reached and successfully attacked.

Whatever their thoughts, these men gave their lives in the line of duty. Lives lost in flights over U.S. soil have and will occur due to the immensity of our air force and its vast training program. Those who die in this manner join the others on America's roster of World War II heroes.

## Thought For Today

Rough, tough, determined and hard "Old Blood and Guts" Lieut. General George S. Patton has written a poem. It is an apostrophe to the "God of Battles," written with all of the spirit and Spartanism becoming a great soldier, yet with a warrior's devoted humility to his God.

"From pride and foolish confidence,  
From every weakening creed,  
From the dread fear of fearing  
Protect us Lord, and lead.

Great God, who thru the ages  
Hast braced the bloodstained hand,  
As Saturn, Jove or Woden  
Hast led our warrior band,

Again we seek thy counsel,  
But not in cringing guise.  
We whine not for thy mercy—  
To slay: God make us wise.

For slaves who shun the issue  
We do not ask thy aid.  
To Thee we trust our spirits,  
Our bodies unafraid.

From doubt and fearsome 'boding,  
Still Thou our spirits guard,  
Make strong our souls to conquer,  
Give us the Victory, Lord."

—From the Woman's Home Companion.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

Camouflage—that's what they call making an object indistinct or hard to find in its surroundings. In other words it's making the object look like everything else about it.

Human camouflage is as old as the human race. One of the oldest traditions and Bible stories tells about a man hiding in a garden, trying to make himself look like the vegetation about him so that his Creator couldn't find him. Many persons today are still trying to hide themselves, camouflage themselves from their real selves. Many soldiers are afraid to be different from the main gang of fellows for fear they will become the target of criticism or ridicule by those of the gang who may not have either principle or ideals. In order to be indistinct in their surroundings in thought and action, most fellows have to pretend.

Being natural, being one's true self, is perhaps one of the most difficult jobs any man ever faced. St. Paul said a man ought to think sanely and clearly about himself. Jesus had much to say about pretending, that one who pretended was like a whitewashed tomb, looking as well as any tomb could look, but inside full of dead men's bones and without life. Shakespeare said if a man would be true to himself he could not be false to anyone else.

## Liftings

GI Joe: Tell me Moe, do you like talkative women or the other kind?

GI Moe: For gorsh sakes Joe, you mean there's another kind?

"What's that drip all heated up about?"

"Oh, he's mad 'cause they took his name out of Who's Who."

"That panty-walsted pie face! And I've been trying all my life to keep my name in the telephone directory."

"D in math, D in English and D in science; son, you and I are through! Pack your things and leave my house at once!"

"Are you kiddin' Pop? You can't bluff me; I happen to know you can't do without my exemption on your income tax!"

## "Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

I'm a normal guy, see? I believe in doing the job we've got to do with as little griping as possible, even though sounding off is the privilege of the democrat. But now I've got something to bawl about.

I realize that posters and such that educate GIs about VD are good, and that they serve a purpose, but why must some of them be so obnoxious? You take those lesion color photos in our latrines. Man! They're enough to scare the pants off anyone, even a rough soldier. If this type of poster is going to make us feel that we've got to wear rubber gloves sterilized in alcohol to shave and perform our other latrine functions, don't you think they're a little out of place?

Even a (jg) moron can be reached by another type of advertising, and these horrifying spectacles can be replaced. I want a happy latrine.

A GUY WHO SHAVES.

## Have You Read . . .

Sporting Blood compiled by Ellery Queen  
Wake Island, a poem by Muriel Rukeyser  
All Out on the Road to Smolensk by Erskine Caldwell  
Last Time I Saw Paris by Elliot Paul

## Male Call



## 'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 30 October  
HOUSE OF MAGIC—Camp Show  
Two Shows—6:30 and 8:00 p.m.  
It's Free!

Sunday, 31 October  
ADVENTURES OF TARTU  
Robert Donat—Valerie Hobson  
News of the Day

Monday, 1 November  
YANKEE DOODLE DANDY  
James Cagney—Joan Leslie  
Walter Huston  
News of the Day

Tuesday, 2 November  
Double Feature  
SUBMARINE ALERT  
Richard Arlen—Wendy Barrie  
GOOD FELLOWS  
Cecil Kellaway—Mabel Paige

Wednesday and Thursday, 3-4 November  
GIRL CRAZY  
Mickey Rooney—Judy Garland  
Tommy Dorsey and Orchestra  
News of the Day  
Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Friday, 5 November  
DANGEROUS BLONDES  
Edmund Lowe—Allyn Joslyn  
Quack Service—Una Merkel  
Merrie Melodies

# BEHIND OUR PILOTS The Infirmary

Almost every GI has been on sick call at one time or another, but are we aware of hard-working organization which is the heart of the Infirmary? Altho the receiving station of the hospital is known generally as the Infirmary, it is really a combination of three separate units: the dispensary, the laboratory, and the pharmacy.

The dispensary is the hospital jack-of-all-trades. It performs such miscellaneous duties as treatment of minor illnesses, minor surgery, first aid, physical examinations, emergency calls, and treatment of civilian dependents of military personnel. Heading this unit is tireless Captain Ian W. Luke, and supervising the work under him is NCO-in-charge S/Sgt. Jack P. Dalton. Sgt. Dalton and T/4 Woodrow Bateman compile and keep all of the out-patients' records. T/5 Edwin Hundl and Pfc. James A. Lucas are medical assistants, while T/5 James Dorozinski has charge of receiving and evacuation and Pfc. Joe Moore is custodian.

The second integral unit is the lab, which is under the capable supervision of lab technician Sgt.-artist Donald Nicholas, who is noted for his gigantic pipes. He and his staff including Cpl. Curvin Smith, T/5 A. Fernandez, and civvie Mrs. Avis Rees, perform all of the lab work essential to the hospital, both for patients and that needed to maintain a check over sanitary conditions on the Field.

The final unit, the pharmacy, is handled by skilled and capable B. Vail Prather. "Doc" Prather is a one-man drug store and chemistry wizard, who also manages the chemist's job at SAAF's sewage disposal plant, in addition to his hospital duties. Mr. Prather is responsible for compounding all of the medical prescriptions used at Strother Field's hospital.

The next time you're on sick call, just remember these men who are working busily and silently for Victory behind the lines, and behind our pilots.

Miss Virginia Ford, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Stewart S. Bloss of Winfield, and 1st Lt. Walter F. Gunther, flight instructor at Strother Field, were married in the post chapel at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Chaplain Donald E. Wineinger. Close friends and fellow officers attended the ceremony.

The bride has been an employee of the field, working in headquarters. Lt. Gunther's home is in Orange, Cal.



Q. What's the base pay of an aviation cadet?

A. An aviation cadet gets \$75 a month and an allowance of \$1 a day for subsistence.

Q. When is the next examination for appointment as an officer in the Medical Corps?

A. An examination of applicants for appointment as first lieutenants in the Medical Corps will be held from Jan. 24 to Jan. 27, 1944. Applications must be made to the Adjutant General not later than Jan. 7.

## Special Movie Coming

A GI Movies special release titled, "War on the Seas," the Navy's official pictorial report of its battle with the Axis, will be shown in the enlisted men's service club on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

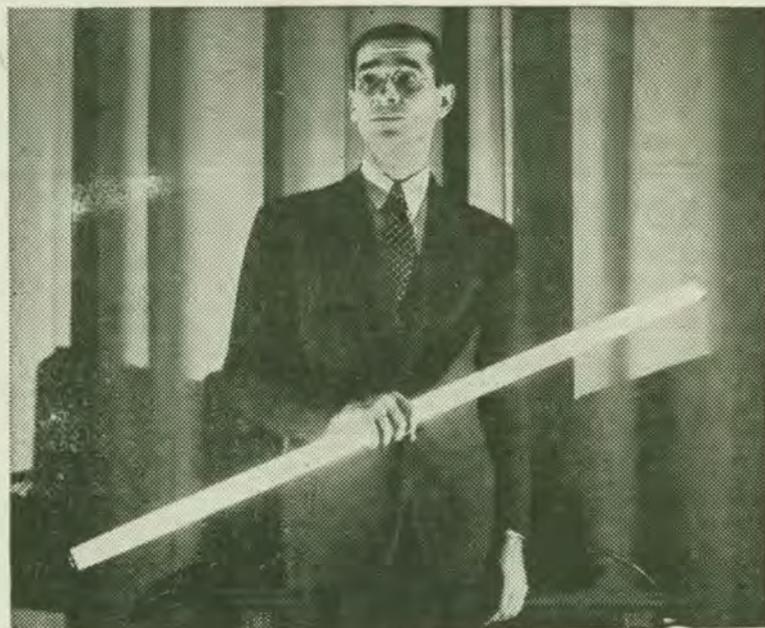
A special added attraction, "The Care and Peeling of the 87mm Potato," will also be shown.

Miss Helen Jean Tonkinson became the bride of T/Sgt. James R. Leach, 448th Base Hdqts. and Air Base Sqdn., in a ceremony performed in the parsonage of the Christian church in Winfield, Kans., last Saturday evening at 9 p.m.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Tonkinson of Winfield, was attended by Miss Josephine Sanders, Wichita. T/Sgt. A. C. Krajnik was best man. Rev. J. W. McKinney performed the ceremony. T/Sgt. Leach is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Leach of Coatsburg, Ill. The couple will make their home in Winfield.

### USO ACTIVITIES

- Fri.....Win.....Ping pong tournament
  - Ark.....Married couples nite..Food
  - Sat.....Win.....Halloween dance..Costume
  - Ark.....Halloween dance..Eats
  - Sun.....Win.....Special program..Free call
  - Ark.....Bingo..Call..Cake 'n' coffee
  - Mon.....Win.....Taffy pull party
  - Ark.....Square dance..Food
  - Tues.....Win.....Badminton..Games
  - Ark.....Record voice..Bridge..Eats
  - Wed.....Win.....Dance..Informal
  - Ark.....Snack bar party..Food
  - Thurs.....Win.....Bridge..Record voice
  - Ark.....Ping pong..Refreshments
- Refreshments every evening (Winfield)



C. E. Gluesing, of General Electric's "House of Magic," demonstrating the lighting of a large electric lamp without wires. This is one of the many astonishing feats to be performed in the post theater tomorrow night, Saturday, Oct. 30th.

## Campaign Begun for Needed 'Air WACs'

Faced with a drastic need of women for vital behind-the-lines services, the Army Air Forces begins this week an intensive campaign to enlist 46,000 recruits immediately in the Women's Army Corps.

For the first time, women may enlist in the WAC specifically for service with the AAF, and will be assigned to duty with the Air Forces upon completion of basic training.

All AAF personnel have been urged to aid the campaign by sending information on the WAC to eligible women of their acquaintance, or to turn in the names of prospective members to recruiting officials. Facts and statistics on the "Air WACs" and the jobs they can do may be obtained at the Public Relations office of this station.

Physically fit women from 20 through 49 years of age, without dependents or children under 14, are eligible to be "Air WACs." Open to them are more than 150 specific positions in medical, personnel, public relations, photographic, weather, drafting, radio, communications, mechanical and other fields.

Sgt. H. L. Ivy, of the 55th squadron, and Mrs. Ivy, are the proud parents of a 6 lb. 10 oz. daughter, Dorothy Lee, born in Winfield last Friday.

## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

You think it's tough having to MARCH, MARCH, MARCH, soldier, think of the dentist who has to DRILL, DRILL, DRILL.

Cpl. Hines: "I just had a yard of pork for chow."

Sgt. Martin: "Elucidate, pal, elucidate!"

Cpl. Hines: "Three pigs feet."

Sgt. Brasow: "Did that blind date turn out all right?"

Sgt. Schatzman: "She didn't turn out at all, she was pigeoned toed."

When a woman gets hooked with a worm, she usually starts fishing for something else.

Cpl. Slaughter: "I'm not on guard to-night girlie."

Girl friend: "But I am soldier."

Speaking of songs, have you heard the parachute song—"It don't mean a thing if you don't pull the string."

An Ark. City girl was asked the rank of her Navy boy friend. She said she didn't know unless it might be Chief Petting Officer.

## 'House of Magic'

(Cont. from page 1, col. 1)

a variety of novel demonstrations are given to show how light can control electric current. An electric lamp is turned on by striking a match. An electric eye attached to a loudspeaker makes it possible to "hear" light, and changes in light are heard as changes in sound. In combination with a special lamp, music is sent across the room on a beam of light and heard at the opposite side of the room. This experiment of carrying the human voice or music on a beam of light has been performed in Schenectady for a distance of more than 25 miles, and also from an airship to the earth and from a moving train to a station platform.

The control of electric current by light through the use of the phototube or electric eye is gaining an increasingly wide use to perform all kinds of functions, such as automatically turning on the lights of an airfield as darkness approaches, controlling the operation of printing presses, opening doors, and many others.

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates



## Magnetic Azimuth



# SPORTS



## GROUND LOOPS . . . By Pvt. Herblock

### —BOWLING—

**448th BASE HEADQUARTERS & AIR BASE SQUADRON**  
Bowling team standings, and individual handicaps and averages. Designations such as 9-55-127 represent nine (9) games bowled to date, 55 handicap, and 127 average.

**"PARAGRAPH TROOPERS"**  
17 Wins—3 Losses  
Jackson ..... 12-51-132  
Biederman ..... 15-44-141  
Johnson ..... 11-61-119  
Shook ..... 8-62-118  
Busch ..... 4-70-107  
Cowling ..... 14-40-147  
Abbott ..... 11-39-148

**"TECH TERRORS"**  
12 Wins—8 Losses  
Kreuter ..... 15-34-155  
Krajnik ..... 15-60-121  
Carach ..... 12-49-134  
Broskovak ..... 9-61-119  
Stewart, E. .... 9-27-164  
Eichler ..... 15-44-142

**ORDERLY & SUPPLY ROOM**  
7 Wins—13 Losses  
Williford ..... 3-88-85  
Straub ..... 15-39-148  
Toombs ..... 15-44-141  
Ingram ..... 12-41-146  
Brickley ..... 9-76-99  
Gansen ..... 6-52-131  
Lindstrom ..... 12-53-130  
Hess ..... 6-32-158

**POST OPERATIONS**  
**"Dive Bowlers"**  
6 Wins—14 Losses  
Stewart, R. .... 9-67-111  
Spencer ..... 12-56-125  
Karber ..... 15-43-143  
Ofstad ..... 12-44-141  
Gay ..... 15-69-109  
Vanderburg ..... 6-73-103  
Thomas ..... 6-57-124

**"WOLF PACK"**  
10 Wins—10 Losses  
Kuhn ..... 12-38-149  
Webb ..... 15-55-125  
Huhn ..... 6-51-132  
Reed ..... 12-61-119  
Dodds ..... 12-48-136  
Hammontree ..... 3-62-118  
Chatelain ..... 12-34-155

**FINSIGS**  
8 Wins—12 Losses  
Boyer ..... 11-60-121  
Kenney ..... 15-60-121  
Leeds ..... 6-48-136  
Burts ..... 9-48-136  
Woodard ..... 6-57-124  
Lelle ..... 3-85-87  
Mac ..... 3-53-129  
Davis ..... 11-42-144  
Bova ..... 3-38-149

**STANDINGS OF FLYING OFFICERS LEAGUE**

	Won	Lost
Hurricanes	13	5
Bostons	11	7
Avengers	9	9
Cubs	7	11
Corsairs	7	11
Devastators	7	11

High Game Ind.—Dutko—234.  
High 3 Game Ind—Ryan—552.  
High Game Team—Devastators—853.  
High 3 Game Team—Devastators—2248.

**AVERAGES**

	Total Pins	Games	Averages
Markland	1868	11	170
Ryan	2361	14	169
Dutko	2009	12	167
Otto	2389	15	159
Gunther	2504	16	156
Bligh	1856	12	155
Heying	1539	10	153
Peters	2115	14	151
Burns	1816	12	151
Haveman	1353	9	150
Honovich	890	6	148
Hammond	890	6	148
Johnson	438	3	146
Engels	1315	9	146
Cubertson	2437	17	143
Bramble	2419	17	142
Gibson	1971	14	141
Quisenberry	2259	16	141
Dunn	2263	16	141
Sealy	716	5	143
Hartzell	1664	12	139
Choate	2089	15	139
Austin	2370	17	139
Turner	965	7	138
Brooks	680	5	136
Stuart	136	1	136
Smith, R. B.	1895	14	136
Davis	1486	11	135
Kostka	1486	11	135
Counter	942	7	134
Thompson	1864	14	133
Corrick	2132	16	133
Taft	531	4	133
Jones, K.	2100	16	131
Gordon	1948	15	130
McMacken	1159	9	129
Carlisle	1560	12	130



(Courtesy AAFSAT)

"You and your damn good-conduct medal!"

**NEVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET—WE HOPE!**  
If Pvt. Herblock's wolf and Cpl. Sansone's wolf were to get together in a cartoon it would no doubt be the best one never to appear in this or any other newspaper!

### Physical Fitness Tests Start November 1st

"Sticks and Stone(r) may break my bones, but cruel words never." What are we saying when the cruel words form the announcement that physical fitness tests are to be given officers and enlisted men of Strother Field, come Nov. 1st, according to Capt. Oren P. Stoner, physical training officer.

Three months seems adequate time to recuperate from the first test, that is until test number two draws near. Just think—Thanksgiving and PFR tests all in the same month. We should live long enough to eat turkey! Sometimes we think that the Pilgrims should have stayed on their old boat. Look what their progress has led us to in November 1943!

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Neff	1375	11	125
Hundley	367	3	122
Olson	367	3	122
Bradley	852	7	122
Koepfel	483	4	121
Graves	363	3	121
Conte	2070	17	120
Williams	357	3	119
Bowers	1669	14	119
Breen	237	2	118
Hochendel	1377	12	115
Barnard	346	3	115
Rowe	683	6	115
Franklin	114	1	114
Dailey	226	2	113
Clark	112	1	112
Hays	637	6	106
Campbell	211	2	106
Robinowitz	99	1	99
Robinson	98	1	98
Barday	76	1	76

### Gym to Remain Open Evenings

Beginning Nov. 1st, the post gymnasium will be open evenings for basketball practice by members of potential squadron teams and field organizations, according to Capt. Oren P. Stoner, physical training officer. A charge of quarters will be in the gym at night.

Start of league play is not anticipated until the last of November or the first part of December.

T/Sgt. Edward J. Kreuter of the 448th squadron is organizing a bowling team that he feels will be able to defeat any other team on the field. The challenge has been made, so all opponents can set the time for their engagement of Kreuter's Krew.

G.I. Alibi: He drinks to forget that she drove him to it.

### The Wolf by Sansone

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### Break Your Bones for You Mister?

The Weaker Sex—Two men in Dallas, Texas, got fresh with the wrong girls one night recently. These two girls had just left a defense course in jiu-jitsu. As they started down the boulevard the men first whistled at them, and then, being ignored, walked up next to the girls and kept talking. The girls looked at each other, reached a mental agreement, then whirled around and put their learning into practice by:

1. Tossing the men over their heads.
2. Stepping on their stomachs.
3. Twisting their legs and holding the men until the cops arrived.

What's happened to the old-fashioned girl who used to scream and faint? Boys, she's gone for the duration.—From the Chicago Sun.



## Family Allowances for All Seven Grades

Dependents of any enlisted men of the first to seventh grades inclusive and aviation cadets are eligible for family allowances, according to an amendment of the Service-men's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942 which became effective on November 1st.

By the amendment a married enlisted man of the top three grades with one or more children will benefit by changing to the family allowance setup. In the case of a staff sergeant who has a wife and child the total income would be \$174.00. Base pay of \$96.00, ration allowance of approximately \$20.00 and family allowance of \$80.00 for wife and one child, minus the \$22.00 deducted from base pay would total \$174.00 income. Staff sergeants who are married but have no children would find their income reduced by approximately \$10.00 by changing to the family allowance. Rations and quarters would total nearly \$10.00 more than rations and family allowance money. Top three grades having Class B and B-1 dependents will of course find the new set up beneficial.

The family allowance program will be used exclusively in the case of EM promoted to the top three grades after Nov. 1st. Those holding such rank previous to November 1st and who change to the family allowance setup will remain in the latter classification.

Following are excerpts from the amendment:

"Monetary allowance in lieu of quarters for dependents of enlisted men as described in section II, AR 35-4520 are suspended effective 1 November, except for enlisted men who on 1 November are receiving monetary allowance in lieu of quarters for dependents or who are entitled to receive such allowance and have applied therefor. Such

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## Playwriting Contest for Service Men

The National Theater Conference, a non-profit organization interested in the promotion of the American theater, has announced a playwriting contest open to men and women in the armed services. In addition to cash prizes for the best manuscripts submitted in four classes of competition, valuable fellowships are offered.

Half of the thousand dollars in cash being offered to winners in the National Theatre Conference Playwriting Contest for all members of the armed forces is allotted to the skit and blackout class of competition. Fifty prizes of ten dollars each are available for the best short sketches submitted. Being confined to a playing time of from one to ten minutes, this type of writing is ordinarily put together quickly and easily. Writers of skits and blackouts are as eligible for the supplementary awards as the authors in the other three classes of competition, namely, musical comedy, long play, and one-act.

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## Service Club Rules Are Being Violated

Regardless of rules and regulations pertaining to the enlisted men's service club, bottled beer is being taken into the snack-bar and the empty bottles discarded in the club area, according to Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, club hostess.

Upon opening the club it was decided that the sale and consumption of beer would be confined to the beer room of the post exchange, nevertheless this rule is being violated by enlisted men.

The service club is for EM, their wives, families and friends. The proper environment cannot be maintained in the club if the beer regulation is not observed by all enlisted men.

There has also been a misunderstanding concerning the wearing of proper uniforms in the club during certain hours of each day and night according to Mrs. Bernheisel.

Fatigues or coveralls may be worn in the snack-bar room only prior to 1900. Entrance to the snack-bar will be made through the east door of this room and not through the front doors of the club.

The woolen service uniform or woolen field uniform, the latter comprised of OD shirt, OD trousers and service cap or garrison cap may be worn in any part of the club before 1900. After this time only the woolen service uniform comprised of blouse, khaki or OD shirt, OD trousers and service cap or garrison cap will be worn.

November promotions of enlisted men have been "frozen" according to an announcement made from headquarters the first of this week.

The Central Flying Training Command, with headquarters at Randolph Field, Tex., recently announced a change in the non-commissioned officers rating setup and details of the new program are awaited here before promotions will be acted upon.

## 44-C Arrives to Begin Basic

The third Cadet class of the new year, 44-C, arrived this week at Strother Field to begin their Basic training in the ole Vultee "Vibrator."

Class 44-A, just graduated from Basic, the Valiants, night flying, cross-countries, and the link-bugs, has gone on to Advanced for the final phase of their training. For them fighters and bombers will soon be in order, and they will have a chance to give the Fascist gang a bit of the wallop they have been saving up thru their training period. Members of the class and invited guests attended a graduation dance in Winfield Monday evening of this week.

So with "tallyho fellows" we part with 44-A, and take momentary time off to greet the lads fresh from Primary, Basic's new material: Class 44-C, who come here from Corsicana, Tex., Sikeston, Mo., and Parks Air College, East St. Louis, Mo.

## Hold Open House for Future Cadets

Open House at Strother Army Air Field is to be held Armistice Day afternoon for young men between the ages of 17 and 26 years, according to announcement from headquarters. The affair is to be held in connection with the recruiting program of aviation cadets and aviation cadet reserves.

Promptly at 2 p.m. next Thursday afternoon the visitors will meet at the post theater to hear an address given by an SAAF flying officer, following which the motion picture film, "Winning Your Wings," will be shown. A conducted tour of the field will then be made, concluding with a visit to the flying line where the young men will be shown the BT-13 training planes and given the opportunity to talk with cadets about their flying training at SAAF.

## SAAF Represented in Picture Premiere

The premiere showing of the motion picture, "This Is the Army," was held in Arkansas City at the Howard theater and in Winfield at the Regent theater last Tuesday night. All proceeds went to the AER, \$560 from the Ark. City capacity crowd and \$334 from Winfield.

The atmosphere of the Howard theater in Arkansas City resembled that of a typical Hollywood premiere, with music and floodlights. The Strother Field band, color guard, an army truck and jeep paraded on Summit street followed by a 30-minute concert in front of the theater. A bugler played "Assembly" followed by the showing of the motion picture. Field lighting equipment on the truck flooded the theater marquee and sent beams of light into the sky.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

That ain't no mirage yere lookin' at with wide open eyes, GI readers—it is the real thing! Our very own swimming pool, filled with sparkling water (minus the blue bodies of bold booby-hatch candidates that insist on swimming in November). Aviation Cadet J. A. Gregory of Class 44-A, who assisted in the engineering work on the project, gives it a farewell look before leaving SAAF to attend advance school.

## Library Plans Program for Nat. Book Week

November 14 to 20 is National Book Week, and the SAAF Post Library is planning a program in accord with its theme—"Build the future with books!"

The Library staff, thru a series of posters and displays intends to put across to the men stationed at Strother the great message of books, and how they make for stability and mutual understanding among men.

The Library staff also welcomes those newcomers on the Field, or those who have not made use of its stacks, to come in and get acquainted. The Library has over 6000 volumes of fiction, nonfiction and 132 assorted magazines, together with a complete technical library.

## War Bond Payroll Figure Over 12%

The civilian personnel of the 377th Sub-Depot are heartily subscribing to the purchase of war bonds. According to Major Roy B. Mosher, Commanding Officer, recent figures show 100% participation by employees in the pay reservation plan. Normally 10% of the payroll is the desired goal. However, these workers are well over the top with a subscription amounting to 12 3-10 % of their payroll.

All of the military personnel of the Air Service Command at this station are participating 100% in bond purchases. Strother Army Air Field is proud of the war bond purchases made by the employees of the Air Service Command at this station.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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## Speaking of One World

John Donne, 16th Century English poet-clergyman, was much ahead of his time. He advocated a great humanistic idea when he wrote his "Devotions"—

"No man is an Iland, intire of itself; every man is a peece of the Continent, a part of the maine; if a Clod bee washed away by the Sea, Europe is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as well as if a Mannor of thy friends or of thine owne were; any mans death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankinde; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee."

Today, in the midst of a vast world conflict, wherein all peoples fight for their dignity as individuals and free men against the dogma of force, we begin to understand the importance of these weighty words.

We are on the threshold of a new age. As we fight, rub shoulders with our brother people-races of the world, we move toward the realization of a grand, new philosophy: the oneness of the world and all of its inhabitants, for we have found a new sympathy for each other. The old world, with its prejudices, isolations and bigotries is washed clean with the blood of those who died for all in China, Spain, Ethiopia, England, Russia, and the other gorey battlefields of war.

When the Victory over Fascism is won, the task of winning the future, for ourselves and our progeny will have just begun. Whether we make the new age bright with the holy flame of liberty by leaving no roots of war in the soil of our minds will depend entirely upon ourselves.

## Liftings

"Ohmigosh!" cried the man as he plummeted to earth from an air liner speeding away. "That wasn't the washroom after all!"

"My girl at home is as pretty as she can be!" a barracks goon boasted one evening.

"Most girls are," ad libbed the cynic in the corner.

Now settle back in your bassinets, little kiddies, and I will tell you the story of the young girl who worked very hard for four years trying to keep the wolf away from the door, and how later she let him in.

Pvt. FuddyDuddy was looking longingly at the new swimming pool. "Didya know all of my family have been good swimmers?" he asked Ark Jark who was standing next to him. "Yeah?" says Jark. "Go on and pile that stuff somewhere else," said GI Joe, who had just buzzed up from the PX. "You've been braggin' about that ever since your brother got shot in that dive in San Francisco."

Then there's the old story of Jake the ice man, who got into a hell of a lot of trouble because Mrs. Smith thought she saw the love-light in his ice. (Oooh! Corn!)

## Have You Read . . .

Prodigal Women by Nancy Hale  
Patents for Hitler by Guenter Reimann  
Let the People Know by Norman Angell  
Drawing People for Fun by Roger Vernam  
*They're in your Post Library!*

## Inheritance of Valor

Our fighting sons gain courage from brave comrades and gallant leaders—but they also possess an inheritance of valor from the past. No boy who flies an American plane into battle goes unaccompanied. Flesh and blood companions he may lack in some desperate extremity of single-handed combat—but he never fights alone. All the years of all this nation's past follow him like a mighty host.

Our enemies know this. German and Japanese military writers have been careful to warn: "The American has a tradition of success in War." Tradition is a cold word and, in Berlin, they hoped it was a dead one. But boys in Flying Fortresses and P-38's, in Mustangs and Liberators, have crushed that hope. Their engines rumble on many a far-flung field—and once again the drums of Washington are muttering down the Trenton road. Propellers flail the air—and once more old Andy Jackson's coattails fly as he leads a charge at New Orleans.

Do you hear that dawn-wind singing, boy in a Curtiss Warhawk? It is a whisper of the bugles at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. Pilot of a Thunderbolt, cut loose with all your guns and listen. You have awakened the barrage at St. Mihiel. Bomber crew, must you make an unescorted flight across the Channel? Unescorted by fighters? Then men of the Spads and Nieuports and Camels will rise up to keep you company! Is the sky full of echoes? They are shooting Richtofen's Circus down in flames.

Men of the Air Forces, never doubt it. As your resolute feet go marching out to duty—there is historic thunder on the close horizon. The Yanks are marching across the Rhine once more! Even today the Germans hear it. And tomorrow? Tomorrow?

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

## Thought For Today

### APOLOGY FOR EGOISM

It seems, for some reason or whim,  
That He is important to Him,  
From which one might fairly infer  
That She is important to Her.

There hardly is need to discuss  
Why We are important to Us;  
Nor is it a thing to condemn  
That They are important to Them.

You cannot deny it is true  
That You are important to You,  
So temper your scorn if you see  
That I am important to Me.

—from Arthur Guiterman's Lyric Laughter.

## 'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 6 November

### TOP MAN

Donald O'Connor—Susanna Foster  
Count Basie and Band  
Merrie Melodies—Traveltalk

Sunday and Monday, 7-8 November

### FLESH AND FANTASY

Charles Boyer—Barbara Stanwyck  
Edward G. Robinson  
News of the Day—Community Sing

Tuesday, 9 November

### DR. GILLESPIE'S CRIMINAL CASE

Lionel Barrymore—Van Johnson  
Phantasia Cartoon—Sports Review

Wednesday and Thursday, 10-11 November

### PRINCESS O'ROURKE

Olivia DeHaviland—Robert Cummings  
Jack Carson  
News of the Day—This Is America

Friday, 12 November

### TORNADO

Chester Morris—Nancy Kelly  
Swing Symphony—Three Stooges



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

Circumstances interfered with his real ambition. He had taken leave from military duty to visit his parents before going to a permanent assignment. The coach in which he rode was crowded. He gave his seat to a woman passenger who came aboard at one of the stops, and he climbed out on top to sit with the driver. An accident occurred in which he received a broken leg. The injury resulting because he was riding on top of a stage coach left him a cripple for life. The Navy department told him he could never again go to sea. To sail the sea as a captain of a ship was his real and only dream. Rather than retire him, the navy pigeon-holed him in a musty records office.

Merely cursing his fate had never been his method of solving problems. To break the monotony of this new permanent assignment he read the log of ships. As an apprentice he had helped write logs before he was commissioned. As he read avidly these logs he observed that ships had similar drift when they entered the same zone of water. He correlated his findings and proposed the theory of ocean currents. The navy and private ship owners believed he had spent too much time over the musty records for his own well-being.

A passenger ship was reported lost at sea without a rudder. Maury calculated the position of the drifting ship by his theory of ocean currents. In order for the responsible authority to be able to say everything possible had been done to save the lives of the passengers, a rescue ship was dispatched to the calculated position. Near the designated spot the drifting ship was found. The navy accepted the theory.

Maury further believed ocean currents affected the weather and his weather chart for land and sea, though crude, became the first map of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

"Man's disappointment is God's appointment" to the man who is prepared.

## "Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

The other morning while riding to the field in the city bus I overheard an enlisted man talking to a buddy. Seated near them were two women civilian employees of the field.

These particular GI's were using unnecessarily rough language. No doubt they did not realize the ladies were within hearing distance or they would have refrained from the use of certain words.

Men, among themselves, do not stop to analyze the nicety of their words, but there is no need of subjecting the opposite sex to such conversation. Men do not talk in that manner before their mothers or wives so why should they do so around other women?

## Male Call



# BEHIND OUR PILOTS Cadet Detachment

The Cadet Detachment composed of two tactical groups, with its message center, separate records sections and training plan, is almost a microcosm, a world in itself.

Heading a staff of beavers is that new oak leaf man Major Kline D. Culbertson, who is handling the Commandant's job along with that of his COship of the 1st BFTS. His three assistants are capable 1st Lt. Eugene J. Parker, Tac and Supply Officer for Group I; 1st Lt. Roy W. Sillings, the same for Group II; and 2nd Lt. Melvin L. Hammond, Adjutant and administrative officer.

In the administration section, which is broken down into four units, we find Cadet 1st. Sgt. T/Sgt. Sam V. Sevier in charge, assisted by Miss Schmidt, steno.

Service records, and all of the problems relative thereto, are on the beam with S/Sgt. Edmund M. Freeman. Sgt. Theodore C. Boyer, and civilian clerk Mrs. Jesse Reynolds.

Cpls. Harold B. Mitchell and Emmet H. Vaughan, together with Miss Dorothy Schwartz chomp their fingernails to the bone over the payrolls, mess collections, allotments and etcete.

Absentee section, which concerns itself with such weighty matters as passes, demerits and (ah, yes!) tours, rides smoothly along with S/Sgt. Leonard J. Impellizzeri, Sgt. William M. Woodward and civvies who make-with-the-type-writers La Verne Garrett and Gerrie Barton.

Last administrative unit is message center, with its mail and record problems all ironed out by Cpls. Kenneth L. Duggan, Victor L. Fairs, and Pvt. Thomas P. Gibbs.

In the group supply rooms, buried away under a pile of clearance slips and statements of charge are eight little-heard-of GIs. In Group I, S/Sgt. Louis A. Seek is head man, and Cpl. O. W. Lowrie, Pfc. E. R. Fisher and R. F. Wendt are the lads who share the supply headache; while in Group II, S/Sgt. Robert E. Boyd, Cpl. M. A. Hervey, and Pvts. R. F. Malcom and E. E. Seale share the aspirin.

These soldiers and civilians are workers in the Cadet beehive, and altho they never fly out to sting the enemy directly, they lay the groundwork for the student-pilots who eventually do.



Q. Do students participating in the Army Specialized Training Program wear a special insignia?

A. Yes. ASTP students have been assigned an identifying shoulder patch insignia by the War Department. It depicts the sword of valor against a lamp of knowledge. The sword and lamp are in dark blue on a yellow, octagon-shaped patch.

Q. Are cases of fraudulent enlistment automatically discharged from the Army?

A. No. It's entirely up to the Government, which may void the enlistment or waive objections and permit it to stand. If it stands, the accepted service becomes legal.

## Playwriting Contest

(Cont. from page 1, col. 1)

Upon recommendation of the judges thirteen leading American institutions will provide Contest winners with nineteen scholarships having a total value of approximately \$8300. The list of donors now numbers the universities of California, Indiana, Iowa, Northwestern, Western Reserve, and Yale, each of which will offer two scholarships, and Carnegie Tech, Cleveland Play House, Dartmouth, Kansas, Oklahoma, Pasadena Playhouse, and Washington State participating with one grant apiece. Before the Contest closes December first, other institutions will perhaps be added.

Contestants are advised to place on the manuscripts their home addresses as well as their military designation, and mail them to PLAYWRITING CONTEST, NATIONAL THEATRE CONFERENCE, WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, CLEVELAND (6) OHIO before December first.

The post beauty shop is now featuring the Helen Curtis cold wave permanent according to E. E. Moody, post barber shop concessioner. A factory-trained operator gives the cold wave permanents.

The shop is open only on Thursdays of each week although appointments can be made for any other day in the week by phoning 393.

## 55th Party a Big Success

Members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 55th Flying Training Group, their wives and 60 GSO girls from Winfield held a dance Thursday night of this week in the enlisted men's service club.

The SAAF orchestra played the dance music and Mrs. W. H. Christoffersen entertained the party guests with tap dance selections. She is the wife of band member Pvt. Christoffersen and is a professional dancer.

A trio composed of Miss Ruth McCarty, Miss Kathleen Tulle and Miss Lois Engelhardt sang several numbers. Miss Dorothy McConnell was accompanist.

## New GI Movie Series Next Week

Issue number nine of the GI Movies to be shown at Strother Field will be presented in the service club next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-13.

"Dreams of Empire," the concluding film of the Ambassador Grew series is an X-ray view into the Japanese militarist's mind—his vicious tactics—his aims of world conquest.

Other features include "Battle of the Bismarck Sea," "Mobile, Ala.," "Combat Concerto," in which a Russian singer entertains troops between battles, and the popular cartoon character Snafu in "Goldbrick."

The difference between winking and blinking is whether you've got something or somebody in your eye.

Know a fellow who smokes his cigar so short it looks like an inlay.

### USO ACTIVITIES

- Fri.....Win.....Ping pong tournament
  - Ark.....Informal dancing
  - Sat.....Win.....Dance. All new floor show
  - Ark.....Bingo. Phone call
  - Sun.....Win.....Kampus Kuties !! Sing
  - Ark.....Square dancing
  - Mon.....Win.....Kitchen pop-it party
  - Ark.....Record your voice. Bridge
  - Tues.....Win.....Games. Dance. Do as please
  - Ark.....Snack Bar party
  - Wed.....Win.....Dance. Informal
  - Ark.....Ping pong tournament
  - Thurs.....Win.....Bridge. Dance
  - Ark.....Married couples night
- (Eats every night at Ark. City and Winfield)

## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK  
Major: "We're gonna march twenty-five miles today with full equipment."  
Pvt: "Wait a minute! I think that's carrying things a little too far."

Add definitions: A lady is a woman who makes it easy for a man to be a gentleman.

GSO Girl: "Do you like this new lip-rouge? It's the latest novelty."  
Soldier: "Well, the novelty will soon wear off."

Sgt. May: "I thought you were a woman hater, how is it I saw you with one Saturday night?"

Sgt. Martin: "I just hang around 'em to keep myself mad."

## Returns to SAAF

A former member of the 1088th Guard Squadron at Strother Army Air Field returned here last week to assume his new duties as a civilian barber in the Post Barber Shop.

M. H. Hendrix is his name and his appearance in civilian clothes will be a surprise to his friends here. He received a medical discharge recently and returned to SAAF from his home in La Grange, Texas.

## Family Allowances

(Cont. from page 1, col. 1)

men have option of continuing to receive such monetary allowance or to have dependents become entitled to family allowance. After 1 November, such optional monetary allowances will be paid only for such periods as enlisted man has in effect a Class E allotment of pay, in amount not less than amount of such monetary allowance, for support of dependents on whose account allowance is claimed, regardless of where such dependents are located.

"No dependents are entitled to family allowances for any period for which payment of monetary allowances in lieu of quarters is made. Election to substitute family allowance for monetary allowance in lieu of quarters rests with enlisted men only, may be made at any time and when made shall be irrevocable.

"Payments of monetary allowance in lieu of quarters for dependents will cease with month preceding that in which family allowance is to become effective and Class F deductions will be made accordingly.

"Voluntary Class E allotments of pay will be reduced or discontinued as necessary to permit making of Class F deductions.

"Amounts of enlisted men's contribution remain unchanged, either \$22.00 for one class of dependents or \$27.00 for two classes. Total amounts payable to dependents are:

"To Class A dependents: Wife but no child \$50.00, wife and one child \$80.00, with \$20.00 for each additional child, child but no wife \$42.00, with \$20.00 for each additional child; maximum for former wife divorced but no child \$42.00, former wife divorced and one child \$72.00, with \$20.00 for each additional child; amount payable for wife or wife and children apply to eligible husband or husband and children of enlisted WAC. To Class B dependents total of \$37.00 payable only while no allowance payable to Class B-1 dependents. To Class B-1 dependents: One parent but no brother or sister \$50.00, two parents but no brother or sister \$68.00, one parent and one brother or sister \$68.00, with \$11.00 for each additional brother or sister, two parents and one brother or sister \$79.00, with \$11.00 for each additional brother or sister, brother or sister but no parents \$42.00, with \$11.00 for each additional brother or sister.

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



It Was Rank

# SPORTS

## —BOWLING—

### 448th BASE HEADQUARTERS AND AIR BASE SQUADRON

Designations such as 9-55-127 represent nine (9) games bowled to date, 55 handicap, and 127 average.

#### PARAGRAPH TROOPERS

19 Wins—5 Losses

Jackson	15-58-123
Biederman	18-43-142
Johnson	14-58-122
Shook	8-62-118
Busch	7-66-112
Cowling	17-41-146
Abbott	11-39-148

#### TECH TERRORS

15 Wins—9 Losses

Kreuter	18-36-152
Krajnik	18-58-122
Carach	15-57-130
Stewart, E.	12-34-155
Broskovak	9-61-119
Eichler	18-41-146

#### WOLF PACK

12 Wins—12 Losses

Kuhn	15-43-142
Hammontree	3-62-118
Webb	18-55-125
Huhn	9-50-133
Reed	12-61-119
Dodds	15-47-137
Chatelain	15-35-154

#### FINSIGS

9 Wins—13 Losses

Boyer	11-60-121
Skorpinski	3-50-133
Kenny	18-58-122
Leeds	9-54-129
Burts	12-44-141
Woodard	6-57-124
Lelle	3-85-87
Mac	3-53-129
Davis	11-42-144
Bova	6-42-144

#### ORDERLY & SUPPLY ROOM

9 Wins—15 Losses

Williford	3-88-85
Straub	18-40-147
Toombs	18-43-143

## Practice Periods Announced for EM

The following schedule for basketball practice will be maintained until the enlisted men's basketball teams are organized, according to announcement made this week by Capt. Oren P. Stoner, Physical Training Director.

Monday nights from 1830 to 2230 the gymnasium will be available for the 322nd Aviation Sqd. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights the gym will be open to all other organizations, however, on Wednesday nights the cadets will have priority on the gymnasium, but this does not mean that enlisted men cannot use the gym at that time.

The physical training department would like for all organizations to get their basketball teams set up, because the schedule will be set up for the basketball league play starting around 22 November, 1943.

A league will be set up for officers and will be played off during physical training periods unless another time is preferred, and in such cases the physical training director should be contacted. All organizations should get their teams set up immediately if they wish to be entered in the league.

Ingram	12-41-146
Brickley	9-76-99
Gansen	9-47-137
Lindstrom	12-53-130
Hess	9-35-135
Stewart, M.	3-58-129

#### DIVE BOWLERS

8 Wins—16 Losses

Stewart, R.	12-66-112
Spencer	15-58-122
Karber	18-44-141
Ofstad	15-48-136
Gay	18-66-114
Vanderburg	6-73-103
Thomas	6-57-124

## Jiggers, Fellers! The Heat's On!

A recent visitor on the field was heard to make the following remark. "Why don't the soldiers walk on the fine asphalt sidewalks?" Well, there is only one answer—the longer they remain unused the longer they will not need to be replaced!

The GIs who are seen walking most anyplace but upon the walks are those who have visited and returned from SAAF's "inferno." Why do you think the firing range wall has been increased in height? To keep the men from winging too many BT-13s? Silly bo— it is to hide the "inferno" from your dreamy eyes. Asphalt removed from runways has been piled there until the skyline resembles a miniature Rocky mountain range.

Also hidden behind the firing range is the steel and concrete "Hades" in which the asphalt is shoveled, heated then shoveled into a mixer. As if the fire under the "cooker" isn't bad enough a blow torch (s.g.) is used to heat the contents of the mixer. The only guy who has any fun is the one who places the blow torch near the mixer opening after each load. No junior, those who have seen duty there do not wear wound stripes on the seat of their coveralls—it is just the breath of Satan as the torch passes by the stooping shovelers.

So, please fellers, walk lightly on the new walks—make them last a long, long time.

## Sinatra is Snotra with WACs

From a squip in Newsweek—"Wacontest: Bob Hope, movie comedian, won a contest as official pin-up boy of the Wacs at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, nosing out such competition as Jimmy Stewart, Charles Boyer, and Walter Pidgeon. Ties for last place with one vote each: Frank Sinatra and Gargantua."

All we have to say is that the Wacs certainly have no pity on self-respecting Mr. Gargantua. Quick Mable! My drool cup; here comes Snotra!

## Cadet Class 44-A Sets New Records

By setting a new physical fitness record for cadets at Strother Army Air Field, Aviation Cadet Lawrence Clayton Bullard of Granada, Minn., extended his string of such records to three—one for each of the Army Air Corps training fields at which he has been located.

Not only did he set a new mark for cadets at Strother Field but Cadet Bullard came within two points of equaling the field record which was set two months ago by Lt. Leo Engels of Wichita. Lt. Engels made 265 points and Cadet Bullard 263. Due to the fact that there is a point leeway in the total scoring, Both Lt. Engels and Cadet Bullard have the same score—90.

In announcing results of the physical fitness tests for aviation cadets, Lt. George D. Allen, physical training instructor, said Cadet Bullard set a new field record in chin-ups—25 in succession, or one more than a perfect score and four more than the previous high. He made a perfect score by accomplishing 120 set-ups in succession and he ran the shuttle race in 48 seconds. The class set a new record with an average PFR of 71.1 with 89.1 in sit-ups, 11.7 chin-ups and 50.5 seconds for the shuttle race.

Three cadets tied for second place in physical fitness ratings in Class 44-A. They had physical fitness ratings of 85. They were: Carl C. Baranek of Carrollville, Wis., and Charles W. Wilson of Carlisle, Pa., who made 253 points and Richard A. Biller of Attica, Ohio, who made 252 points.

Though he tied for second physical fitness rating, Cadet Biller was first in 44-A class on the obstacle run. His time was 1:55 as compared with James E. Bean of Coxs Creek, Ky., who made the race in 1:59 and W. J. Glasgow of Newhall Calif., whose time was 2 minutes flat.

Best time on the cross-country race of between a mile and a mile and a quarter was made by Lt. Alexander Hutnyak of Erie, Pa., a student officer in Class 44-A. His time was 5:42. Cadet Wilson of Carlisle, Pa., was second in 5:48 and Cadet Paul R. Douglas of Detroit came in third in 5:50.

A cadet of the Royal Air Force training school at Ponca City, Okla., visited SAAF one day last week and during several conversations with local GIs found himself listening to the petty gripes of one individual. When the GI had finally unloaded his thoughts of army life and the things he had to put up with, the Britisher said, "I sympathize with you and your troubles, soldier. I went through the blitz of Britain."

The GI still feels so small that he has to be lifted up the steps into his barrack.

The "Army Woman's Handbook," published for the security of service men and their dependents is on sale at this time in the Post Exchange. The book contains legal, financial and other vital information of value while husbands and sons are at war and following the peace. Included are chapters on Family Allowance and Allotments, Pensions, Hospitalization and Rehabilitation.

"Ma, can I go out and play?"  
 "With those holes in your pants?"  
 "No, Ma, with the boys on the corner."

## New Chapel Feature: The Song Fest

Chaplain Donald E. Wineinger announced this week that next Wednesday night at 2000, a new feature, the hymn and familiar song fest, will be inaugurated. At this informal get-together, to which all of the EM, officers, cadets and their families are invited, the new Chapel hymnal books, just arrived, will be used.

Refreshments and vocal and instrumental solos are planned as additional amusement. It is hoped that this will become a regular Chapel feature, but no definite plans to this effect have yet been laid.

They were married in Venice, the city of canals . . . and had a whole raft of kids.

Pvt. Baird: "Cookie, there's something wrong with this cake. It tastes terrible."

Cookie: "That can't be. The Army Cook's Manual says it's delicious."

## The Wolf by Sansone

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"When did you become so interested in ART?"



## 'Western Union' Gives with Night Litter



Following a sleepless night on the part of both Pfc. Burnett of the 448th squadron and "Western Union," a nondescript feline that selected his bunk on which to deliver her family of seven, Burnett gazes wearily at the family group. "They are all doing well, which is more than I can say for myself. I know now what a father goes through," comments Burnett.

(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

## GIs Invited for Thanksgiving Dinner

Requests are now coming in from Winfield, Ark. City and Oxford citizens for enlisted men to be guests in their private homes. The Special Service department is now contacting squadron orderly rooms to secure the names of men desiring to accept the invitations. 2nd Lt. L. R. Yehle, assistant Special Service Officer who is in charge of arrangements, said today that interested GI's should signify their intentions immediately, so that the names of a definite number of available men can be given to the families desiring guests.

## SAAF Lends Hand in Scrap Drive

Thirty-five trucks and enlisted men from Strother Army Air Field joined in the American Legion scrap drive held in Arkansas City last Sunday, during which 75 tons of materials were collected. SAAF will cooperate in the same manner next Sunday when a similar drive is held in the city of Winfield.

There is a continuous drive going on at Strother Field, recovering, repairing, reclaiming or segregating discarded materials to be sold for scrap, according to 2nd Lt. Carl W. Switzer Jr., Salvage Officer. When a carload of salvage iron, aluminum, tin, etc., has been collected from the various squadrons and messhalls, it is sold by bid. This same process goes on continuously here in order to eliminate waste of war-needed materials.

## Pfc. Burnett Godfather to Family of Seven

Installation of "equipment" and "mass production on the line" took place Sunday night in barrack 2128 with Pfc. E. W. Burnett of the 448th squadron supervising.

Ready to retire, Burnett approached his bunk to find a cat curled up on his top blanket. Cold night or no cold night, a soldier's bunk is no place for a fat cat, so Burnett picked it up in preparation to deposit it outside the door. As he did so a newly-born kitten fell onto his blanket.

Serving in the capacity of mid-wife was farthest from Burnett's desire, so he dropped "kitten packin' mamma" back onto his bed, dived under the covers and let nature take its course!

Sure Burnett was warm during the night—who wouldn't be with two blankets, a comforter, a mama cat and seven kittens covering him!

## Special Program at Chapel Sunday

The new chaplain, 1st Lt. Russell L. Young, will give a special message having to do with Armistice Day this Sunday at 10 a. m.

Another special feature of this service will be solos by the outstanding violinist, Dorothy Merriam of Winfield. Vocal music will be provided for the occasion by Winfield girls. Piano accompaniment will be by Miss Doris Mossman.

Everyone is invited to attend. Those wishing to bring friends and relatives to this service may arrange for passes to the field by contacting the chaplain's office.

## Squadrons Hold First of Weekly Dances

Members of the 448th, 55th, 1082nd and 1088th squadrons, their wives and 50 GSO girls from Arkansas City attended the weekly dance held in the enlisted men's service club Tuesday evening. Dance music was played by the SAAF orchestra.

During the past few weeks various squadrons have held individual dances and parties, but this schedule limited the number of dances each month that enlisted men of the various squadrons could attend. The new policy of a weekly dance for members of all these squadrons will provide more entertainment for all concerned, according to Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, club hostess.

The 322nd squadron will continue to have their weekly parties on Thursday nights. Last night the squadron entertained military personnel from Wichita, Kans.

A variety program will be presented Monday evening, Nov. 15th, during which Miss Betty Buckner, civilian employee of SAAF and Sylvester Bland of the 322nd squadron will present a boogie-woogie program beginning at 2030. This will be first of a series of Monday evening entertainments to be held in the service club.

## SAAF's New Chaplain Is North Carolinian

Chaplain Russell L. Young, recent arrival at SAAF, is the new man behind the desk in the small Chapel office. Chaplain Young is a tall, soft-spoken North Carolinian. He was born and reared near Charlotte, and took his schooling in Catawba College in Salisbury, N. C., and Emory University at Atlanta, Ga.

He is a veteran of the last war, having missed overseas duty and officers' training by about four days. He holds the qualifying medal for sharpshooter, both with the pistol and rifle.

With the experience of being a GI, and also 16 years of pastorate work with the Western North Carolina Conference of Methodists, he is well prepared to discharge the duties of Chaplain. Before being transferred to SAAF, he was stationed at the Chaplain's School in Harvard University, and Kearns Field, Kearns, Utah. His son is in the Medics stationed in Texas, while he and his wife are making their temporary home in Winfield.

His introductory message of greeting to the officers and men of Strother Field prior to his first sermon in the Post Chapel may be found in the "Chaplain's Corner" on page two.

## ARMISTICE DAY—1943



Hero of World War II honors hero of World War I — Captain Ted W. Lawson of Los Angeles, Cal., one of General James H. Doolittle's flyers who lost a leg in the bombing of Tokio, is shown as he visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Captain Lawson is the author of the stirring report, "Thirty Seconds Over Tokio." As usual The American Legion this year again led the Armistice Day ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. (Washington Times-Herald Photo.)

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## Speaking of--The Unknown

In the Arlington National Cemetery under a limestone sarcophagus, behind a grilled enclosure in Westminster Abbey in London, beneath the Victor Emmanuel Monument in Rome, under a stone in the floor of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, and in similar places in Prague, Brussels, Warsaw and Lisbon, lie the bodies of Unknown Soldiers who perished in the last war. These men, representing the whole, were buried with special honors. Indeed, these Unknown men *do* represent the whole, for they are a symbol of the suffering of mankind and the brotherhood of little men.

Though these who gallantly died are Unknown, their cause is not, for today we fight again for them, for freedom, peace and understanding among men. Their efforts are not lost, but regained; their blood is not dry with forgetfulness, but wet in memory with that of their later comrades.

The Unknown Soldier should become a beacon of the common cause for which all of these men have perished. Woodrow Wilson put it in more imperishable words when he said: "The world is not anything if it consists of each of us. It is something only if it consists of all of us; and it can consist of all of us only as our spirits are banded together in a common enterprise. That common enterprise is the enterprise of liberty and justice and right."



EDITOR'S NOTE:—Dear readers; for months now, a moth-eaten blue-eared character has been pursuing members of the staff of the PF demanding the right of scribbling a column in our rag. Time and time again we have refused this dogface; but because of his persistence, and because he knows somebody in the Front Office, and because he knows about the Ed's whirl with Poil of Ponca and threatens to expose him to his home-town femme, we have been forced to give this gregarious baboon his due. Therefore, with apologies to those devoted followers who have read our sheet with friendly interest, we must allow turtle-faced GI Joe to do his damndest.

In his writings (we use that word loosely, because he'd never seen a pencil before a couple of weeks ago) you will find the jocular ramblings of an obscene mind. However, until we can obtain a large supply of rat poison, which is now AAA-1 priority to feed the starving Nazis, we beg you to bear with us. GIs, we give you GI Joe: the fellow who got his edjureashun by reading latrine walls; the mug who knows from nuthun; the guy what was last in line when the brains were distributed; the anthropod of the press; that sub-human sophomore with the brown nose and the built-in drool cup chin: GI Joe!

Nuts to that goon, fellows, let's talk about me and you. You wanna know what this is all about, and if it concerns you. Well men, I hope it does concern you, for that's the purpose of this column. There's too much talking down and talking to the average enlisted man; what we need is something from a guy who talks *with* GIs, a man who speaks the language, a man who is in the know.

What about me? I am a GI. I'm damned proud of it. I like beer (rum better, though); I like good looking women; (I like women, period.) I hate Nazis and Japs; I would rather be overseas than sweating the duration and six out here in Kansas. I like my home state best because the Kansas wind and winter make me think how nice things used to be.

I've got a yen to write some dope for the men my size in the Army, see? And if you'll give me half a chance, I'll do my best to tell you the things you'd like to hear.

## Liftings

Said the cigarette: "I hope I don't get lit tonight and make an ash out of myself. I'm just a fuel for women!"

Worm, worm, him got no mummy.  
Worm, worm, him crawl on his tummy.  
Worm.

Have yuh heard about the shoemaker's daughter who gave the boys her awl?

"Yuh know," said Pvt. Fuddyduddy, "I dreamed I got a commission!"  
"Yeah?" replied GI Harry cynically, "Selling what?"

A wolf is a guy with a biological gleam  
While a fox is a wolf who sends flowers,  
And a weasel is a fox that steals other guys' chickens.

## Have You Read . . .

Wide is the Gate by Upton Sinclair  
One Destiny by Phil Stong  
Overcoming Anti-Semetism by Solomon A. Fineberg  
Blood and Banquets by Bella Fromm  
*They're in your Post Library!*

## Post Chapel Services

Catholic Confession - - Sunday 7 a.m.  
Catholic Mass - - - Sunday 8 a.m.  
Protestant Negro Service - Sunday 9 a.m.  
Protestant General Service - Sunday 10 a.m.  
Jewish Sabbath Service - Friday 8:00 p.m.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings from the new Chaplain to all the officers, cadets, enlisted men, and civilian personnel on Strother Field. May our several paths cross in mutual pleasure many, many times.

The work of one has ended at Strother while that of another has begun. I therefore, take this means of expressing publicly, what I have already done privately, my appreciation for the splendid work done by my predecessor, Chaplain Donald E. Wineinger. I shall seek to carry on the work he has, so well begun. I join with you in praying God's blessings upon him in whatever field he is privileged to serve, and upon his loved ones during his absence from them.

Our job as Chaplain is catalogued as spiritual, which is correct, but when we begin to analyze the word spiritual we find that it has to do with every phase of life and every fibre of our being. So all of our work, yours and mine, is related to and finds unity in the things of the Spirit. All of which is to say that my job is to help you in any way and every way I can. That is as it should be, and that is the way I want it to be. May it be, therefore, that the working out of our several tasks for a common cause shall bring us into a unity of fellowship with our common Lord.

It is my desire that the Chapel shall be, not in name only, but in reality a lighthouse furnishing a beacon by which all on this Field may stay on the "beam." May the Chapel be in deed the Church of God in our midst. May we all give Him a chance to work His works of grace in our hearts.

The present Sunday morning schedule, which is Hospital services at 9:00 and Chapel services at 10:00, will be followed until further notice. You are invited to attend any and all services. Come, and we shall try to do thee good.

## "Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

Have you ever been on KP and assigned to the dining room, seated GIs and cleaned off the tables after they finish eating? What I want to know is whether some of these men think KP workers do not have enough to do, so they purposely string their food scraps over the table instead of carrying them out to the disposal cans.

Certainly none of these messy messers would dare show such manners at home and most certainly being in the army has not taught them such carelessness.

Why not do as most enlisted men do—brush food scraps onto your plate from the table when you finish eating. If every man leaves bread crusts, bones, etc., on the table think what a mess it makes.

## 'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 13 November

YOUNG IDEAS

Mary Astor—Herbert Marshall

Broadway Brevity—Speaking of Animals

Sunday & Monday, 14-15 November

THE MAN FROM DOWN UNDER

Charles Laughton—Richard Carlson

Binnie Barnes

News of the Day

Tuesday, 16 November

Double Feature

HI YA SAILOR

Elyse Knox—Donald Woods—Eddie Quillan

TEXAS KID

Johnny Mack Brown—Raymond Hatton

Wednesday & Thursday, 17-18 November

TRUE TO LIFE

Mary Martin—Dick Powell—Franchot Tone

Victor Moore

Terrytoon—News of the Day

Friday & Saturday, 19-20 November

THIS IS THE ARMY

All Star Cast

Color Cartoon

## Male Call



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# BEHIND OUR PILOTS Mail Orderlies

"Neither rain nor sleet nor hail"—you know the motto of the mail man; well, the same is true of the squadron mail orderlies. The delivery, the handling, the distribution of the mail from friends at home, overseas, and from the family itself is their important task. They form an important link with the "outside" worlds we left behind us, by caring for those precious bits of intimate news that we all look for.

Second only to the 1st Sgt., the mail orderly knows the men in his squadron. He knows their faces, their names, and a bit more about the inside of each man as he watches him rip open a long-awaited letter, or as he feels the gloom which settles down over his buddy when he says—"Sorry, none for you."

The orderlies according to squadrons are: 448th—Pfc. Lawrence L. Towle. Cpl. Mildor O. Mosiman; 1088th—Pvt. Sam L. Moran; 55th—Pvt. Adam (nmi) Patton; 1082nd—Sgt. Clarence J. McAdams, Sgt. Willard F. Dickson, Cpl. Howard H. Black, Pvt. Errol (not Flynn) Murphy; 383rd Band—Cpl. Reginald W. Stechmann; 322nd—Sgt. Robert H. Green; QM—Cpl. Roland W. Letcher; Hospital—Cpl. Andrew Onukiewech; Cadets—Cpl. Victor L. Fair, Cpl. Kenneth L. Duggan.

The next time you're in the day room after your mail, take a good look at your mail orderly. He's a friend of yours, probably more than you have realized. And although his job isn't one of those glamorous bang-bang affairs, he's an important guy. Give him credit.

A great variety of entertaining and educational features will be shown next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the latest issue of GI movies to be shown in the service club.

"Anchors Aweigh," shows the biggest dreadnaught ever to hit the seven seas on her maiden voyage.

"Tell My Boy," CDVO women help parents who cannot write English send letters to their sons in service.

"Army-Navy Football Game," shows thrilling play-by-play of the last tussle between the service schools.

"Screen Puzzler," will test your I.Q. and there are three other features in the film including "Barney Ross," "This Dog's Army," and "The Story of Malta."



Q. Are soldiers on leave subject to arrest by civilian authorities as well as by military police and naval shore patrols.

A. Yes, indeed. All members of the armed forces off duty are subject to the jurisdiction of local law enforcement agencies.

Q. Is training received in the Army good for college credits?

A. In some cases, yes. When you get your discharge, contact the Armed Forces Institute. By taking tests you may receive college credits for what you learned in the Army.

Q. I'm expecting a Certified Disability Discharge. I understand that lapel buttons are issued to honorably discharged service men. Where can I get one?

A. These buttons are now being manufactured. When they are ready they will be issued free by the War Department and may be acquired at any Army post or training center by presenting discharge papers. The insignia will be of circular shape with an eagle in the center.

## It's Rough Country, Pardner!

This is still the wild and wooly west according to an elderly lady living in Boston, Mass., who recently met and talked with a GI from SAAF who visited in that city.

"So you are stationed in Kansas?" said the Bostonian. "I recently saw the motion picture 'Kansas' and tell me, is it really that bad out there?" "It's worse," commented the GI.

### USO ACTIVITIES

- Thurs...Win.....Ping pong  
Ark.....Informal dance
- Sat.....Win.....Special dance  
Ark.....Bingo
- Sun.....Win.....Specialties..Sing..Free call  
Ark.....Square dance
- Mon.....Win.....Name It and Do It  
Ark.....Record-your-voice
- Tues.....Win.....Dance instruction  
Ark.....Snack Bar party
- Wed.....Win.....Informal dance  
Ark.....Ping Pong..GI's-GSO
- Fri.....Win.....Bridge..Dance..Games  
Ark.....Married couples party  
(Eats every night at Ark. City and Winfield)

## Open House Held for Young Men

In observance of National Cadet Week, open house for all young men between the ages of 17 and 26 living in this vicinity was held yesterday, Armistice Day, at Strother Army Air Field.

The young men were shown a motion picture on cadet training at the post theater and then were addressed by Major Dale E. Dunn, Director of Flying.

Capt. Richard S. Quisenberry, SAAF flight commander and 2nd Lt. James D. Thompson Jr., flying instructor, conducted a tour on the line for visiting eligible cadets. They were able to examine the BT-13 Vultee planes used in basic training here and talk with cadets stationed here.

## Payroll Percentage Figure Now 11.9%

Civilian employees of SAAF post headquarters have gone "over the top" in payroll percentage of war bond purchases, according to Lt. Frank M. Mathews, War Bond and insurance officer.

Payroll percentage of this group is 11.9%, nearly 2% above the government requested 10% figure, and 100% in participation.

## Several Changes in Office Locations

The Civilian Personnel Office has been moved into the building south of its present location and the Public Relations Office now occupies the building vacated by civilian personnel.

The former PRO building is to be remodeled for occupancy by the Trial Judge Advocate's office. The structure will also contain a courtroom.

## Lighting Contract Is Awarded

The firm of Bradley, Dodson and Grafentin of Omaha, Neb., was the successful bidder for the permanent night lighting contract at Strother Field and work is to begin immediately. Total cost of the project will be under \$100,000.00 and the work is expected to take six weeks time.

## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Speaking of songs: "Have you heard the 'Dance of the Spanish Onion'?" It will bring tears to your eyes."

Did you hear about the turtle that went crazy so he could live in a padded shell.

Girls, it's proper to hold a soldier's hand in the dark—and often necessary.

One-third of all accidents occur in the kitchen. And they're placed on the table as if they hadn't happened.

Know a sergeant who enjoys a bottle of beer and a limburger cheese sandwich, but when the swallows come back it's not so funny.

## Four New Officers Now Stationed Here

New names added to SAAF's officer and a member of the Army tactical officers, a link trainer officer roster include those of two Nurse Corps.

Capt. Robert H. Schott whose home is in Marquette, Iowa, recently came here from San Antonio, Tex., and is a tactical officer. 2nd Lt. Charles E. Sweet of Seattle, Wash., is the other new tactical officer. He formerly was stationed at Randolph Field, Tex.

2nd Lt. Ray L. Teerling of Aptos, Calif., is the new Link Trainer Officer, coming here from Randolph Field, Tex. 2nd Lt. Grace E. Wojciehowski of the Army Nurse Corps, and whose home is in Wakefield, Mich. formerly was stationed at Truax Field, Madison, Wis.

## Old VD Standby Is Now Obsolete

Well-known and well-used, but hardly popular venerable old VD-Sex Hygiene Training Film 8-154 has finally been laid to rest.

It is not precarious to say that TF 8-154 was known (almost verbatim) by every GI who has donned ODS. It is with a touch of remorse (just a touch) and a stifled sob of regret (Quick Gertie, my hankie!) that we say *au revoir* to a dear and departed friend.

## Dressing May Replace Time-Old Tourniquet

At the annual meeting of Military Surgeons in Philadelphia a fortnight ago, a new dressing was demonstrated which may eliminate from use the time-honored tourniquet. It is said that this dressing may be used on any part of the body, and may be applied by persons with limited training.

Many other new discoveries in the field of military medicine were presented, and Lt. Gen. Sir Alexander Hood, director general of the British Army Medical Service, commented upon the wounded man in this war and the last. Sulfa drugs, blood plasma, and other discoveries have saved the lives of many who would otherwise have died.

Modern dances look more like a race, in the opinion of a reformer. Usually ending neck and neck.

## Like A Fetter From Home

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



# SPORTS

## Kreuter's Krew Lose to Sekers' Supermen

## His Third Record

In response to a bowling challenge by T/Sgt. E. J. Kreuter of the 448th squadron who recently formed an "all-star" team, a group of worthy opponents headed by Cpl. E. C. Sekeres of the 55th squadron handed the Krew a defeat Tuesday night by the margin of 65 points. Following are the scores of individual players:

	1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Total
Peterson	130	128	165	423
Norwood	174	134	117	425
Gearin	149	174	177	500
Sekers	180	191	180	551
Seek	199	181	177	557
<b>Total</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>2456</b>

	1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Total
Kreuter	138	166	125	429
Hess	188	195	188	578
Abbott	146	163	126	435
Stewart	145	142	136	423
Chatelain	154	190	189	533
<b>Total</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>2391</b>



**A/C LAWRENCE C. BULLARD**  
By setting a new physical fitness record for cadets at Strother Army Air Field, Aviation Cadet Lawrence Clayton Bullard of Granada, Minn., extended his string of such records to three—one for each of the Army Air Corps training fields at which he has been located. Not only did he set a new mark for cadets at Strother Field but Cadet Bullard came within two points of equaling the field record which was set two months ago by Lt. Leo Engels of Wichita. Lt. Engels made 265 points and Cadet Bullard 263. Due to the fact that there is a point leeway in the total scoring, both Lt. Engels and Cadet Bullard have the same score—90.

## Basketball Practice Sessions Begin

Basketball practice sessions in the post gym began Monday night and will continue until the enlisted men's teams are organized. Members of the 322nd Aviation Squadron held their practice on Monday and team aspirants from all other squadrons have been holding sessions during the other evenings this week.

The physical training department would like for all organizations to get their basketball teams set up, because the schedule will be made for the basketball league play starting about 22 November.

## Construct Asphalt Play Areas Here

SAAF will soon have two hard surfaced play areas making possible outdoor calisthenics and games heretofore confined to the gymnasium following inclement weather.

The hard surface areas will be on the cadet athletic grounds and the enlisted men's north area near the obstacle course. The former will be 90 x 180 feet in size and the latter will be 70 x 160 feet.

## Leaves for OCS

Sgt. Robert E. Bailey, physical training instructor at Strother Army Air Field, is on his way to sunny Florida, having departed from the base this morning. The trip is not for vacationing purposes, but to enter Air Forces Administrative Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla.

## 'Yank' Magazine Sponsors Contest

Polish up those lenses and start clicking, all you GIs who have a weakness for snaphooting. YANK, the Army Weekly, is offering every enlisted man or woman within the Continental limits of the U. S. a chance to win a \$25.00 War Bond for the best Camp News Photo.

The first announcement of the contest, which will appear in the Nov. 26 issue of YANK, sets forth the following rules:

There will be two \$25.00 bonds awarded, one for each of these classes: CLASS 1—Enlisted members of the Armed Forces in the U. S. who are assigned to photography sections as part of their regular military or naval duty. CLASS 2—All other enlisted members of the Armed Forces in the U. S.

Entries should bear the name, rank and organization of the contestant, should be cleared through the Post Public Relations Office. They must be addressed to Camp News Picture Contest Editor, YANK, 205 E. 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. Captions explaining the subject in detail should accompany each entry. Subject matter must be limited to military or naval affairs, persons, or points of interest associated with military or naval installations. The matter of national security must be considered in the photographing of any classified material or installation.

Contest opens Nov. 26, closes midnight, December 1, 1943. All entries must be postmarked on or before the latter date. Judges will be members of the YANK staff.

Here's a chance to get your name and SAAF in the official Army Mag. YANK. Read the full details in the Camp News section of YANK and start clicking with this big Camp News Photo Contest.

## —BOWLING—

### STANDINGS OF FLYING OFFICERS LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Bostons	16	8
Hurricanes	14	10
Avengers	13	11
Corsairs	11	13
Devastators	9	15
Cubs	9	15

High Game Ind.—Dutko—234.  
High 3 Game Ind.—Ryan—522.  
High Game Team—Devastators—853  
High 3 Game Team—Devastators—2248.

### AVERAGES

	Total Pins	Games	Averages
Markland	1868	11	170
Ryan	3330	20	167
Dutko	2985	18	166
Otto	3388	21	161
Gunther	3537	22	161
Heying	2658	13	158
Bligh	2676	17	157
Peters	3058	20	153
Haveman	2235	15	149
Engels	2241	15	149
Burns	2658	18	148
Johnson	438	3	146
Honomichl	1727	12	144
Sealy	1579	11	144
Culbertson	3291	23	143
Bramble	3294	23	143
Hammond	1698	12	142
Gibson	1971	14	141
Hartzell	2117	15	141
Dunn	2516	18	140
Quisenberry	3062	22	139
Corrick	3054	22	139
Choate	2089	15	139
Turner	965	7	138
Dietrich	407	3	138
Austin	3149	23	137
Smith, R. B.	2604	19	137
Brooks	560	5	136
Stuart	136	1	136
Thompson	2311	17	136
Koska	1486	11	135
Counter	942	7	135
Davis	1743	13	134
Breen	670	5	134
Jones, K.	2375	18	132
Taft	777	6	130
Gordon	2603	20	130
McMacken	1159	9	129
Carlisle	2272	18	126
Williams	1120	9	124
Neff	1727	14	123
Conte	2688	22	122
Hundley	367	3	122
Olson	367	3	122
Bradley	852	7	122
Bowers	2442	20	122
Koepfel	483	4	121
Graves	363	3	121
Hochendel	1765	15	118
Barnard	346	3	115

(Cont. from column 1)

Rowe	683	6	115
Franklin	114	1	114
Dailey	226	2	114
Clark	112	1	112
Hays	1225	11	111
Campbell	211	2	105
Robinowitz	99	1	99
Robinson	98	1	98
Barday	76	1	76

A thorn in the bush is worth two in the hand.

## The Wolf

by Sansone



## 'GI' Brickley Takes a Winfield Wife

Early last Sunday morning, 0600 to be exact S/Sgt. George I. (GI) Brickley, known lovingly to his barrackmates as GoldBrickley, (no relation) took himself a little frau from Winfield.

His choice for a life-mate was none other than petite Velda Maria Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bennett of Winfield. The second "best" man was ole S/Sgt. Bobby Chatelain who for once in his military life was *not* representing the Administrative Inspector's Office.

Sarghento Brickley and his bride have taken temporary leave of Kansas for a furlough to Geo's home in Pennsylvania.

A new physical training schedule for officer personnel of SAAF is now in effect, according to Capt. Oren P. Stoner Athletic Director.

Flying officers classes are now held from 0940 until 1040 and 1400 to 1500. The administrative officers class is held in the evening from 1700 to 1800.

Know a fellow who was disappointed in love three times. Two girls refused to marry him and the third one accepted.

Staff Sgt. Giltner has a girl friend that lives in the forest. . . He calls her his neck of the woods girl.



## Nat. War Fund Drive Totals \$3,842.40

A total of \$3,842.40 has been contributed to the National War Fund Drive by officers and civilian personnel of Strother Army Air Field, according to the final figures released this week by Lt. J. K. Grigsby, post claims officer, in charge of the drive at this field.

The proceeds were equally divided and Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF, presented checks for \$1,921.20 to the War Fund Drive chairmen of Winfield and Arkansas City last Saturday.

Officers contributed \$1,798.90 during the drive and civilian employees gave \$2,043.50. Sub-depot workers contributed \$835.84 and following are the amounts given by employees of the other departments: Engineering, \$578.85; Headquarters \$240.44; Quartermaster \$134.85; Post Exchange \$132.17; Hospital \$69.24; Ordnance \$41.12 and the Signal office \$11.00.



"T" Flight of Strother Army Air Field is well guarded by members of the 1088th squadron prior to Thanksgiving Day. There will be no going a.w.o.l. for these birds as they will soon be in the army—speaking literally and figuratively—and most appropriately the Air Forces. S/Sgt. Sam Taylor Jr., Sgt. Elmer L. Saxon and Pvt. Edgar B. Nelson are shown keeping watchful eyes on the flock. (Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

The following item appeared this week in an astrology column in the Arkansas City Daily Traveler:

"Thursday, Nov. 18—Fortunate as yesterday, including love and friendship. Favorable for new regulations in government and private enterprises. Pluto may make you feel uncertain." But not for long, is what we always say!

## Officers and EM Take Course in .45s

"Pistol Packin Mamas" are now having competition among officers and enlisted men of Strother Army Air Field who are undergoing the qualifying course in .45 revolver firing. SAAF "side arm snipers" are to receive six hours of training with this particular weapon, the first three hours devoted to instruction before going on the range for actual firing. These instructions include aiming, position, breathing, trigger squeeze, range procedure, range discipline and cleaning of the firearm.

The final three hours of training take place on the firing range during which time 100 rounds of ammunition will be fired by each officer and enlisted man. Fifteen rounds are fired the first day and this period is classified as a test for practice. On the second day 40 rounds are fired. This is considered as recorded practice. The final period is devoted to the firing of 45 rounds, results of which are entered in the participants service record.

If you have a steady hand and get a score of 62 you'll be in the marksmanship classification. A score of 75 classifies you as a sharpshooter and if your aim is good enough to result in a score of 86 then you are classified as an expert. Guess there ain't nothin for us ole 22 shooters—meaning score of the same number!

Each organization is furnishing 30 men weekly for this training and will do so until the entire personnel has completed the six-hour course.

## New USO-Camp Show Coming Next Week

"Tell Me More," another sparkling USO-CAMP SHOWS production is coming to Strother Army Air Field next Wednesday evening for two performances, 6:30 and 8 p. m.

In the troupe are the Six Brucettes, six girls who present an acrobatic and dancing act and also dance a chorus line; Viola Layne whose impressions of singing stars are cleverly done. She has appeared in many of the leading theaters over the country; Deszo Retter, knockabout comedian, and The Great Huber, international magician who has performed on the RKO, Warner and Loew's circuits. Huber will feature his million dollar trunk illusion and the clever Spirit cabinet. Two young women assist Huber in confusing and dazzling his audiences.

### RED FACE OF THE WEEK

"In the pink" is the non-com who during his first hour of instruction in handling the .45 revolver let the muzzle drop backward while holding the weapon in "raise pistol" position. Standing to the rear of the non-com and peering into the muzzle of the empty gun was Lt. H. A. Bufton Jr., Ordnance Officer, who corrected the "revolver rover."

# Thanksgiving

STROTHER FIELD NOVEMBER 25 1943

FRUIT CUP		
CRISP CELERY	ASSORTED PICKLES	
ROAST YOUNG TURKEY		
CRANBERRY SAUCE	DRESSING AND GRAVY	
CORN	MASHED POTATOES	BUTTERED PEAS
LETTUCE AND TOMATO SALAD		
HOT ROLLS	BUTTER	
APPLES	GRAPES	CANDIES
PUMPKIN PIE		
COFFEE		

It is doubtful whether Thanksgiving at Strother Field will be a half-holiday or not. In the morning, things will be as usual, with flying, inspections and papwo, but in the afternoon, if the work and squadron flying is up to schedule, both clerk and mechanic crews will be reduced to skeleton force, and the surplus men will be free to keep dinner appointments with civilians. But those who remain on the field will not be forgotten. They will get most of that luscious meal shown above.

## At Home: Civilians

The civilians in the urban areas of the USA are going to be short of turkey this year, because this year's supply is only one-half to one-third of what it was last year. A bumper crop, the greatest in the annals of the country will put plenty of fresh vegetables and fall fruits on the market, and the plentiful supply of other fowl, chicken, duck and grouse, will probably make up in most homes for old tom turkey. There will be fewer family reunions for the annual Thanksgiving dinner due to gasoline rationing and curtailed transportation, but there is still an abundance of worldly things for which to be thankful.

## The Troops Abroad

Thanksgiving across the water won't be much of a Thanksgiving. It can't be, because there's a war going on, a war with an enemy who doesn't take time out for holidays. With dehydrated foods, canned rations and meat, the old-time Thanksgiving is a thing only to be dreamt of, and hoped for.

The Army and Navy are doing their utmost to supply their fighting personnel all over the world with a fitting diet on that holy American day, but of necessity, that diet won't be fresh dumplings, gravy and turkey legs in many instances. Perhaps those in the future will be better. Let us hope so for the boys over there who like turkey and all the trimmings.

## 448th Squadron Party Scheduled for Nov. 27

The first squadron party to be held by members and guests of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron will take place Saturday evening, November 27th, at the Arkansas City Country Club. The party will begin at 8 p. m., and continue until 2 a. m.

Features of the party are to include dance music by the post orchestra, a special floor show by professional entertainers from Kansas City, Mo., games, and a super Dutch lunch to be served during the evening. There will be plenty of beer and soft drinks for everyone, according to members of the arrangements committee. Representatives of the SAAF photo lab will be on hand to take pictures of the event which will later appear in the Prairie Flier.

In addition to squadron members, their wives or girl-friends, guests will include 1st. Lt. Sherman L. Elliott Jr., Squadron Commanding Officer, 1st. Lt. Roy W. Silling, Adjutant, 1st. Lt. Peyton F. St. Clair, Asst. Adjutant, department heads of SAAF and commissioned personnel and warrant officers formerly attached to the squadron. Plans call for official transportation to and from the party but this is optional.

The committee planning the squadron party is headed by T/Sgt. R. C. Stewart who is assisted by M/Sgt. A. B. Cates, T/Sgt. H. P. Jackson, T/Sgt. Benjamin Parker, T/Sgt. L. F. Coffman, Cpl. C. V. Jones, Cpl. M. J. Osfar and Pvt. W. E. Spencer.

All members of the squadron who will not be on duty the night of Nov. 27th are urged to attend the party.

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## Speaking of--Thanksgiving

"Thanksgiving!" exclaimed the cynic contemptuously, "More of your fine words, your farcical folkways that signify something and solve nothing. I am tired of your meaningless phrases and your impractical assumptions that there is something to be thankful for in this world of pain, hunger, bloodshed, murder and rapine. All of your pretty ideas and all of your reverence will not save one soldier or feed one child."

"At least you admit it is significant of something," answered the optimist, "and that is the purpose of my Thanksgiving. I don't intend that it will solve the world's problems; I don't intend that it will save lives or feed children; we shall take these problems in our stride. But I am thankful that humanity has been saved from barbarism once again, and that in the near future we will be able to put this enemy down and restore civilization to its place in the world. Yes, it is a fine word; and to me it means gratitude, gratitude for all we have and all we are to have."

Just at that moment the siren blew, and we put on gas masks for the weekly drill. The cynic and the optimist walked away in opposite directions, each with his thoughts, each with his convictions, and I was left standing in between. I did not know which one to follow.

### 'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Friday and Saturday, 19-20 November

**THIS IS THE ARMY**

All Star Cast

Color Cartoon

Sunday and Monday, 21-22 November

**CRAZY HOUSE**

Olsen and Johnson

News of the Day—Paramount Headliner

Movietone Adventure

Tuesday, 23 November

Double Feature

**YOU'RE A LUCKY FELLOW MR. SMITH**

Allan Jones—Evelyn Ankers

**MYSTERY BROADCAST**

Frank Albertson—Ruth Terry

Wednesday and Thursday, 24-25 November

**THE IRON MAJOR**

Pat O'Brien—Ruth Warrick

News of the Day—Community Sing

Friday and Saturday, 26-27 November

**LASSIE COME HOME**

Roddy McDowell—Donald Crisp

Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Walt Disney Cartoon



**THIS WEEK WE SEE ABROAD . . .**  
that the Yanks and Brits have broken the standing Heinnie line, but are still a hell of a long way from Roma . . . The battle for Bougainville is still on . . . fierce as ever . . . with the capture of Kiev the Russians have climaxed the long summer and fall battle for the Dneiper R . . . they are now only about 50 miles from Poland . . . Schicklegruber and his beer-hall buddies (those that have avoided eating purge pudding) met for an annual binge . . . "The war will be fought fanatically to the end," spoke Charlie Chaplain's double . . . Yeah, Adolph, we knew that all the time!

**THIS WEEK AT HOME WE SEE . . .**  
that the American people are getting more over-confident, more smug, more complacent about the war every day . . . I guess they never really knew what it was all about . . . Lt. Tommy Harmon is missing in action in the East . . . Errol Flynn sent a lock of his hair to a War Bond rally in Portland, Ore. . . rally? you don't say!

**THUMBNAIL SKETCH . . .**  
Pfc. Don S. Whittlesey . . . is a quiet GI . . . works in north hangar . . . greasemonkey and gas jockey . . . home in Boone, Iowa . . . he's gotta steady girl named 'Lisbeth . . . looks like either marriage or back to school and mech engineering after it's over . . . he dropped outa frosh year at Ia State because of the war . . . his dad works for the CNWRR . . . his brother Lynn with GE in Schenectady, Noo Yawk . . . a regular guy this Whit: likes hunting, fishing, reading . . . he worked in a defense plant before the war too . . . now he's in Kansas and the 1082nd . . . a damn nice fellow.



**THE THINGS I LIKE ARE . . .**  
guys who goof on sidewalk detail . . . some civilians who think the GI is a sucker and try to beat him out of his hard earned coppers . . . guys who borrow dough, and when payday is ten days past say: "Did I owe you some money?" . . . guys that let stripes go to their heads . . . guys who take two or three slabs of butter when there is hardly enough to go around . . . hearing the natives brag about Kansas . . . hearing some inane little local girl say every five minutes in expression of her high mentality: "Are you kiddin'?" . . . guys who try to cheer you up when you're really burned up and only succeed in aggravating the situation . . . awwwww . . . TARFU!

"PUT DEM DISHES in nice tall piles," the pusher said as I stumbled thru my 14 hours of drudgery and KP last week. And for you men who await your second turn at bat on the duty roster, I can assure you of a long, long day of restless activity. In Sgt. Pennington's palace of crockery cops everything runs in smooth harmony. (Can I take the ball and chain off now Sgt. can I?) The only thing which is hard to take (outside of KP) is Sgt. P's moralizing in the wee early hours of the morning. He put over one point tho—the fellows used to look upon KPers—the good old permanent guys—as something out of this world—sorta inferior to the regular GI, but now that they've had a taste of the dirty job those fellows had, they've got a different slant on the subject.

**Have You Read . . .**  
Quiet Lady by Norman Collins  
This Time for Keeps by John MacCormac  
Opportunities in the Armed Forces by Maxwell Lehman and Morton Yarmon  
Weald of Youth by Siegfried Sasson  
*They're in your Post Library!*



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG  
A TIME AND A PLACE

In these days of suffering, strife and distress people everywhere and in all walks of life are seeking help, but apparently many do not know where to go nor to whom to look. "They are like sheep without a shepherd."

Most of us do not need to be told where and when to feed our bodies. We are perfectly willing to spend a great deal of time and effort in finding a place—even two or three hours a day. All the lower forms of animal life do as much. But He who "came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly" said, even when His body was perishing for the lack of food, "man shall not live by bread alone."

There are set times and places for us to feed our bodies—the lower man. We must feed them or they die. Likewise there are times and places when we must feed our souls—the higher man. We must feed them the higher and better things of life or they die.

The bigger the man and the greater his responsibilities, the more he needs to take time to feed his soul. "It is a matter of record that every President of the United States has implored divine guidance as he took up the duties of his great office. Washington, our first President, went from his inauguration to divine services; Franklin D. Roosevelt went from divine services to his own inauguration." Likewise, Generals Marshall, Montgomery, MacArthur and many of our greatest leaders of today are men who take time to feed their souls. All of us need to find a time and a place, and there is no better time nor place than the church of one's choice in its regular hours of worship. "Come, and I will do thee good," saith the Lord.

## "Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

You talk about pet gripes, eh! Well, here is one that should get quite a bit of support. At least, among those G. I.'s who are fortunate enough (or vice-versa) to still be single men. WE, who are doomed to the Post with our "Flight Jackets," seem to be having trouble getting our blouses cleaned and still lead a normal life. If we get them cleaned on or off the post, we automatically restrict ourselves for approximately one week. However, we think nothing of that, but decide to see a show at the theatre, or go to the service club. Our hearts sink in dismay as we remember that no one is allowed to enter the previously mentioned places without their only "Dress Suit." Now, what do we decide to do? Of course, we can go back to the barracks and drool for about a week! Then again, we may decide that we would rather smell like a "cheese factory" and not get our blouses cleaned throughout the winter.

Signed: BEWILDERED JOES.

## Male Call



### Proposes Billion \$ Educational Program

A week ago in Washington, President Roosevelt proposed a billion dollar post-war educational program for members of the Armed Forces. "We have taught youth how to wage war," he said, "we must also teach them how to live useful and happy lives in freedom, justice and decency."

The two main proposals of the plan set forth, based on a preliminary report by a special committee on educational rehabilitation headed by Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, were:

1. The Federal Government should make it financially feasible for every service member with six months service since 9-16-40 to spend up to one year in a school, a college, a technical institution, or actual training in industry, so that he may further his education, learn a trade or acquire necessary knowledge for his future pursuits.

2. The FGovt should make it financially possible for a limited number of service people selected for special aptitudes to carry on their general, professional or technical education for a period of one, two or three years.

One million members of the Service are expected to return to school after the war. The committee has also found that it is cheaper to keep a man in school than in the field. The administration of these plans is not yet formulated, but it will probably be with state cooperation. This is all a part of FDR's long range readjustment program for service men and women.—Army Times.

### These Tuesday Parties

THESE TUESDAY INTRA-SQUADRON BRAWLS are really a lot of fun . . . of course jive-kids control the floor, and no timid person dares venture forth on that sea of flying arms and legs . . . among the couples defying the speed, gravity and motion laws was Sgt. Meeks (88) and his wife . . . cruising speed 500 per . . . have you ever seen Pfc. Babbini (383B) tackle a hep kitten twice his size? . . . And everyone took notice that Betty Buckner (PT civvie) was out on two of the cutest little limbs you ever saw . . . aaaaawww-hhhooooo . . . British Cadet Meller (PonCi) from the hospital thought things were a bit too fast . . . Sgt (I know you don't need to tell me) Gay (48) was in the punk How about Saturday? . . . I'll see you to the bus . . . Where'd you leave your crutches?"



Q. Is it possible for soldiers stationed overseas to send war bonds home as Christmas presents?

A. Yes. Any member of the armed forces now serving abroad may buy war bonds and have them delivered to relatives or friends in the U. S. by Christmas. The bond sales are handled by the mail order gift section which the Army Exchange Service operates for overseas personnel. All the soldier has to do is buy a bond at the nearest Army Exchange which forwards the name of the recipient and the donor to a New York bank. The bank delivers the bond together with a gift card bearing the name of the sender.

Q. Are all men classified below the general service level automatically discharged from the Army?

A. Not at all. Personnel physically classified below the general service level may be assigned where their limited abilities can be used to advantage without retarding the training of combat troops.

### Metal Trays in Use

Latest improvement in the 1,000-man mess-hall is the addition of 300 metal trays replacing the same amount of china dishes. No more do enlisted men have to become proficient jugglers in order to carry their food from the service line to the tables. The trays are divided into several sections making it possible now to distinguish individual servings—no more horrible concoctions such as raisin pie and stewed tomatoes slightly mixed together.

USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark. City and Winfield)	
Sat.	Win..... Formal dance..Floor show Ark..... Informal dancing
Sun.	Win..... Thanksgiving party Ark..... Bingo..Free call..Quiz
Mon.	Win..... Kitchen party..Games Ark..... Sq. dancing
Tues.	Win..... Service club dance Ark..... Snack Bar party..Bridge
Wed.	Win..... Informal dance Ark..... Formal Thank. dance
Thurs.	Win..... Elks Thank. feed 5-8 Ark..... Ping pong..Bridge Thank. singing in lounge
Fri.	Win..... Ping pong..Pumpkin pie Ark..... Married couples night

### Class 44-C Cadets Hosts at Dance

Aviation Cadets of Class 44-C will be hosts Sunday afternoon to 120 young women from Arkansas City and Winfield for a tea dance in the post gymnasium. Those selected to attend will receive printed invitations from the class.

Prior to the dance, a parade and review will be staged by the members of the class in honor of their guests. This will be at three o'clock. Dancing will then be enjoyed in the gymnasium from four until seven o'clock. At the conclusion of the dance cadets of this class will have their first open post.

Lt. L. G. Guiducci will be in charge of the arrangements and decorations. Additional guests will be the commanding officer and other department heads. Music will be furnished by the post orchestra.

### Two Fatal Flying Accidents Here

Two cadets and an instructor of Strother Army Air Field lost their lives in two flying accidents this week near the base. A mid-air collision last Monday evening at 11:15 p. m., between two training planes resulted in the death of a cadet piloting one of the planes. The pilot of the other plane parachuted to safety, sustaining only slight injuries. The cadets were on solo training flights. The second accident which took place about 9 a. m., Thursday morning resulted in the death of the instructor and student. This accident happened approximately 12 miles west of the field.

Victim of Monday night's mid-air collision was Aviation Cadet Adolphus Payne Rutherford III, member of class 44-B. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Payne Rutherford of Houston, Tex., and was formerly a student of the University of Houston. He came to SAAF from Parks Air College, East St. Louis, Mo.

2nd. Lt. Frank Ellis Wilhelm, flying instructor, and Aviation Cadet Paul R. Connery Jr., of class 44-C, were killed in the crash of their plane Thursday morning while on a routine flight from an auxiliary field.

2nd. Lt. Wilhelm, who came to SAAF on Oct. 14th of this year, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Wilhelm of Palmyra, Penn. Aviation Cadet Connery was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Connery Sr., of South Norwalk, Conn.

### Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Sgt. Martin says: When I arrived in Houston there was a big crowd at the station to meet me—when I got off they got on.

Cpl. Hines: "Did you take a shower?"

Pvt. Hayes: "Is there one missing?"

The trouble with most women is their trouble with most men.

If the controversy lasts much longer—it will be pre-Pearl Harbor grandfathers.

Football games are always so interesting—they always end with a bang.

Sub-Depot Notes: Why all this talk about women in slacks? Some men have looked terrible from the rear view for years and no mention is made about them.

### T-Sgt. A.C. Krajnik Marries Wichita Girl

The principals were the same, the place was the same, the hour of the evening was the same, the day of the week was the same, the Reverend was the same one—in fact everything was the same except the attendants of the first part became the bride and groom of the second part and the bride and groom of the first part became the attendants of the second part—it is not as confusing as it seems—just bear with us.

T/Sgt. Arlington C. Krajnik of the 448th Squadron and Miss Josephine Sanders of Wichita were married last Saturday evening at 9 p. m., in the parsonage of the Christian church in Winfield. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Josie Sanders of Wichita, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Krajnik of Western, Neb.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. James R. Leach who attended the couple were married three weeks previously in the same parsonage and their attendants were T/Sgt. Krajnik and Miss Sanders.

### Khaki Comedy

By Sgt. Major Edward D. Rose

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(Ed. Note: Following are a few of the snappy jokes popular during World War I.)

"What is the difference between a man from the north of Ireland and the Kaiser?" "One comes from Belfast and the other is going to Hellfast."

"Why is Annette Kellerman like Gen. Byng?" "Because both owe their success to tanks."

(P.S. Annette Kellerman had the same effect on your papa as Betty Grable has on you GIs of World War II.)

"Why is a slacker like a lemon meringue pie?" "Because he is yellow all the way through and hasn't enough crust to go over the top."

"Why is the Kaiser going to buy ten thousand watermelons?" "Because he has to feed the soldiers on the Rhine."

"Why is a dead German like a pig's tail?" "Because it is the end of the swine."

"The Kaiser says he will say the last word when peace is discussed." "Sure he will and that word will be 'Kamerad.'"

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### Some Stuffing!

# SPORTS

## —BOWLING—

### STANDINGS OF FLYING OFFICERS LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Per.
Bostons	18	9	.667
Hurricanes	16	11	.593
Avengers	16	11	.593
Corsairs	12	15	.444
Devastators	10	17	.370
Cubs	9	18	.333

High Game Ind.—Dutko—234.  
 High 3 Game Ind.—Ryan—552.  
 High Game Team—Devastators—853.  
 High 3 Game Team—Devastators—2248.

### AVERAGES

	Total Pins	Games	Averages
Markland	1868	11	170
Dutko	3472	21	165
Ryan	3747	23	163
Otto	3822	24	159
Gunther	3951	25	158
Heying	2058	13	158
Bligh	3045	20	152
Peters	3502	23	152
Engels	2670	18	148
Haveman	2654	18	147
Burns	3087	21	147
Johnson	438	3	146
Honomichl	1727	12	144
Sealy	1579	11	144
Bramble	3741	26	144
Culbertson	3715	26	143
Codron	428	3	143
Corrick	3547	25	142
Breen	1127	8	141
Dunn	2516	18	140
Hartzell	2497	18	139
Quisenberry	3482	25	139
Choate	2089	15	139
Turner	965	7	138
Dietrich	407	3	138
Thompson	2732	20	137
Austin	3598	26	138
Smith, R. B.	2604	19	137
Gibson	2331	17	137
Brooks	560	5	136
Stuart	136	1	136
Kostka	1486	11	135
Counter	942	7	135
Davis	1743	13	134
Jones, K.	2375	18	132
Taft	777	6	130
Gordon	2603	20	130
Hammond	1897	15	126
Carlisle	2272	18	126
Williams	1497	12	125
Neff	1727	14	123
Conte	3048	25	122
Hundley	367	3	122
Olson	367	3	122
Bradley	852	7	122
Bowers	2790	23	121
Koepfel	483	4	121
Graves	363	3	121
Hoehndel	2152	18	120
Barnard	346	3	115

## 448th Bowling League in 2nd Half of Play

The 448th Base Hq. and AB Sq. Bowling League is now in its second round of play, the first round having been won by the Adjutant's "Paragraph Troopers." The standings in the second round of play are listed below:

	Won	Lost
Tech Terrors	7	1
Wolf Pack	5	3
Dive Bowlers	5	3
Paragraph Troopers	3	5
Finsigs	2	6
Orderly and Supply	2	6

Results of last week's bowling, Monday, 15 November, 1943:

Tech Terrors 4; Orderly and Supply 0.

Dive Bowlers 3; Paragraph Troopers 1.

Wolf Pack 3; Finsigs 1.

High series (team) Tech Terrors 3033.

High series (individual) Ofstad (Dive Bowlers) 539.

High game (individual) Huhn (Wolf Pack) 218.

Schedule for Monday, 22 November, 1943:

Tech Terrors vs. Dive Bowlers.  
 Wolf Pack vs. Paragraph Troopers.

Finsigs vs. Orderly and Supply.

(Cont. from column 1)

Rowe	683	6	115
Franklin	114	1	114
Dailey	226	2	113
Hays	1580	14	113
Clark	112	1	112
Campbell	211	2	105
Robinowitz	99	1	99
Robinson	98	1	98
Barday	76	1	76



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Army Air Field, presents checks in the amount of \$1,921.20 each to the Arkansas City and Winfield treasurers of the National War Fund Drive. Standing next to Col. Carroll are Foss Farrar, Ark. City NWF treasurer; George L. Jarvis, Winfield NWF treasurer; Tom Buzzi of Ark. City, county chairman, and C. H. Manney, Ark. City chairman. SAAF officers and civilian personnel contributed \$3,842.40 in a recent campaign at the base.

## Basketball League Play Begins Last of Month Birthday Celebration for 322nd. Members

Weekly practice sessions of squadron basketball aspirants continued throughout this week in the post gym. Start of the squadron league play is scheduled for the last of this month and all organizations are urged to be ready for opening games by having their teams ready at that time.

The gymnasium is open during the evenings and many members of the various squadrons are taking advantage of this opportunity to get in shape for league play. The gym will remain open for such sessions until the league play begins.

Six men of the 322nd Aviation Squadron (Sep) whose birthdays occur during November were guests of honor at the squadron party Thursday night in the Service Club at Strother Field. A similar party is to be held each month.

The Service Club stage was converted into a simulated home, and in the atmosphere of such the men cut their huge, candle-lit birthday cake and opened gifts provided by their squadron—a cigaret case for each man. The honored ones were: Pfc. Warren Johnson, Pvt. James Alexander, Pvt. Melvin Armstrong, Pfc. Peter Ellis, Pfc. Timorthus Fitzerald, and Pvt. Charles Witherspoon.

A committee composed of S/Sgt. Henry W. Ward, Pfc. Odell Davis, Pfc. James Seals, Pfc. Russell Estell, Pfc. John Gracey, Cpl. James Clark and Pvt. James Alexander is arranging a full schedule of entertainment for the 322nd. Dances and jive sessions, programs by post and out-of-town talent, musical and dramatic events and other funfests are being slated—one such event for each week.

Last week's Armistice day dance with music furnished by the post orchestra under the direction of T/Sgt. Calhoun was considered the 322nd's outstanding social occasion to date. Visitors from Washington, D. C., Galveston, Texas, Ponca City, Okla., and Wichita, Kans., joined the men of the 322nd and their guests from Arkansas City and Winfield for the occasion.

## G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service  
 1. A United States cabinet member, who is neither the secretary of war nor the secretary of navy, recently completed a tour of the Mediterranean area fighting fronts. He is—

- A—Henry Morgenthau ( )
- B—Claude A. Wickard ( )

2. The recent four-power parley involving the United States, China, Russia and Great Britain, was held in the Soviet capital which is—

- A—Leningrad ( )
- B—Moscow ( )

Answers: 1-A; 2-B.

For the benefit of those who bowl in leagues or wish to know the days of open bowling so that they may practice their hooks n' straight ball deliveries, Mr. Austin, manager of SAAF's alleys, has prepared the following schedule:

- Mon.—448th Sq. six teams.
- Tues.—Open bowling.
- Weds.—2330: 55th Sq, 4 tms.
- Thurs.—1700: Adm. officers.  
 2230: Flying officers.
- Fri., Sat., Sun.—Open bowling.

Before the time stated in the schedule and after league play up to the time of closing, open bowling is in effect. Men who wish to pick up extra cash (and it's supposed to be plentiful) are still needed in the afternoons to set pins.

Put down that scalp lotion Grandma, you're too old to be doing hair-raising stunts.

## SAAF Nurses Form Bowling League

The Army Nurses at Strother Field have entered the fall pin-fray with a team of their own. Last Wednesday night these Army Amazons did battle with a team of ladies from Ark City and the ladies laid them low.

Nate Austin, manager of the SAAF alleys, announced recently that if any officers' or enlisted men's wives are interested in bowling and would care to form teams, league play will be organized.

## The Wolf by Sansone

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"Oh! I'll bet I know what you're wishing!"



## PFR Honors to 448th Squadron

The 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron copped individual and squadron honors in the recent physical fitness tests for enlisted men of Strother Field, according to the compiled records. This announcement was made by 2nd. Lt. H. H. Cummings, assistant Physical Training officer.

Pfc. Bernard Kelly was high man with a score of 77. In winning individual honors he performed 114 sit-ups, 14 chin-ups and ran the 300 yard shuttle run in 51 seconds. Average for the entire squadron was 63, eight points higher than the nearest competitive squadron.

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## 1082nd SQ Plans Gala Stag Party

The time will be the 18th of December at 2000; the place will be the old Elk's Hall above the Courier on Ninth and Millington streets in Winfield; the event will be the 1082nd's gala Stag Party, held in honor of the men who work on the line.

Why are all of the men and squadron officers planning to be there if the flying schedule permits? Well, perhaps it's because of (1) the damn good stag entertainment promised from radio station KFH in Wichita; or (2) the 75 to 100 cases of beer ordered; or (3) 1200 hot dog sandwiches with trimmings. In any case, the whole program has been planned by a 1082nd committee with an eye towards fun and stag enjoyment.

The committee, a composite representation of the many units that make up the 82nd includes T/S James W. Conn (chairman), T/S Howard A. Olson, S/S James W. Gilligan and Sgt. Lester E. Stokamp. This party is the third in a series of monthly affairs planned for the men of the 82nd., the first two being the chicken dinner party and the dance party in Ark. City.

## Turkey Dinner Called Super by Strother GIs

With the command, "expand tummies" GIs went to work on the turkeys and other delicacies forming the Thanksgiving menu at Strother Field yesterday. There was little conversation among the soldiers as they stared with popping eyes at the ample quantities of foodstuff — and there was no conversation at all as they finished eating and forced themselves into standing positions, hoping they could make the trip to their barracks for a few minutes rest. Who could get close enough to a desk or airplane to work anyway!

The newly-decorated south half of the mess hall opened for the occasion looks swell, painted flags of the Allied nations on the walls and all. Think what might have happened if all the food-filled GIs had been crowded into the north end—Quick junior the stomach pump!

## 448th Squadron Party at Ark. City Tomorrow

Tomorrow night is the night for all members of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, their wives or girl-friends, to have a grand time at the VFW Club in Ark. City. The occasion is the first squadron party to be held by this organization.

Site of the party has been changed from the A. C. Country Club to the Veterans of Foreign Wars clubroom in the 200 block South Summit street. This location in town will eliminate transportation from A. C. to the original site as formerly planned by the arrangements committee. GI trucks will leave the Squadron area at 8 p. m., tomorrow night for the party and they will return at its conclusion. This means of transportation is optional as far as enlisted men are concerned, however.

## 4 Officers Promoted

Four promotions over the weekend add a captain and three first lieutenants to the SAAF officers roster. Promoted to Captain was Stewart E. Burns, General Mess Officer. Three flying officers, Fred R. Hundley, Cecil L. Turner, and W. A. Dietrich are now wearing silver bars.

## Athletic Medals to be Presented Officers and Enlisted Men Saturday

Feature of the November review of enlisted men scheduled for Saturday morning, Nov. 27th, will be the presentation of athletic medals to twenty-five officers and thirty-seven enlisted men of Strother Army Air Field.

The presentation of the medals will be made by Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF. Major J. R. Williams is to be commander of troops and 1st. Lt. J. L. Musser, adjutant during the monthly review.

Recipients of the medals will be the winners of the officers and enlisted men's softball leagues, physical fitness tests, ping-pong, golf and badminton tournaments, and members of the SAAF baseball team which during the past season won 23 out of 31 games played.

Following are the officers who will receive medals Saturday: 2nd. Lt. L. E. Engels, first, 1st. Lt. G. D. Allen, second, 1st. Lt. W. A. Dietrich, third in the officer's physical fitness tests; 1st. Lt. S. W. Key, first, 1st. Lt. H. L. Hawley, second, Capt. A. E. Haveman, third in the officers golf tournament; Capt. C. E. Drysdale, first, Major D. E. Dunn, second and Capt. R. E. Long, third in the officers badminton tournament; 1st. Lt. J. L. Musser, first, Capt. R. S. Quisenberry, second and Major D. E. Dunn, third, in the officers ping-pong tournament. Capt. T. R. Hottenfeller, who formed the SAAF enlisted men's baseball team and played in several games. Members of the South Stage officer's softball team which won the league title include: Major D. E. Dunn, Capt. A. E. Haveman, Capt. W. H. Carlisle, Capt. J. F. Thompson, 1st. Lt. J. S. Neff, 1st. Lt. W. F. Gunther, 1st. Lt. J. L. Musser, 1st. Lt. R. E. Carswell, 2nd. Lt. A. W. Henke, 2nd. Lt. G. P. Otto, 2nd. Lt. W. N. Atteberry, 2nd. Lt. P. B. Hardin.

Among the enlisted men to be awarded medals are the following:  
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## GIs on Line to Get Hot Java

For the men on the line who are exposed to the wintry Kansas winds, hot java, served 24 hours a day, will be a welcome relief from the cold.

This improvement is one of the features of a plan to better working conditions on the line during the coming blizzard months. The equipment for this enterprise, consisting of six 10-gallon milk cans with fitted spigots, and six Coleman burners purchased thru the aid of Mr. Walter J. Hedberg, Red Cross field director, will be placed upon specially constructed tables by the Post Engineer, situated in the buildings directly adjacent to the hangars. Milk and sugar is to be furnished by the 1000 man mess, while the soldier-mechanic will bring only his mess cup and a desire for coffee..



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

This is the story of Rookie and how he made corporal. Rookie, a neat and petite red terrier, was born six and a half months ago right here at Strother Field, and hence, right into the Army. Orphaned when he was still a young buck, he decided to go a second hitch with the fellows in Ordnance who are his buddies.

By far, Rookie is the most popular guy in Ordnance. He has more friends than Dale Carnegie, and he knows how to act with them. Rookie never goofs off on sidewalk detail (well, hardly ever). Rookie never misses roll call. Rookie is never late for his job as a guard in the "pot room" of the Ordnance supply. And most of all Rookie is never late for chow, mainly because he is a blue-blood chow hound, probably the last of his line. Most of Rookie's pals know him as a rough and ready guy, with dynamite in his bark and lightning in his bite. With all of these attributes, you'd think Rookie'd be a top-kick by now, wouldn't yuh? Well, if it hadn't been for one instance when Rookie's streak of wolf blood came out, he'd have those six stripes and a diamond in between.

The whole thing happened when Rookie was out at the main gate with his pal Sarg and his non-coms, Cpls. Victor Fergola and C. L. Wolfe. Sarg, a 30 year man, had told Rookie about a bit of toy collie fluff that he had seen down near the Hackney overpass, and Rookie went off to investigate. We don't know the rest of the story, but when the MPs picked up Rookie two days later in town guzzling a bottle of beer, he had the sickening grin of success in love on his kisser. He was to be broken from Pfc and slapped in the dog-house, but because of his unblemished record and excellent character, he was restricted to the post for a month and put on KP meat detail for a solid week. Just last week, after his AWOL adventure had slipped into the dim past, he was promoted to the grade of Corporal (temp) and given a Good Conduct Medal.

## Plan Xmas Event For Hospital Patients

Patients of Strother Army Air Field station hospital during the coming Yuletide are to be a "pampered" group as far as the Red Cross camp and hospital committee composed of representatives from Arkansas City, Winfield and Wellington are concerned.

Realizing that most people are concentrating their efforts on sending gifts to the soldiers overseas and in the United States, this local group is out to see that hospitalized soldiers here are given plenty of attention.

At a meeting of the southeastern Kansas council held recently at Independence, Kans., plans were laid to provide Christmas cheer (not THAT kind, Joe) in the army air base hospitals at Strother Field, Coffeyville and Independence. Christmas trees, decorations for the trees, gifts and entertainment for a Christmas program are to be provided for this group of soldiers at SAAF.

The Junior Red Cross has volunteered to furnish popcorn strings and ornaments for the trees, so all in all, our soldier patients will be well provided for during Christmas. No, you cannot make advance reservations to enter the hospital!

# PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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## Women Not Slackers

The writer of a nationally syndicated column recently charged the women of the country were showing themselves to be "slackers"—he used the word—because they had failed to enlist in sufficient numbers in the feminine branches of the armed forces. The Army Air Forces, now in an intensive campaign to recruit thousands of WACs for important jobs, has other ideas on the subject.

The AAF has examined the subject from all angles and obtained the views of women both in and out of the WAC. The conclusion reached was that misunderstanding, and not lack of patriotism, was to blame for the disappointing response to the call for volunteers.

Here's the way WAC officials tell their side of the story:

The Women's Army Corps has proved itself despite a combination of distressing circumstances. During its period of organization cartoonists, comedians, and skeptics had a field day on the subject of women soldiers. They established an attitude on the part of the public which persists in many quarters today. These people forget completely that their grandfathers had said similar things about women army nurses—and had been proved 100 per cent wrong.

Army men themselves were not by any means unanimous in their acceptance of the WACs. Commanders of many posts were pessimistic when told a WAC detachment was being assigned to them. They anticipated "problems" which never occurred.

Now these same commanders are the loudest boosters of the WAC. They are calling for more and more women. If half a million women enlisted tonight, they would not be enough to fill the specific requests which have come from these former "Doubting Thomases."

WACs are now handling 155 listed specialized jobs—and there are more than 200 others which could be performed by women if the women were available. Some of these jobs are, of course, simple ones—but highly technical assignments in laboratories, in the control towers of airfields, in hospitals, in mechanical work are available for women with qualifications or the ability to be trained. And there are commissions, with the pay of regular army officers, for those who demonstrate superior talents while in the enlisted ranks.

In questioning women's patriotism, the columnist also overlooked one highly significant point—that many women have been dissuaded from joining the WAC by their brothers, husbands or fathers who were unfamiliar with the facts. Some of this can be attributed to male arrogance—sneering at the idea that women can do men's work. More of it can be traced to gossip, rumor, whispering campaigns and distortion.

Being a small, easily identified and much-discussed group, the WACs were subject to the same process which underlies all prejudice. When a member of such a group performs any questionable act, his fault is attributed to others of his kind. Any soldier knows that a "good army town" has been ruined because a few men in uniform made nuisances of themselves—and so the townsfolk decided all soldiers were bums.

This condition has been even more true in the case of the WACs, who have been constantly under public scrutiny. The slightest instance or report of misconduct on the part of one WAC was distorted into condemnation of the entire corps.

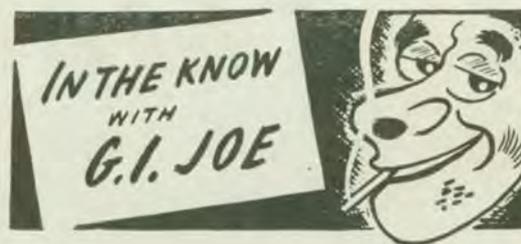
What has been the actual conduct of the WACs? This can best be answered by the statement of the executive officer of one of the largest posts of the country:

"We were mighty dubious when the WACs came to our camp. After six months we're asking for more. We're delighted. They've done excellent work. The women are of a generally high type. A lot of them are college graduates. Their conduct has been generally above reproach. They're just like any other group of women you would come across in business, educational, or school life—except that I think they're better than most."

A special musical program is to be presented in connection with the general Protestant services in the Post Chapel Sunday morning at 10 a. m., according to announcement made today by Chaplain Russell L. Young. Charles L. Hinchey, director of music in the Arkansas City high school, will direct the program.

Appearing on the program will be the following: Arkansas City high school students: Genevieve Goff, Connie Rush, Mary Rohl, Betty Smith, Shirley Gilliland, Ernest Tatom, Ronald Holdredge, Richard Spencer and Roland Hornbuckle. There will be a solo, "The Lord's Prayer," by Albert Malotte. Organist will be Lt. S. D. Atkinson.

"The Triumphant Church" will be the text of Chaplain Young's sermon.



**THIS WEEK ABROAD WE SEE . . .** that the battle of Russia and the battle of Italy are merged into one war against Hitler's fortress of Europe . . . that finally something is being done to relieve the Bengal famine . . . one of the most inhumane acts of disconcert practiced in this age by wealthy Indian landowners and British rule, when thousands of foodless peasants were allowed to die . . . the Marine bridgehead at Bougainville is still holding under terrific enemy fire . . . and our island-hopping continues . . . the Balkan offensive was opened with the raid on Sofia, Nazi's railroad center which is still smoking like a smudge pot . . . the Crimea, once Waterloo for the Russians is ditto for the struggling German and Rumanian armies . . . the great army of mother Russia has split the *Wahrmacht* in two . . . Russia's fight along an 1800 mile front, which is inconceivable to us, will be recorded in history as the greatest military success ever known.

**THIS WEEK WE SEE AT HOME . . .** the UNRRA has been organized to rebuild and rehabilitate Allied countries after the war . . . Tom Moore's distillery in Baltimore has declared a 27 gallon of bourbon dividend for its shareholders . . . hurry with your stock Mamma . . . Cordell Hull was welcomed home a hero, and rightly so for his excellent work abroad . . . who's going to Russia next? . . . hand me that time table, I haven't gone . . . why not invite Joe over here? . . . wasamatter, will he break the furniture? . . . the Union Now movement got under way last week in (oh my Gawd of all places!) Peoria, Ill. . . they're still talking and doing nothing about the anti-poll tax bill in Congress . . . a new word for GI slanguage: FUBAR . . . things are . . . "f-f-fouled up beyond all recognition."

**THUMBNAIL SKETCHES . . .** Pfc. Sidney A. Morse . . . of the 448th . . . is a dyed-in-the-wool Texas man . . . born, reared and schooled in good ole Houston . . . his wife Dot keeps an eye open for developments in the dark room at the SAAF Foto Lab where he works . . . before the war he worked with Westinghouse Elec in Houston . . . his dad's a WE man too . . . he has two bros . . . one in the Navy overseas and the other in the Marines . . . aside from tinkering with transformers and motors he is hep to the jive . . . not being a square from Dela-you-know-where, he's sold on Sammy Kaye and Blue Barron . . . if you know Sid you like him . . . a right guy.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SPARE TIME . . .** read . . . the book "Hong Kong Aftermath" by Wenzell Brown . . . get a good idea what victory under the Japs would mean . . . "The Myth of Calamity Jane," a fact story in Dec. issue of Adventure Mag (20 min.) . . . "The Corporal and Free Love," by Cpl. C. G. DeVan in Nov.'s Our Army (10 min.) . . . take a gander at . . . Life's issue of the 19th . . . and read about the Prussians and German War Lords (25 min.) . . . see . . . the Chicago Sun's Parade about the Jap sailor (15 min.) . . . get acquainted with "This Man's War" conducted by Old Sarg in Liberty Mag . . . Our Army Mag . . . "Cerebrations" in the Infantry Journal . . . and don't overlook Esquire—the Christmas issue . . . it's a pippero . . . but that's just one man's opinion.

**Have You Read . . .** Double, Double, Toil and Trouble by Lion Feuchtwanger  
Valley of Decision by Marcia Davenport  
Behind Both Lines by Harold Denny  
World of Yesterday by Stefan Lweig  
*They're in your Post Library!*



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG  
"I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my strength." This statement, when analyzed, simply means that the Psalmist was going to render due praise, thanksgiving and gratitude to the one from whence his blessings came. In his case, as in most of ours, most of his blessings came from God. So his eyes must be continually turned toward God in gratitude. We should not therefore forget to thank Him for His "wonderful blessings unto the children of men." But we should likewise turn in deep appreciation to our loved ones, many friends and comrades who are forever showering us with blessings and favors untold. Let us then, at this period of thanksgiving, look in, round and about for those to whom we are indebted, and when found, let us render by words and actions due gratitude.  
The Post Chaplain takes this opportunity of thanking the Commanding Officer, his assistants, Special Service, Public Relations and all the officers and enlisted men for the whole-hearted cooperation given him in his work at the Chapel and on the field.

### 'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Friday and Saturday, 26-27 November  
**LASSIE COME HOME**  
Roddy McDowell—Donald Crisp  
Army-Navy Screen Magazine  
Walt Disney Cartoon

Sunday and Monday, 28-29 November  
**NORTHERN PURSUIT**  
Errol Flynn—Julie Bishop  
News of the Day—Color Cartoon

Tuesday, 30 November  
*Double Feature*

**HERE COMES ELMER**  
Al Pearce—Dale Evans—Jan Garber and Band  
**THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME**  
Chester Morris—Jeanne Bates  
George E. Stone

Wednesday and Thursday, 1-2 December  
**THOUSANDS CHEER**  
Kathryn Grayson—Gene Kelly  
Kay Kyser and Orch.  
News of the Day

Friday and Saturday, 3-4 December  
**NEVER A DULL MOMENT**  
Ritz Brothers  
Frances Langford—Mary Beth Hughes  
Madcap Models—The March of Time  
Football Thrills of 1942—Pete Smith

### Male Call

BASIC FIELD MANUAL (UNOFFICIAL)  
**JUNGLE WARFARE**  
(HOME FRONT VARIETY)

**ACCLIMATION:**  
IN JUNGLE WARFARE THE ENEMIES ARE MAN AND NATURE. WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF ALONE, TAKE IT EASY—DON'T BECOME PANICKY...



**-SNAKES-**  
THE DANGEROUS ONES ARE SOMETIMES HARD TO IDENTIFY. FIRST (YOU CAN BE SUKE WHEN THEY START TO COIL)

by Milton C.

DEFENS  
TRY THIE

OR TH

# Behind Our Pilots - MECHS OF THE SOUTH HANGAR

The crew mechanic leads a droll life. He gets up early in the morning when a lot of other GIs are snuggled warm in their sacks and marches out to brave the cold blasts of the ramp wind. Before 0715 he must have all the ships possible preflighted, and he must trouble-shoot those which have somehow flubbed off. During the day he makes all kinds of minor repairs on the planes assigned to him; he gives 'em the 25; he checks constantly on their status; he writes up defectives; he cleans, services, and gives his ships minute inspection; in short, he makes them fly, and sees they stay that way.

The men in the South Hangar are typical of these GI mechanics. Headed by 1st Lt. Fred R. Hundley, Jr., Engineering Officer and test pilot, and T/S Baumgardner, Line Chief, the South Hangar men have an enviable record of efficiency. On the Preflight Crew, under Flight Chief S/S Armenta are: Inspector S/S Scanlon, Electrician Sgt. Sullivan, and Crew Chiefs S/S Dooley, Cpls. Swopes, Gilbert, Beard and Toney, Pfc. Childs, Glenn, Koop and McRady, and Pvts. Schneider, Foster and Knepper. The Alert Crew with NCOC Sgt. Griffith, has Col. Porter, Pfc. Kuhlman and Pvt. Hoskins.

On the regular Flight detail, which rotates men periodically to the Preflight and Alert Crews, we find Inspector T/S Kinney; Electrician Cpl. Wilson; 41-B Clerks S/S Warren and Sets. Fields and Chapin; Tech. Order Clerk Cpl. Beahm; and 322nd men Pfc. Boutry and Pvt. Canty. And on "A" Flight Maintenance Crew lead by F/C S/S Oswald are: Line No. 1—Sgt. Fernandez, Cpl. Kesckes, Pfc. Hart, and Pvts. Hipp and Mann; Line No. 2—Sgt. Naylor, Cpl. Misurelli, Pfc. Emmonds, and Pvts. Dudzik, Graydon, and Marty; Line No. 3—Sgt. Habluetzel, Col. Kodalen, Pfc. Haddad and Gill, and Pvt. Meadows; Line No. 4—Sgt. Hastings, Cpl. Danielson, Pfc. Hays and Long, and Pvt. Harem; Line No. 5—S/S Yazbeck, Sgt. Smith, Cpl. DeRasmi, and Pvts. Bringer and Van Hoosier; Line No. 6—Sgt. Hoosier, Cpls. Black, Firluk, and Rumsev, Pfc. Forsyth, and Pvt. Bonewell.

On "B" Flight Maintenance Crew headed by F/C S/S McGrath, are: Line No. 7—S/S Lawson, Cpl. Doolittle, Pfc. Goins, Ubersax, and Calvert, and Pvt.



Q. Can a peefcee in the Army Air Forces wear wings?

A. Sometimes. Graduates of an AAF aerial gunnery school may wear the regular air crew member wings and so may any member of an air crew who has shown proficiency in his regular crew duties provided that he has the authorization of his commanding officer.

Q. Is there any agreement governing the exchange of sick prisoners by belligerent states in wartime?

A. Yes. Recently the U. S. and Germany established an agreement for the mutual exchange of sick and wounded prisoners, under which all ill men, regardless of their rank, will be sent back to their home countries.

## SAAF to Have Pastry and Butcher Shop

With the transfer of equipment from the 1,000 man messhall to the 400 man messhall, SAAF will soon have its own butcher shop and pastry shop.

"In order for the men of this base to have fresher baked foods and to be able to preserve food value and conserve personnel, it was decided to open this shop," said Capt. Stewart E. Burns, Mess Officer. Baking will be done in the daytime instead of at night.

An addition to the pastry equipment will be a doughnut machine that is scheduled to arrive in the near future. With this machine enough doughnuts can be made at one time to provide all the men with this delicacy. Doughnuts will also be sold at the PX and officers mess, according to present plans.

(Continued from column one)  
Marion; Line No. 8—S/S Newbill, Cpl. Healy, Pfc. Duron and Fredrickson, and Pvt. McDonald; Line No. 9—Sgt. Toothaker, Cpls. Armour, Becker and Seiterlin, and Pfc. Dombrowski; Line No. 10—Sgt. Dougal, Cpls. Etling and Bade, and Pfc. Kane and Heller; Line No. 11—Sgt. Hall, Cpl. Selvig, Pfc. Briggs, and Pvts. Grafam and Lewellen; and Line No. 12—S/S Brown, Pfc. Brown and Flory, and Pvts. Overton and Wray.

## Service Club Notes - -

The enlisted men's Thanksgiving dance held in the service club Tuesday evening of this week proved a great success with em and the fifty-five GSO girls from Winfield who attended the affair. Dance music was furnished by the post orchestra and the lounge-auditorium of the club was decorated in holiday theme.

The club was open from 10 a. m. until 10:30 p. m. on Thanksgiving Day to accommodate visitors of enlisted men on the field.

A tea dance is scheduled for this Sunday afternoon from 3 until 5 p. m., and all enlisted men and their guests are invited to attend.

Next Tuesday night, November 30th, will be regular dance night with GSO girls from Arkansas City as guests and dancing partners for enlisted men.

## Thanksgiving Party for 322nd Men

The 322nd. Service Squadron held its Thanksgiving celebration in the service club last evening from 6 p. m. until 10:30 p. m. Many guests from Wichita, Wellington, Winfield, Ark. City and Ponca City were present for the diversified program in which guests and servicemen took part.

A buffet style luncheon including turkey and chicken sandwiches were served during the evening. Entertainment was in the form of dancing and games.

## Complete Runway and Taxiway Work Here

Three of the four runways at Strother Field have been overhauled and reconstructed with cement stabilized bases and asphalt tops by the Jay W. Craig Construction Co., of Minneapolis, Minn. The work which was started on Sept. 1st., will be completed this week.

Two new concrete taxiways constructed by the Peter Kewit Construction Co., of Omaha, Neb., are being completed this week. This work was begun the middle of October.

Chief construction now underway at SAAF is the installation of permanent night lighting equipment. This work was begun last week and will be completed in 30 to 45 days by the Bradley, Dodson and Grafentine Contractors of Omaha, Neb.

## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Mess Slogan—A pot belly is just food gone to waist.

Our secretary has a new slogan Keep 'em trying.

Cpl. Hines—I can't see what keeps girls from freezing.

Cpl. Perry—You are not supposed to.

Know a fellow who's so lazy he gets his exercise by reading ghost stories—and lets his flesh creep.

The reason civilians are suffering from shoe shortage is—everything is being done for defense and nothing for de-feet.

Sgt. Schatzman had a blind date last night—deaf and dumb too.

Sgt.—Pardon me Miss, haven't we met before?

Miss ?—Well, I can't remember the face, but the stripes look familiar.

## Dog Story No. 2

We hate to dog this canine theme to death this issue, but here's the laugh of the week:

A certain dog named Sarg slipped into the Post Theatre unnoticed at the first show one evening last week. By his keen sense of smell he was able to pick out his GI buddies enjoying the show, and give them the benefit of his company.

Sitting on a certain Cpl's lap, Sarg seemed to be taking the whole show in, from the cartoon on down. He joined in a chorus of aaaaawwwwhhhhoos when a certain shapely wench made her appearance on the screen. Sarg had to work hard at it, but he finally out-aaaawwwwhhhhoos the rest of the gang, and they had no end of trouble silencing him. Don't take it so serious-like Sarg; it's only a movie! Ednote: That dame was worth aaaaawwwwhhhhoosing. We know.

## Athletic Medals

(Cont. from Page 1, Col. 4)

Sgt. F. Padovano, Pfc. C. E. Towns, Pvt. G. Bova, Pvt. L. Dombrowski, M/Sgt. J. Harding, Pvt. H. H. Bourbouse, Sgt. I. I. Wescott, Pvt. E. A. Sellers, Cpl. P. R. Loughner, S/Sgt. E. J. Dalak, Pfc. R. Ebert, Cpl. R. F. Teeters, Cpl. J. R. DeRasmi, Pvt. J. May, Pfc. H. D. Harris, Pvt. A. R. Curtis, and Pvt. R. R. Knepper, all members of the SAAF hard ball team; T/4 E. G. Haungs, Cpl. J. Tomasino, T/4 R. Gangwere, Cpl. H. Post, Pfc. F. Laughlin, Sgt. D. L. Nichols, T/5 E. G. Hundl, T/5 L. C. Dillon, T/Sgt. G. P. Rozwick, T/5 A. Onukiewick and T/4 H. Shoemaker, members of the Medics softball team, champions of the enlisted men's league; Cpl. M. Harper, first, Pfc. B. Kelly, second, and Cpl. H. Hester, third, in the physical fitness tests; Sgt. R. Muchowich, first, Cpl. McMurray, second, and Cpl. W. O. Reed, third, in the badminton tournament; Cpl. W. O. Reed, first, S/Sgt. W. F. Biederman, second, and Cpl. L. Milasch, third, in the ping-pong tournament.

The medals are silver and bear the name of Strother Army Air Field, sport participated in, and place winner. They were purchased by the SAAF Athletic department of which Capt. Oren P. Stoner is the head.

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

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# SPORTS

## —BOWLING—

### STANDINGS OF FLYING OFFICERS LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Per.
Bostons	19	11	.633
Avengers	18	12	.600
Hurricanes	17	13	.567
Corsairs	13	17	.433
Devastators	12	18	.400
Cubs	11	19	.367

High Game Ind.—Dutko—234.  
 High 3 Game Ind.—Ryan—552.  
 High Game Team—Cubs—862.  
 High 3 Game Team—Cubs—2388.

### AVERAGES

	Total Pins	Games	Averages
Markland	2259	13	174
Dutko	3979	24	166
Ryan	4227	26	163
Otto	4259	27	158
Gunther	4402	28	157
Heying	2471	16	155
Bligh	3300	22	150
Peters	3886	26	150
Burns	3610	24	150
Engels	2670	18	148
Haveman	3089	21	147
Beck	440	3	147
Honomichl	2186	15	146
Sealy	2026	14	145
Bramble	4159	29	144
Culbertson	4006	28	143
Codron	428	3	143
Corrick	4002	28	143
Dietrich	859	6	143
Breen	1127	8	141
Hartzell	2966	21	141
Dunn	2516	18	140
Quisenberry	3878	28	139
Turner	965	7	138
Austin	4013	29	138
Thompson	3160	23	137
Gibson	2331	17	137
Brooks	560	5	136
Stuart	136	1	136
Choate	2441	18	136
Kostka	1486	11	135
Counter	942	7	135
Davis	1743	13	134
Smith, R. B.	2957	22	134
Jones, K.	2784	21	132
Taft	777	6	130
Gordon	2603	20	130
Hammond	1897	15	126
Carlisle	2272	18	126
Winter	377	3	126
Conte	3388	28	125
Graves	747	6	124
Williams	1849	15	123
Neff	1727	14	123
Hundley	367	3	122
Hays	1580	14	113
Olson	367	3	122
Bradley	852	7	122
Bowers	3172	26	122
Koepfel	483	4	121
Hochendel	2538	21	121

## Basketball League Play Starts Dec. 1 and 2

Opening round of the SAAF squadron basketball league will be played in the post gym on Dec. 1 and 2nd., with six teams competing.

Capt. Oren P. Stoner, base athletic director said today that one physical training officer and one PT instructor will call each game during the season and that the first games in league play must be played either of the two evenings listed above.

Teams are now being organized and will represent the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, 1082nd Maintenance Squadron, 1088th Guard Squadron, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron-55th Flying Training Group, Medics and the 322nd Service Squadron.

Pairings for opening games will be announced later by 2nd. Lt. H. H. Cummings, assistant athletic director.

2nd. Lt. L. R. Yehle, assistant special service officer of Strother Army Air Field, left last week for New Orleans, La., where he will receive postal inspection training.

Lt. Yehle came to SAAF on August 21st of this year from Pyote Army Air Base in Texas where he had been postal officer and special service officer of the 19th Bombardment Group.

### (Cont. from column 1)

Barnard	346	3	115
Rowe	683	6	115
Franklin	114	1	114
Dailey	226	2	113
Hays	1580	14	113
Clark	112	1	112
Campbell	211	2	105
Robinowitz	99	1	99
Robinson	98	1	98
Barday	76	1	76



You would think that SAAF physical training instructors would be sick and tired of looking at anything round, such as, volleyballs, basketballs, medicine balls and GI tummies at the end of each day, but not the group shown above enjoying a "postman's holiday." In the front row, left to right are: Sgt. Herman Stiles, Cpl. Charles Lidsky and Sgt. Walter Brej. In the back row are Cpl. Don Ferrell and Pvt. Earl Miller. All are members of the Hdqts. and Hdqts. Sqdn., 55th. Flying Training Group. (Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

## PFR Honors

(Cont. from page 1, col. 1)

The 1082nd Squadron finished in second place with an average of 55 points. Third was the 55th with 54 points. Tied for fourth place were the Medics, 383rd Band and 322nd Squadron with 52 points each. In fifth place was the 1088th Guard Squadron with an average of 50 points.

An increase of nearly 5 points per each enlisted man on the field was shown in this series of tests over the first ones given August of this year when the average per man was 49 1/4 points.

Cpl. Melvin R. Harper of the 1082nd squadron led his squadron in the tests. He did 114 sit-ups, 10 pull-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 49 seconds to score 73 points.

Cpl. D. M. Wilson of the 55th Headquarters Squadron Flying Training Group and Pvt. Willie Fountain of the 322nd Service Squadron led their squads with not only 72 points but each had a sum score of 213. Wilson performed 81 sit-ups, 12 pull-ups and did the shuttle run in 48 seconds. Fountain had a total of 85 sit-ups, 12 pull-ups and ran the shuttle run in 50 seconds.

Sgt. Arthur J. Meeks of the 1088th Guard Squadron topped his group with a score of 70. He did 114 sit-ups, 9 pull-ups and ran the 300 yards in 56 seconds.

T/5 Lawrence Dillon of the Medics was best in his detachment with a score of 66 as a result of doing 60 sit-ups, 13 pull-ups and running the 300 yards in 50 seconds.

In the 383rd Band Squadron Cpl. W. E. Garrison led with a score of 60. He did 52 sit-ups, 12 pull-ups and ran the shuttle in 54 seconds.

All squadrons showed a percentage increase in scoring except the

## Christmas Party Planned for Children

A Christmas party for the children of military personnel at Strother Field is to be held in the service Club sometime during Christmas week, according to announcement made this week by Major Julian W. Boxley, Special Service Officer, whose department is sponsoring the affair.

All officers who desire their children to attend this party are requested to report the names, ages and sex of their children to the SSO so that final arrangements can be made to secure adequate toys for all. The arrangements for enlisted men's children are being made by squadron commanding officers of the field.

## GI Movies Here Monday

In issue number eleven of the GI movie series, which will be shown in the service club here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 29 and 30th and Dec. 1st., the Army-Navy Screen Magazine will be featured.

"In the Solomons," "Down on the Farm," "Smoke Screen," "Need a Friend," and Snafu in "Infantry Blues" will be shown. Other features are "Lake Carrier" and "Information Please" with Howard Lindsay.

1088th Guard Squadron which dropped two points below its figure during the first tests last August. Following are the comparative figures for the two tests:

Squadron	August Test	Nov. Test
448th	50	63
1082nd	50	55
322nd	48	52
Medics	48	52
55th	52	54
383rd	50	52
1088th	52	50

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"You're getting shipped—teach her what you know!"



## Great Number Qualify in .45 Cal. Course

Many a bullseye and high scoring hits are being made by officers and enlisted men of SAAF who have completed taking their turn on the firing range.

Among the officers who have successfully completed the prescribed course for pistol, revolver, .45 cal. and qualified in classification indicated and are authorized to wear appropriate insignia in accordance with AR 600-75 are the following:

- Pistol Sharpshooter (Dismounted)**  
 Maj. Merle W. Allen, WOJG Joseph E. Barrett, Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Maj. Kline D. Culbertson, 2nd. Lt. James D. Gernon, 1st. Lt. Lugigi G. Guiducci, 1st. Lt. Fred W. Holbein, 2nd. Lt. Bertis W. Jacobs, Capt. Oren P. Stoner, 2nd. Lt. Robert W. Taylor, 2nd. Lt. Arthur C. Theimer, Major Robert L. Wehr, Major James R. Williams, Capt. Delbert E. Case, Capt. Robert I. Choate, Capt. Allen E. Haveman, 1st. Lt. Allan B. Jackson, Maj. Henry W. Mark-

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## Dates Announced for Christmas Parties

Dates of the Christmas parties for children of officers and enlisted men of SAAF have been announced by Major Julian W. Boxley, Special Service Officer.

The party for children of members of the 322nd Service Squadron will be held Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22nd., from 2 to 5 p. m., in the enlisted men's service club.

On the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 23rd., the children of officers and enlisted men of other squadrons on the field will be given their Christmas party. The time will be 3 to 5 p. m.

## Weekly Song Fests at the Post Chapel

Song fests and carol singing for enlisted personnel of Strother Army Air Field will be held Thursday evenings of each week in the Post Chapel at 8 p. m.

Wives or girl-friends of enlisted men are invited to accompany them to these get-togethers where everyone can be assured of having a fine time.

Songs during each session will be selected by those who attend, so bring your voice and a bucket—in case you have trouble carrying a tune—and be assured of a lot of entertainment.

## Major Wehr Leaves for Central HQ

Major Robert L. Wehr, formerly S-4 officer at Strother Field has been called up to wing. Before he left for his present duties at Central Flying Training Command at Randolph Field, Texas, he held responsible positions on the CO's staff, including both S-4 and Executive Officer.

Major Wehr, an Ohio man, hailed from the steel city of Youngstown, and was a graduate of Ohio State. He gained much experience with men in the Boys' Settlement of Youngstown, and the CCC. He formerly worked with Republic Steel Corp.

## Civilian Workers to Receive Emblems

Four hundred thirty persons now employed at Strother Army Air Field will receive emblems for Civilian Service at a special ceremony in the Sub-Depot hangar at 4 p. m., the afternoon of December 8.

The ceremony at Strother Field will be a part of a nationwide recognition of civilian employees in the War Department, a similar service occurring that afternoon in every army installation throughout the country. This effort by the War Department to recognize the valuable work of civilians in military installations is the first of its kind ever attempted.

Col. Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Field, after making a brief talk, will present an emblem to every civilian who has completed six months' continuous service with the War Department and who has maintained for that period of time an efficiency rating of "Good" or better.

The 383rd AAF band from Strother Field will play. A number of special guests, including the mayors of Winfield and of Arkansas City, have been invited.

## Bill to Speed Service Votes

A bill now pending in the Senate (S. 1285) proposes amendment to the now standing rules of voting for members of the armed services who are absent from their places of residence. Those advocating the bill claim the existing laws are ineffective because the ballots are so long delayed.

Opposition is expected on many counts, mainly because the bill infringes the state right to control voting, and permits voting by straight ticket, which is not allowed by law in many states. Others claim that the bill passed for this purpose in '42 has not had a fair chance to prove its worth, and made mention of the fact that 46 states have already enacted laws regarding the service vote.

A substitute bill was introduced into the House (H. J. Rec. 196) about the same time as the above mentioned bill by Representative Rankin of Mississippi, which proposes similar yet additional items of amendment, is also under consideration.

## Fete Capt. Mueller With Steak Dinner

All employees of the PX, together with the members of the PX Council and their wives, got together for the first PX anniversary party to fete Captain George B. Mueller, former exchange officer, who has just been relieved of his PX duties and made Budget and Fiscal O.

The high point of the evening party, served at the civilian mess midst a galaxy of large yellow mum flowers, was the steak dinner. Following, an informal speech-giving lead by mc Fred Johnson topped off the evening. Capt. Mueller was presented with a new blouse and pinks by the members of the PX staff.

## SAAF Officers to New Duties

In appointments to new duties of SAAF officers as announced by headquarters. Capt. Edwin S. Vicars has been appointed Administrator Inspector and relieved of his duties as Fiscal Officer. Capt. George A. Mueller, former Army Exchange Officer has been appointed Budget & Fiscal Officer and 2nd. Lt. John Francella, former assistant Army Exchange Officer has been appointed to duty as Army Exchange Officer.

### WITH NO MALICE— BUT FORETHOUGHT!

We've always realized that it takes a pretty smart GI to advance through the ranks to the rating of technical sergeant and an incident during the 448th squadron party last Saturday night in the VFW clubrooms in Ark. City proves it.

It took an active mind to figure the possibilities in selecting the entertainers' dressing room curtain to lean against while in conversation with a soldier friend. Sure, the T/Sgt. fell into the room head first. The cuties patiently awaiting the Sgts. departure, grabbed the nearest things to them (excluding GIs!).

## 55th Squadron Wins Review Honors

"Please, nose, hold everything until Col. Carroll and his reviewing party pass by me," was the silent request of nearly all enlisted men who stood inspection following the monthly review held on the parade ground at SAAF last Saturday morning. Semi-silent sniffles could be heard as each man stood at rigid attention in the early morning north wind.

It was a pleasure to march—anything to limber up one's chilly body—but evidently the men in the Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, 55th Flying Training Group, headed by 1st. Lt. Isidore Brown, CO of the squadron who is now S-4 (Supply) officer, were not affected by the elements as they smoothly marched along and took top honors, winning the pennant held last month by the 1088th Guard Squadron and Medics. The 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron took second place honors, close on the heels of the 55th group according to 1st. Lt. Brown who said it was a close race between these two squadrons for top honors.

Major J. R. Williams was commander of troops and 1st. Lt. J. L. Musser, adjutant during the review. Col. J. F. Carroll, CO of SAAF presented medals for athletic achievement to the enlisted men during the ceremony.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Col. J. F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Army Air Field, presents S/Sgt. W. F. Biederman, 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, one of the athletic medals awarded thirty-seven enlisted men during a ceremony held in connection with the November review last Saturday. Biederman, who hails from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, recently won second place in the enlisted men's ping-pong tournament.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

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## Speaking of-The Winner

Who will win the war? Will any one nation, any one people be the victor?

I shall tell you who the winner shall be. He will be the little man whose name is never known, who has taken up his rifle and gone into the jungle to kill a beast. He will have suffered the loss of many of his kind because of this heinous creature on the earth, which has preyed upon the land and man. He will have passed through the hell of war. He will have braved the blood-stinking sweat of combat with the tiger of Fascism. He will have the scars of battle on his forehead forever.

And he will come home with the laurel of Victory on his head. And he will lay down his gun and pick up his shovel to bury his dead. He will say to himself: "It is not I alone who have won over the beast; it is all those who have died, all those who live, and all those who are yet to live." And he will say: "I must never again allow this beast to rise and kill my kind, for I shall remain awake and not again fall asleep by the fire of liberty."

## 'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Friday, 3 December  
NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Ritz Brothers  
Frances Langford—Mary Beth Hughes  
Madcap Models—The March of Time  
Football Thrill of 1942—Pete Smith

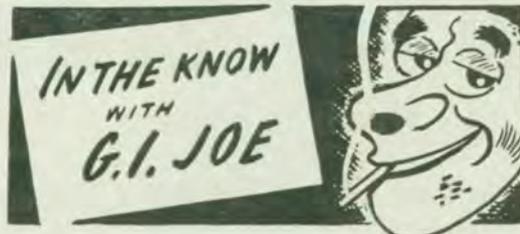
Saturday, 4 December  
SON OF DRACULA  
Lon Chaney Jr.—Louise Allbritton  
Caribbean Romance  
Fuss and Feathers—Lew Lehr

Sunday and Monday, 5-6 December  
GUADALCANAL DIARY  
Preston Foster—Lloyd Nolan  
News of the Day  
The Old Army Game

Tuesday, 7 December  
Double Feature  
FIND THE BLACKMAILER  
Jerome Cowan—Faye Emerson  
MR. MUGG STEPS OUT  
East Side Kids

Wednesday and Thursday, 8-9 December  
RIDING HIGH  
Dorothy Lamour—Dick Powell  
Victor Moore  
News of the Day  
This is America

Friday and Saturday, 10-11 December  
IN OLD OKLAHOMA  
John Wayne—Martha Scott—Albert Dekker  
Army-Navy Screen Magazine



**THIS WEEK ABROAD WE SEE** . . . the Russians press on with the capture of Gomel . . . the invasion of the Gilberts group at Tarawa cost us the greatest number of lives per square yard in Marine history according to Col. Edson, who participated in the attack . . . the Aussies won Sattleberg . . . it is believed that the water and elec power station in Berlin is desperate because of the recent severe bombings . . . and all of the big boys have moved to the cooler suburbs . . . Goering's Yellow Nose Sq has been bombed out at Tricqueville, France . . . and the color has moved to another part of the German anatomy . . . Jimmy Stewart finally made it across with the 8th AF to England . . . say hi to Clark for us.

**AT HOME WE SEE THIS WEEK** . . . in Congress . . . a bill repealing the Chinese exclusion laws has been approved by both houses . . . there's a lot of controversy over the service vote setup . . . heretofore short civilian supply of metal will be a little relieved by the minor quantity of steel and other metals released to civvie producers . . . Ada Leonard . . . well known stripper, just stripped herself of a hubby in Chicago . . . and also in the Windy City . . . Hyman Berg, auto salesman, is the first civilian to get some discarded jeans for use out of the Army . . . he got 16 of them . . . joe college will probably need a good supply of these after the wah . . . Christmas will be a real, honest-to-goodness holiday for everybody.

**WITH AN EAR TO THE GROUND, LISTEN FOR** . . . the Big Four Conference between Stalin, FDR, Churchill and Chiang-Kai-shek . . . these men will mold the clay of future generations . . . General Marshall's arrival in England to begin operations from the west . . . his staff will probably be the greatest international military brain ever assembled . . . then comes the invasion of Festung Europe . . . watch is being kept for peace feelers thru the Vatican . . . we await the opening of the Burmese front . . . and the first biffs and bangs of the '44 presidential election here at home.

## "Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

Last Sunday, there was supposed to be a tea dance at the service club from three to five. Girls from Winfield, lots of 'em arrived early, and stood around chewing their nails, staring at the ceiling and talking about the weather, while their hosts, who had pleaded for the dance, were off somewhere else.

Now I ask you men, is this polite? Now, how would you feel if you were invited someplace, and you took time and made special effort to come, only to be stood up. I was there. I saw these girls gradually getting more and more disgusted with the deal they got, and rightly so. Finally, when four-thirty rolled around, some fellows showed up and put the show on the road. At five, the dance was over.

Frankly, men I can't see why these girls should ever come out to our dances again. I wouldn't blame them if they flatly refused, and neither could you. If we're going to invite guests, we've got to treat them right, otherwise, they just don't feel like coming again, 'cause we aren't worthy of their kindness.

## Liftings

A gentleman is a tired wolf.

When a guy can read a girl like a book it's usually because he enjoys poring over her lines.

Soldier: "I'm not feeling myself tonight."  
Cute tootsie: "You're telling me!"



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG  
A POEM

(Written by a man in defense of the WACs and printed by request.)

Buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz,  
Yes, brother, sure I've heard  
All your filthy rumors  
And I don't believe a word.

Yes, I know you know a friend  
Who got it from another  
Who knew another, who knew a WAC  
Who was about to become a mother.

Always be sure of your target, Bud,  
Before you start to shoot,  
Don't give American barracks the name  
As homes of ill repute.

Just who are these harlots?  
These women without shame?  
Well, listen to me, Mister, and  
I'll proudly tell their name.

They're my mother and my sister,  
My girl friend and my wife.  
The kind of an American woman  
I've respected all my life.

She's the next door neighbor's daughter,  
She's the girl from down the street,  
She's the cream of American girlhood  
And, by God, she can't be beat!

I won't say they're all perfect,  
There may be things you can't condone,  
But he who's sinless among us,  
Let that fellow throw the stone.

And if sometimes their conduct  
Isn't all your fancy paints,  
Would you want girls on the firing line  
To act as plaster saints?

Would you put them in a prison?  
Where they'd never have any fun?  
Would you put 'em in a convent  
As they do a holy nun?

Sure go on and spread your filth  
With your smirking, silly smile,  
Then click your heels together  
And give a Nazi "Heil."

—Ernest Richardson.

## Have You Read . . .

"God Is My Co-pilot," by Col. Robert L. Scott, Jr. (Scribners)? You haven't? Well, it's the personal narrative of a flying man. It's the record of his life: the boy-to-manhood story of a youth who wanted to fly. It packs all of the wallop of a 20th century adventure story with the hazards of carrying the mail, piloting a Fort thru an Atlantic storm, and fighting the Japs practically single-handed over Burma. No ghost-writing this; written from the heart of a brave and generous fighter who knows what he's talking about. For realism, humor, and a vividly moving story—read "God Is My Co-pilot."

## Male Call



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### Service Club Notes - -

Next Tuesday, Dec. 7th, 50 GSO girls from Wellington, Kans., will be guests of enlisted men at the weekly squadron dance. There will be a floor show of Wellington talent and popcorn balls will be served.

Candidates for the title, "Sweetheart of the 322nd Service Squadron," the winner of which will be chosen at the New Year's party to be held by the squadron on Dec. 30th., were guests at the squadron's weekly party last night in the enlisted men's service club.

The candidates include Miss Helen Marie Drumgold, Arkansas City, Miss Mayella Franklin, Winfield, and Miss Gwendolyn McKinney, Ponca City, Okla. Each young lady was accompanied by two escorts during their presentation to guests last night. Escorts included, Sgt. Alonzo Reed, Sgt. Robt. Green, Pfc. Clarence Little, Pfc. James Alexander, Cpl. Elliott Myles and Pfc. Russell Estell Jr. The stage in the lounge-auditorium was especially decorated for the occasion.

### Now Is the Time to Buy!

Yes! Now is the time for you GIs to buy Christmas presents for your family, friends, and girls. Dec. 25th is only 22 days hence, and with the overcrowding of the mail routes which is usual in the holiday rush, that precious package which you want that certain someone to have, might be delayed.

So buy and mail now! Wichita, Tulsa, Ok City and KC are the largest cities in this vicinity, and offer you the greatest variety in the selection of gifts. Merchants in the smaller cities nearest SAAF, Winfield, Ark City, and Wellington, will be only too glad to help you with your shopping. But wherever you buy—do it now!

#### USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark. City and Winfield)

- Sat.....Win.....Anniversary dance..Bond Ark.....Informal dancing
- Sun.....Win.....Sister-Brother Program Ark.....Bingo, Quiz nite
- Mon.....Win.....Fried chicken party Ark.....Game nite
- Tues.....Win.....Games, Do-as-you-please Ark.....Do-as-you-please
- Wed.....Win.....Informal dance Ark.....Snack bar party
- Thurs.....Win.....Bridge, Games, Dance Ark.....Ping pong party
- Fri.....Win.....Ping pong, GI wives party Ark.....Married couples' nite

### Talent Sought for Radio Broadcast

The Salvation Army is planning a radio broadcast from Wichita that soldiers will be particularly interested in, both as participants and as listeners. The broadcast will include music supplied principally by talented servicemen, as well as quizzes and interviews.

The first program is planned for Saturday night, December 11, and a call for musicians to take part is now being made. Any soldier or group of soldiers who would like to broadcast should communicate with Captain V. Hostetler at the Red Shield Hotel, 203 West Douglas in Wichita, Kansas.

The Red Shield Center has recently installed a snack bar to serve hot coffee and donuts and cookies,—a warming snack on a cold night. They also have a recorder on which you can make a record of your voice to send home. In the game room they have table tennis and various table games as well as a place for reading and writing. Baths and showers, shaving, pressing, and shoe shining equipment are also available. All these facilities are available with no charge.

### Big Turnout for 448th Sqd. Party

"A success in every way," has been the comment of 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron members who attended the squadron party held in the VFW clubrooms in Arkansas City last Saturday night.

Turnout for the affair was very gratifying to 1st. Lt. Roy W. Silling, former adjutant who this week became Squadron Commanding Officer; 1st. Lt. Sherman L. Elliott Jr., former CO of the squadron who has been assigned to duty as CO of the 55th Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, Flying Training Group, 1st. Lt. Peyton F. St. Clair. 448th Adjutant, and members of the committee that planned the party.

"Mamma Elders Cavaliers," a troupe of topnotch entertainers from Wichita, Kans., and Kansas City, Mo., presented a floor show that highlighted the evening's entertainment. The post orchestra played for dancing and accompanied the jitterbug contest. Prizes were \$10.00 and \$5.00. Pvt. Jack O. Shifflet and Miss Maxine Nelson of Hackney won first prize and Cpl. R. E. Maze and Miss Sara McArthur of Oklahoma City took second honors.

### Increase Size of 'Prairie Flier'

Beginning with next week's issue the Prairie Flier will make its appearance in tabloid style — each page five columns wide and seventeen inches in depth. The regular size has been four column by thirteen and one-half inches for each page.

The increased space will make possible better news coverage of the field pertaining to activities of officers, enlisted men and cadets; more interesting pictures of field events taken by the ably-staffed post photo-lab, cartoons and features of Camp News Service.

In devoting space to officers and enlisted men's news in past issues it has been impossible to present personalities and all activities of the cadet class members, but the Prairie Flier is their paper as well as the former two groups and the new and enlarged size paper will make it possible for all three groups to take part in the weekly news.

Members of all squadrons are cordially invited to submit stories, articles or news-tips to the PF office, in fact, your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

### Discharge Buttons Distributed Soon

Approximately 105,000 of the new lapel buttons to be issued by the war department to soldiers honorably discharged from service or transferred to a reserve or an inactive status since Sept. 9, 1939, will be ready for distribution on and after Dec. 6 in the seventh service command area, headquarters officials announced last week according to press dispatches.

Posts or stations within the seventh service command where buttons may be obtained include

### New GI Movies Coming Next Monday

Newest GI movies distributed by Army Service Forces will be shown in the enlisted men's service club next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 6-8.

The Army-Navy Screen Magazine will present three featurettes, "Back Home," "Combat Zone," and "Melody Lane." In addition Byron Nelson, will be shown in a sport short feature and "Passing Parade," presents "trifles of importance."

### Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

I've heard of girls being born with a silver spoon in their mouth. Met one that must have been born with a wooden spoon — wouldn't neck either.

Heard about the fellow who laid on his stomach when he heard the Japs were looking for a naval base.

Heard about the fellow who cut open his knee cup to see if there was any beer in the joint?

Sgt. Conlin put his nose out of the window so the wind could blow it.

Heard about the army cook who searched all the cook books so he would know how to cook craps after he shot them?

### Number Qualify

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land and 1st. Lt. Harold S. Patterson, and CWO Vernie J. Pierce.

#### Pistol Marksman (Dismounted)

- 2nd. Lt. Donald R. Anderson, Capt. Frederick J. Barnard, 1st. Lt. Garland O. Beck, 2nd. Lt. Robert A. Browning, Jr., 1st. Lt. Ben R. Diskin, Capt. Richard D. Graves, 2nd. Lt. Robert E. L. Grubb, Capt. John H. Hueners, Capt. Ian W. Luke, 1st. Lt. Eugene L. McGinnis, Maj. Roy B. Mosher, Capt. George A. Mueller, 2nd. Lt. Nevin J. Rodes, 1st. Lt. Thomas G. Sandel, 1st. Lt. Peyton F. St. Clair, Capt. Robert H. Schott, Capt. John E. Wensley, 2nd. Lt. Patrick H. Whitaker, Capt. John D. Williams, 1st. Lt. William A. Wishart, WOJG Kenneth Wolf, Maj. Samuel S. Wolf, 2nd. Lt. Raymond L. Teerling, Maj. Truman C. Abbott, Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, 1st. Lt. Gilbert W. Black, 1st. Lt. Woodrow B. Cox, 1st. Lt. Sherman L. Elliott, Jr., 1st. Lt. Robert A. Gnospeil, 2nd. Lt. Arthur C. Knauff, 2nd. Lt. James S. Long, Jr., 2nd. Lt. Robert E. Melbourne, 2nd. Lt. James R. Miller, Jr., 1st. Lt. George N. Rood, 1st. Lt. Wilbur G. Seale, Major Oliver R. Smoot and 2nd. Lt. Karl W. Switzer, Jr.

Among the enlisted men who qualified in one of the three classifications are:

#### Pistol Expert (Dismounted)

Pfc. Darrell P. Prince.

#### Pistol Sharpshooter (Dismounted)

- Sgt. Steve Kristich, Cpl. Charles H. Goodwin, S-Sgt. Edmund M. Freeman, Sgt. Walter C. Brej, Sgt. Samuel W. Junkin, Jr., Cpl. Howard B. Bradbury, S-Sgt. Robert R. Banta, Pfc. Bernard (nmi) Edleson, S-Sgt. Sam (nmi) Taylor, Jr., Cpl. Calvin W. Pennell, Cpl. Robert W. Semple, Pfc. Vernie C. Evans, Jr., Pfc. Joe E. Rogers, Pfc. Adrian R. Mixson, Pfc. Joseph D. Mire, Pvt. Glenn G. Clayton, Pvt. Aubrey G. Moore, Pvt. Kenneth W. Northcutt and Pvt. John T. Pearson.

#### Pistol Marksman (Dismounted)

- M-Sgt. Ernest (nmi) Butler, T-Sgt. Layton L. Sheffield, S-Sgt. Carl M. Brown, Jr., S-Sgt. Franklin F. Muddins, S-Sgt. Bob L. Newbill, S-Sgt. Lawrence A. Flaherty, Sgt. Beryl E. Gray, Sgt. Lawrence B. Scharnweber, Cpl. Earl R. Harris, Cpl. Ernest J. Stidson, Jr., Cpl. Michael J. Healy, Cpl. Albert C. Daily, Cpl. Charles D. Quaife, Pfc. Harley V. Richardson, Pfc. Lester P. Brown, Pfc. Allen R. Greene, Pfc. Bill C. Gill, Pfc. Richard D. Laing, Jr., Pvt. Herman M. Bridges, Pvt. Floyd L. Eckman, Pvt. John (nmi) Haim, S-Sgt. Paul N. Roades, S-Sgt. Sam (nmi) Schatzman, Sgt. Donald W. Dolk, Sgt. Harry (nmi) Dresner, Sgt. Roy W. Lawrence, Sgt. William D. Martin, Sgt. John D. Nelson, Cpl. George R. Gaynor, Cpl. Carol W. Hines, Cpl. Robert (nmi) Meyers, Cpl. Woodrow W. McMurry, Pvt. Harold G. Dennis, Pvt. Eugene E. Seale, Jr., Pvt. Charles W. Vandeman, Sgt. Charles W. Johnson, Cpl. Cecil L. Harmon, Cpl. Walter J. Gustafson, Cpl. William A. James, Cpl. Lawrence J. Straub, Pfc. John H. Deeves, S-Sgt. Arthur W. Field, Sgt. John H. Caldwell, Sgt. Oton T. Nicholson, Cpl. Howard J. Amort, Cpl. Milan E. Babcock, Cpl. Clyde D. Allaway, Cpl. Sherman (nmi) Jennings, pl. John T. Jones, Cpl. Louis M. Pelvas, Cpl. William T. Whalen, Pfc. Clarence F. Dudick, Pvt. Clarence L. Rudd, Cpl. Gerald J. Swords, Cpl. James E. Johnson, Cpl. Louis C. James, Pfc. A. G. (i.o.) Woody, Pfc. Wesley D. Goodman, Pfc. Wallace M. Lowery, Pfc. Adolph Pendrak, Pvt. Raymond F. Huston, Pvt. Roland W. Eaves, Pvt. Charley A. Theiss.

Capt. and Mrs. Oren P. Stoner are the proud parents of a 6 lb. 14 oz. daughter, Paula Ruth, born last Sunday morning at 7 p. m., in Newton Memorial Hospital, Winfield, Kansas. The Stoners have another daughter, 2½ years old.

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

### Nick In The Tool Of War



# SPORTS

## —BOWLING—

### THE CO-OP BOWLING LEAGUE

Individual standings of all players on each team.

SENTINELS			
Won 14—Lost 7			
Games	Pins	Aver's	
Harris	21	2982	142
Tarnish	21	3038	144
James	9	1267	141
Moncrief	3	279	93
Milasch	12	1714	143
Picklemann	18	2622	146
Schinzler	18	2305	128
Blind	3	360	120

HILLTOPPERS			
Won 10—Lost 11			
Games	Pins	Aver's	
May	12	1727	144
Martin	15	2270	151
Baird	12	1592	133
Kownick	18	2477	138
Perry	15	1946	130
Guth	15	1951	130
Hines	9	956	106
Williams	3	353	118
Andrews	3	420	120
Hotazak	3	420	120

CENTURIANS			
Won 10—Lost 11			
Games	Pins	Aver's	
Mishaan	12	1714	143
Wies	12	1289	103
Conlin	21	2644	126
Lange	18	2459	137
Alkire	3	420	120
Ashburn	15	1912	127
Miller	9	1100	122
Adams	6	685	114
Blind	9	1197	133

SOUTH STAGE			
Won 8—Lost 13			
Games	Pins	Aver's	
Sekers	21	3317	158
Long	12	1618	135
Acord	21	2380	113
Vardman	3	299	78
Price	21	2806	134
Waldrup	9	964	107
Shillings	3	279	93
Blackman	3	384	128
Smith	3	406	135
Blind	9	1205	134

13754 655  
 Ind. Hi-3 Games—Martin 548, Sekers 520, Tarnish 511, Kownick 481, Long 480.  
 Hi-Singles—Sekers 211, Martin 201, Tarnish 192, Kownick 187, Mishaan 182.

Cpl. Bob Meyers had a nice Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey was so big, his shadow would feed a family of four. The part of the turkey he got was good, but he still can't believe it was the nose.

## Class 44-B Cadet Ties PFR Record

Aviation Cadet James Pierce of Class 44-B tied the SAAF physical fitness record held by 2nd. Lt. Leo E. Engels, flying instructor, with a score of 90 during tests held this week.

Pierce performed 114 sit-ups, 24 pull-ups and ran the 300 yard shuttle distance in 47 seconds, to total the highest sum score of any cadet ever to take the tests on this field.

In a tie for second place in class 44-B was A/C C. E. Crecelius, who did 114 sit-ups, 20 pull-ups and ran the 300 yards in 47 seconds and A/C John F. Byrne who did 114 sit-ups, but did only 18 pull-ups, two below Crecelius. The time for the shuttle run was the same for both men. Their score was 85.

The class averaged 66.7, an increase of 1.7 per class member, according to figures released by 1st. Lt. George D. Allen, assistant physical training officer.

Over the obstacle course streaked A/C Roger W. Terwilliger, completing the distance in 2:01 to lead class 44-B. In second place was A/C Charles E. Crecelius whose time was 2:09. A/C John W. Kidwell was third in 2:10, A/C Leland C. Burns, fourth in 2:14 and A/C James R. Evans, fifth in 2:19.

In the cross-country race, A/C Darrel C. Roach completed the distance in 5:29 to lead class 44-B. Second was A/C David L. Muese in 5:51; third was A/C Robert Brown, 5:53, and in fourth place was A/C William D. Collier whose time was 5:54.

It looks as if the war will soon be over. I got back my laundry on time today and with boards in my shirts.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

As alike as three peas in a pod, the three McGovern brothers of Chicago, Ill., are setting something of a record in the Army Air Corps. Billy, 19, John, who is 20, and Joseph, 23, shown left to right, are now deep in their basic flying training at Strother Army Air Field. Only sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. McGovern of 1147 West Eighty-seventh St., Chicago, they volunteered for the Army last January 30, making the trip to the recruiting station together. Since then they've always been together—through basic at Miami Beach, Fla., through college training at the University of Cincinnati, and through primary flight training at Parks Air College, East St. Louis, Ill.

## The Meaning of Physical Training

In order for the enlisted men, officers and cadets of Strother Army Air Field to thoroughly understand the physical training program in which they are participating, Cpl. Charles Lidsky, PT instructor, has prepared the following article devoted to this particular type of training.

"The true meaning of the two words, Physical Training, is to condition the trainee; to approximate his strength and vitality in order that he may perform his duties with the greatest effectiveness. The ultimate objective to all training is success in battle and complete victory on the battlefield. Some men have the idea that calisthenics and supervised play is physical training. This is definitely wrong.

"During the battle of Bataan our men fought with superhuman force but they could not go on due to the lack of the proper physical training. They were not able to walk and climb as fast as necessary. The battle of Guadalcanal proved what proper physical training can do. It is a well-known fact that the Japanese troops can go weeks at a time on very little food. Before our troops embarked on the invasion there they were subjected to one of the toughest and most rigid training programs in the armed forces, pertaining to physical training. The same thing took place in preparation for the invasion of Africa, Sicily, Italy, and in the South Pacific islands.

"There have been many instances of airmen bailing out of their planes and going days without proper food, living on roots and berries. All admit they owe their lives to the fact they were in good physical condition. This may seem foolish to many of you, but whenever you do anything that exerts your muscles you will find out the value of physical training.

"The physical training program is now governed by the Army Air Forces and is under the supervision of General H. H. Arnold, and according to army regulation 50-14 PT is compulsory for every man and woman of the Armed Forces

## Basketball Teams Play Practice Rounds

Practice games between squadron basketball teams were played last night in the post gym. The first round of league play will be held next week instead of this week as originally scheduled.

The Headquarters and Headquarters, 55th Flying Training Group team played the 322nd, Service Squadron team in a game at 7 p.m. The 1082nd Maintenance Squadron met the 1088th Guard Squadron in a game played from 8 to 9 p.m. The 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron played the Medics team in the final game of the evening.

Physical training instructors, members of the 55th Squadron will not referee games in which their team plays. Referees will be physical training officers.

With the start of the 1943-44 basketball season in Winfield and Arkansas City, it will be of interest to military personnel at SAAF to know that admittance to all service men will be free to all Winfield games and a reduced admittance price of 30c for games in Ark. City.

The Ark Valley high school league is one of the fastest basketball circuits in the middlewest and always provides plenty of entertainment for devotees of the game.

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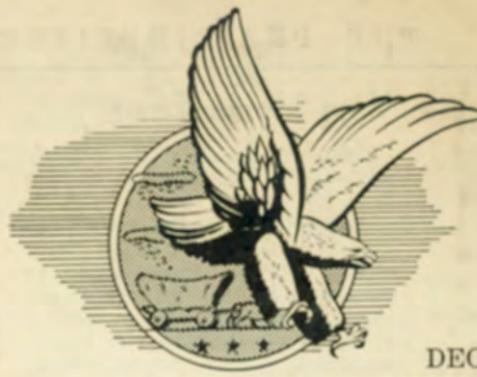
with the exception of those over 45 years of age. The physical fitness rating tests recently given the men of this base are a vital part of the program. It determines the status of men for overseas duty and the grades of this test are put on your service record or 201 file.

"The physical training program has three main objectives: 1. To physically condition the trainee. 2. To provide the trainee with a pattern of physical conditioning which he himself can use and which he understands. 3. To instill in the trainee the values of this conditioning as a soldier and as a citizen."

## The Wolf by Sansone



"Ya don't look hooman! Do I gotta sleep with you?"



## Cadet Class 44-B Leaves for Advanced

Cadet class 44-B completed its basic training at Strother Army Air Field last week and the members are now on their way to advance training at Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Tex., Pampa, Tex., twin motor bases, and Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, single engine base.

A review held last Friday afternoon on the parade grounds was reported as the best ever to take place on this post. Col. J. F. Carroll, commanding officer of SAAF, Major K. D. Culbertson, commandant of cadets, and Major James R. Williams, training officer, were the reviewing officers.

A graduation dance and buffet supper for members of the class was held last Saturday night in the officers club. The SAAF dance orchestra played for the occasion. Guests included a number of field officers, and young ladies from Arkansas City, Winfield and Ponca City.

"B" Flight of the Second Squadron received the SAAF safety award plaque during the review as a result of showing the best judgment and safe operation by the students and outstanding supervision by instructors. 1st. Lt. R. E. Carswell, Jr., commanded the winning flight.

Athletic awards made during the review were received by Cadets James Pierce who tied the SAAF physical fitness record with a score of 90; Roger W. Terwilliger, first place winner over the obstacle course; Darrel C. Roach, who had the lowest time on the cross-country run.

Capt. R. E. Lynch, Jr., public relations officer at SAAF, Lt. Lavina C. Garrity, S/Sgt. Arthur H. Fink, and Cpl. Oscar S. Cassibry returned this week from Michigan where they were on DS in connection with WAC recruiting since Oct. 17th.

## Class 44-D Largest In Strother Field History

Strother Army Air Field's largest class of cadets to undergo basic flying training arrived here this week, coming from six primary schools located in three states.

Members of class 44-D came to SAAF from Harvey Parks Air College, Sikeston, Mo.; Victory Field, Vernon, Tex., Curtis Field, Brady, Tex., Coleman, Tex., Cimmaron Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mustang Field, ElReno, Okla.

The processing schedule for the new class members kept them "on the ball" from early each morning until late at night during this week, getting them into the "groove" for the rigid regular flying program of basic training.

The issue of YANK magazine dated 24 December 1943, which goes on sale at Post Exchanges next Friday, 17 December, will contain a number of special Christmas features.

The features will include a full-color holiday cover, a Christmas pin-up and cartoons in the spirit of the season.

## 448th Receives Minute Man Flag

The 448th Headquarters and Air Base Squadron will soon be flying the Minute Man flag issued by the Treasury Department for all organizations having 10% or more War Bond payroll participation.

Figures released this week for November by 2nd. Lt. F. M. Mathews, War Bond and Insurance Officer, show that the 448th Squadron now has 10.3% payroll participation with 90% of its personnel enrolled. Headquarters and Headquarters, 55th Flying Training Group, remains in first place of enlisted men's organizations with 12% payroll participation and 98% personnel buying bonds. In third place is the 1082nd Maintenance Squadron with 10% payroll and 92% of the men taking part. The 1082nd Guard Squadron dropped below its percentage of October, scoring 9.9% although 98.3% of its personnel participated.

SAAF officers had 14% payroll participation and 98.5% of the personnel enrolled for top honors in both figures.

Following are the standings of other squadrons and detachments:

Org.	Personnel Participation	Payroll Participation
Medics	98%	9.3%
322nd.	79.3%	9.1%
Vets	100%	7.3%
383rd.	56%	6%

Cadets had 65.4% personnel participation with 7.3% payroll participation.

Rock Springs, Wyo. (CNS)—A group of men here bought a herd of buffalo from a nearby rancher. Buffalo meat is ration free.

## Old Lady Flu on Loose Again; Working for Adolf as Saboteur

Cubicles and sulfa drugs at Strother are an indication that old lady flu, the calypso of the coffin, is on the loose again. Altho there is only a slight presence of this disease today, the Army medical authorities are taking the threat of a flu spread seriously, and they are making certain that every soldier does likewise, for they are going to see that the great wave of influenza which seized the civilians and the soldiers stationed at home back in '18, in which many deaths resulted, does not reoccur.

### CAPTAIN BLOOM'S ADVICE

Among the MCs doing their best to educate soldiers how to prevent and combat the danger of this disease, is SAAF's flight surgeon Captain Bernard H. Bloom, who gives the following rules for your protection:

1. Wear proper clothing; don't catch cold.
2. Watch your diet; keep it balanced. Drink six glasses of water a day.
3. Get eight hours sleep a night; build up your metabolism.
4. Avoid drafts.
5. Take the proper sleeping precautions: keep the barracks properly ventilated; use your cubicle.
6. Avoid coughers. If you cough, cover up your mouth.
7. And at the first sign of a cold—go on sick call.

Remember: flu is a respiratory disease. Like pneumonia, it may begin with just a slight cold, and if neglected, you may end up getting measured for a wooden kimona. Old woman flu is contagious and easily communicated by a cough or a sneeze. It is imperative that men sleeping in close quarters have proper heat and ventilation.

The principal thing for soldiers to remember is that sickness causes more loss of manpower than bullets on the battlefield, and that they should guard against the unseen enemy as well as the Jap or Nazi.

## SAAF Red Cross, A1 Morale Builder, Has First Birthday

Last Tuesday, the ARC unit at Strother Field had its first birthday. Since its activation on 7 December '42, the record of this small unit has paralleled that set by the organization as a whole for helpfulness to those in distress. Under Field Director Walter J. Hedberg's guidance, much has been accomplished to aid the men at SAAF.

The best way to tell of the ARC's many functions is to tell of its many deeds. During the past year, the various problems of 786 soldiers have come to the attention of the RC office. These problems have ranged from locating clothing lost in St. Louis and a sax left in Miami, Florida, to financing the emergency journey of an officer home on the occasion of his brother's death. Hundreds of verifications for emergency furloughs have been obtained thru RC channels, and in many of these instances, travel loans have been made. In completing this task 1331 telegrams have either been sent or received from all parts of the States, and 209 loans totaling \$4061 have been made, the largest being \$350, the smallest, \$3.

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## Special Service Gets New WAC Officer

The new assistant Special Service Officer at Strother is a WAC. Born and reared in New York, 2nd. Lt. Beatrice T. Broudy attended Brooklyn College for her Bachelor's in liberal arts, then the U. of Michigan to receive her Master's in education together with another AB degree in library science.

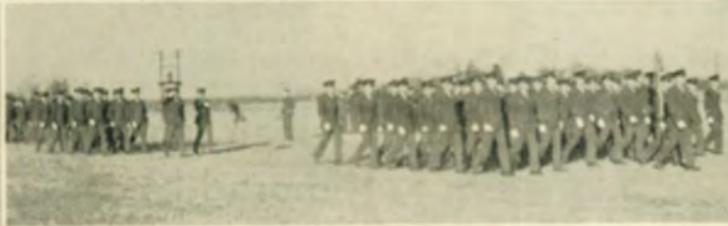
Lt. Broudy enlisted in the WAC in December, 1942, and after basic at Daytona, Florida, a couple of months at Ft. Benning, Ga., in the library, OCS at Des Moines, Ia., Randolph Field, and Special Service School in Lexington, Va., she is ready to tackle the job at Strother.

Lt. Broudy has had much experience as counselor in youth summer camps, and favors dramatics and reading as her hobbies. Her arrival at SAAF now raises the total of WAC personnel here to four.

## Leave SAAF for OCS at Miami Beach

T/Sgt. Hyman P. Jackson, 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, and Sgt. Carroll E. Nickels, 383rd AAF Band, left Strother Army Air Field Wednesday morning for Miami Beach, Fla., where they will attend the Army Air Forces Administrative Officers Candidate School.

S/Sgt. Robert Gilday, formerly stationed at SAAF, and who has been serving as a Liaison pilot at the Sioux Falls, So. Dakota Army Air Field, accompanied S/Sgt. Jackson and Sgt. Nickels to Miami Beach. Gilday will also enter OCS.



## CLASS 44-B CADETS

Major K. D. Culbertson, Commandant of Cadets, Major J. R. Williams, Director of Training, and Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Army Air Field, are shown, at the left, as they reviewed members of Cadet Class 44-B last Friday afternoon. In the picture above members of the graduating class are shown as they passed in review.



Cadets of Class 44-B and their wives or dates from Winfield, Arkansas City and Ponca City, are shown seated at tables in the officers' club where the graduation dance and buffet supper was held last Saturday evening.

(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Among SAAF officers and their wives, who attended the party were the following: Seated nearest the wall and reading left to right: Mrs. and Major K. D. Culbertson, Mrs. and Major M. W. Allen, Mrs. and Major J. R. Williams, 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Melvin L. Hammond are shown at the left.



## CHEERS! CHRISTMAS TO BE HOLIDAY

Yes, that's the glad news men; Christmas will be a full holiday. No flying, no inspections, no paper work, no GIing, just sleep, food and celebrations. Of course the necessary guard, mess and other details won't have a day off, but for almost everybody, Saturday the 25th will be a day of rest.

Did we say rest? Excuse us, chums, there's so much doing at camp, on the radio, and in town, that you may not want to sack the whole day away. The service club is cooking up a special holiday program, and the mess hall is getting ready to test your capacity. The radio will be abuzz with unusual features, according to the better radio guides, which should make the day chok full of festive spirit for those who stay in camp.

In the local towns, if you haven't been invited to a private shindig by your little pig, don't be angry. The USOs in Winfield and Ark City have arranged buffet supper-dances, luncheons, musical programs, and caroling fests that will last from the time you hit town until curfew curfews.

Probably the only things missing to make the day complete will be home and hot rum toddies. Being away from home is bad enough, but the absent flaming toddie is something almost unbearable. But drink your beer bub, and grit your molars with Sherman when you say: "War is hell!" Merrah Christmas!

# Speaking of--December 7th

Two years ago this week the American people awakened from a nightmare of false peace to the thunder of bursting bombs at Pearl Harbor. President Roosevelt has vetoed a bill setting aside Dec. 7 as a national holiday. He holds that it should be recalled as a "day of infamy." Yet Pearl Harbor's attack is bound to loom large in the history of the world, for the "infamy" of the Japanese ended forever the delusion that the United States could live alone in security.

Our fleet, battered and broken two years ago, has been rebuilt far stronger than ever. American air power strides the Pacific. The coming triumph in Europe will release combined forces for attack upon Japan of a magnitude that Tokyo's admirals never envisaged. No one can yet reckon accurately the cost in blood and treasure, but the armed might has been created eventually to snatch from Japan her spoils of conquest.

The question, as we face our third year of war, is whether we shall have the wisdom and good will to make the most of victory. Our meeting with destiny, in the long run, was unavoidable; we are part of humanity and we could not expect to remain untouched by the world's fate. It was mere chance, the result of our own sloth and blindness, that our projection into war came through a sudden onslaught that almost ruined us.

Now the issue is whether we have learned the deeper lesson. If we have, the opportunity exists to help create a new kind of world order, based on justice and enforceable law, in which no aggressor again will be allowed the power to perpetrate a new Pearl Harbor.—From the Chicago Sun.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

Notwithstanding boasts to the contrary, there is no such thing as a self-made man. By a thousand ways other men and institutions have entered into the making of all of us. "We are a part of all we have met." None of us is self-sufficient. We are constantly in need of so much that others can and want to give us.

No man need nor can stand alone. There are problems too involved for our finite minds to solve; there are burdens too heavy for our frail shoulders to bear; and there are days too dark for our little light to see us through. What shall we do? Shall we struggle on, as best we can, alone, and go down in defeat, as surely we must if we seek to stand alone? Or shall we be honest with ourselves, admit our weakness and our finiteness, our dependence upon other, especially on God who has made possible our life and who knows our frailties and can supply our every need?

It is not a sign of weakness to seek the source of strength. Let us, then, accept the gracious invitation of the Lord when He says to all of us, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." We have His promise which has been borne out in experience: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with the wings of eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."



**WE SEE AT HOME THIS WEEK**  
Butler's (Rep-Neb) report to the House on Noo Deal "Good-neighborliness" in SA is raising a stink . . . Congress and the administration are still tussling over the inflation problems . . . with the OPA smack in the middle . . . Lt. Gen. Holcombs has retired and the Marine command goes to Lt. Gen. Vandegrift, another battle-toughened veteran . . . the UNRRA is having its share of troubles getting organized to help needy countries . . . India will probably be its first customer . . . War casualties to date: Dead—26,187; Wounded—36,243; Missing—33,630; POW—26,978; Total: 123,038 (figures from Time Mag as released by War Dept.)

**THIS WEEK ABROAD WE SEE**  
that the general results of the big three conference were: 1. The establishment of Anglo-American-Russian command in the near future under General Marshall; 2. Intensification of aerial war against Germany from both sides of Hitler's fortress, with the hope of cracking German morale; 3. Stepping up of the Italian offensive; 4. The opening of a third front in the west late this winter or spring; 5. Formation of a commission to plan postwar Europe . . . The Navy opened up its offensive in the Central Pacific with the Gilberts push . . . Colombia has declared war on Germany . . . Nazi Labor Front man Robert Ley's clambake festival in Berlin of the "Strength thru Joy" movement broken up by the bombings . . . and Berlin citizens are getting bomb-happy . . . Richard Tregaskis, author of "Guad Diary" was seriously but not fatally wounded in Italy.

**HATS OFF YOU MALE GIS**  
to a gallant and courageous little WAC named Pvt. Margaret H. Mahoney of Rochester, N. Y., stationed in Algiers . . . Peewee (so-called because she's only 4-feet-eleven) saved the life of a fellow soldier (and a male at that) by jumping into a pool of flaming gasoline . . . dragging Pvt. Jacobs out of danger . . . then smothering the fire with her own clothes and bare hands until assistance arrived . . . Pvt. Mahoney received severe burns . . . and altho Pvt. Jacobs of York, Pa., is still in the hospital, he's alive . . . released from the hospital after six weeks' treatment for burns on her hands, legs and face and given Soldier's Medal by order of Gen. Eisenhower . . . she's the first woman and WAC to receive this award . . . hats off to a GI Josephine with heart a hundred times her size . . . courage—thy name is Peewee.

## Your Home Town . . .

Brainerd, Minn., (CNS)—Mark Miller, who said he drove his car from Mexico to Canada without giving up coupons in order to gather material for a magazine article entitled "From Border to Border on Bootleg Gas," may have to write the story in the cooler. He has been charged with violating Office of Price Administration gas regulations.

Chicago (CNS) — Edward McKevitt asked a divorcee, charging that his wife bit his thumb, kicked his shins and slapped his face with a wet towel. The judge denied the decree ruling that for "cruelty" to exist, "a man must be placed in danger of his life."

Danville, Va. (CNS) — Police here are looking for a thief who walked right out of detective headquarters with \$135.65 which was being held as evidence.

Des Moines (CNS) — A thief broke the display window of a clothing store and robbed a window dummy of cuff-links, collar clasp and necktie. He didn't have time to unpin the suit and take it along.

Hartford, Conn. (CNS)—Everett S. Pearl, an adagio dancer, was sued by his wife, Doris, who is also his partner. He tossed her around too much, she complained.

Hollywood (CNS)—Because Rita Hayworth has fallen behind in her "alimony" to ex-husband Edward Judson, the movie center is all agog with question marks. Seeking more moolah, Judson has disclosed that when the beautiful red-headed Rita, now Mrs. Orson Welles, divorced him a year ago she promised him \$12,000 in \$500 monthly installments. He promised in return that he would not: "Infer directly or indirectly that she had committed an offense involving moral turpitude under federal, state or local laws, or that she had conducted herself in any manner which would cause her to be held in scorn or which would damage her career." What's it all about, Hollywood is wondering.

Indianapolis (CNS) — This city now employs policewomen to direct downtown traffic.

## SAAF Red Cross

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Thru the Red Cross and Hospital Council, outside entertainment is brought to convalescents each week. Four complete sets of sun-room furniture, including radios, have been provided for the hospital. The problem of cheering sick soldiers is given special consideration.

Every soldier given a CDD is assisted in filing a pension claim. Stranded soldiers have been aided in returning to their proper stations. Eight hundred hand-knitted sweaters and mufflers have been distributed to men on guard detail and those on the line. Trees and shrubbery have been provided for camp beautification, and donations of magazine subscriptions have been obtained for dayrooms which have also been supplied with furnishings secured from RC aid.

The RC works directly with the Army in many ways. In addition to furlough verifications, complaint investigations have been made, and training for PT instructors in swimming and life saving have been provided. Close liaison between the Chaplain, AER and RC is maintained to facilitate aid for soldiers on the post, and thru these channels, the problems of the men, which are as varied as their individual personalities, are handled.

Thru these many essential services to the SAAF doughboy, the American Red Cross is aiding not only the men, but the nation as a whole, and the contribution to morale, the family, and humanity cannot be overlooked. This is one case where everyone shares in the birthday cake.

## Service Club Notes - -

Members of the 322nd "Aviation Squadron whose birthdays take place during December were honored during the squadron's weekly party in the enlisted men's service club last night.

Among those receiving birthday gifts were S/Sgt. Lamarr Crawford, S/Sgt. Henry W. Ward, Cpl. Mose Crittle Pfc. John Harrison, Pfc. James Seals, Pfc. Curtis Tippet, Pfc. Ashton Williams, Pfc. John Thibideaux, Pvt. Horace Milhouse and Pvt. William Richardson. There was a large birthday cake in honor of the occasion.

Good Conduct ribbons were presented two enlisted men who have been in the service over a year. These were S/Sgt. Berry L. Branch Jr., and S/Sgt. Henry W. Ward.

Special music for the program was furnished by the "Musical Entertainers," composed of Pfc. Sylvester Bland, pianist; Pvt. Major R. Jackson, trumpet; Pvt. James Robinson, saxophone; Pfc. Joseph Collin, drums. Pvt. John Gracey, musical director, gave a vocal selection.

The rest of the evening was devoted to dancing by squadron members and their guests.

## G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

1. Striking coal miners, under command of John L. Lewis, recently refused to return to work at the request of President Roosevelt so the Government took over the mines. Similar action was taken by the Government during the first wartime coal strike last—

A—May ( ) B—June ( )

2. An American Government official who recently visited Russia to discuss production problems with Soviet leaders and who was kissed by the chief of that country's purchasing commission to the United States was—

A—Donald Nelson ( )

B—Cordell Hull ( )

3. Women pilots employed in a civil service capacity by the Army Air Forces and called WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots) have sisters under the skin in the—

A—Coast Guard ( )

B—Navy ( )

Answers: 1-B; 2-A; 3-B.

## Civilian Employees Honored by Dept.

458 civilian workers at SAAF were honored at a special ceremony held in the Sub-Depot hangar at 4 p. m. Wednesday afternoon. Having six months or longer continuous service with the war department, this group was awarded "service" ribbons similar in size to the type worn by military personnel. The ribbons are blue with white stripes and bear the air corps insignia.

Col. J. F. Carroll, SAAF Commanding Officer, was the main speaker for the occasion and Major Roy B. Mosher, CO of the 377th Sub-Depot was master of ceremonies. Mayor W. R. Coffey of Winfield and Major George Wylie of Ark. City were guest speakers.

## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

New York 1 A's favorite crack is that they don't want to be drafted until Frank Buck goes—so they can be brought back alive!

Know a girl who used a sun-lamp to bake herself, but over did it—now she's the toast of the town.

A girl was insulted when a Sgt. offered her a short beer—but she swallowed the insult.

Nothing shatters a man's defenses like a super-smooth complexion. Providing, of course, that the skin is stretched over the right kind of a frame.

Have you heard about the gal who quit her husband because of illness—she's sick of him.



Q. Is the Good Conduct Medal worn to the right or to the left of service medals?

A. AR 600-40 provides that the good conduct medal shall be worn to the left of service medals.

Q. Are the wives of sailors permitted to join the WAVES?

A. Navy wives may join the WAVES provided their husbands are enlisted men. They can't join if their husbands are officers. The WACs, however, have no restrictions on the admission of Army officers' and men's wives to the Corps.

Q. Is it true that an enlisted man wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor is entitled to be saluted by officers?

A. This is an old Army custom and is observed in many stations both in the USA and abroad. There is nothing in Army Regulations, however, that requires an officer to salute an EM wearing the Medal of Honor.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 11 Dec.  
IN OLD OKLAHOMA  
John Wayne—Martha Scott  
Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Sun.-Mon., 12-13 Dec.  
OLD ACQUAINTANCE  
Bette Davis—Gig Young  
News of the Day

Tuesday, 14 Dec.  
Double Feature  
HENRY ALDRICH HAUNTS  
A HOUSE  
Jimmy Lindon—Charlie Smith  
GILDERSLEEVE ON BROADWAY  
Harold Peary—Billie Burke

Wed.-Thur., 15-16 Dec.  
WHISTLING IN BROOKLYN  
Red Skelton—Ann Rutherford  
News of the Day—Donald Duck

Friday, 17 Dec.  
GANGWAY FOR TOMORROW  
Margo—John Carradine  
Sportlight—Merrie Melodies  
Melody Master Bands

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### A Startling Discovery!

It was midnight and the street was dark  
 The passing cars were few  
 Just then a pretty girl walked by  
 Young and fresh as a drop of dew.

I asked her if she'd like a ride,  
 She seemed to hesitate  
 Then stopped and breathed a sigh  
 Alas I could not wait.

I took her to a lonely lane  
 Where stars lit up the sky,  
 My very blood ran through my veins  
 With a feeling of do or die.

Her eyes were of the deepest blue,  
 Her hair was blond and fine,  
 And when I touched her hand,  
 I knew she was surely mine.

I put my arms around her waist,  
 I kissed her ruby lips,  
 And as I drew away  
 My hands dropped gently on her hips.

Twas then I found who she was  
 It hit me like a bomber,  
 For on her hip was slung a gun—  
 Twas "Pistol Packing Mama."

By Pfc. Russell Estell,  
 322nd Aviation Sqdn.

Jacksonville, Ill. (CNS) — A young girl jumped up in the middle of a movie and shouted "Gleeps, I left my baby on the bus." It was just a gag to prove she could act well enough to get a role in a play, she revealed later.

### Monthly Formal at Wichita USO

Swing or sway with jive or sweet music rendered by a special orchestra will be the feature on Saturday, December 11, at the Wichita Downtown U.S.O. monthly dance. The Midian Shrine Temple ballroom at 115 North Topeka (just a few doors south of the club) will be the gathering place.

Dancing will begin at nine o'clock with a floor show at 10:30. The Palmer School of Dancing has arranged a program of Christmas specialties. A bevy of hostesses will be present to welcome guests, dance with them and serve refreshments later in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all SAAF servicemen who will be in Wichita on Saturday evening to come to the dance.

The annual Christmas Pageant presented by the public school system of Ark. City will be presented this coming Sunday, 12 December, in the high school auditorium located at Fifth and Second Streets.

The program, which begins at 2200, will consist mainly of excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" and other appropriately chosen choral selections. All service personnel are cordially invited to attend.

### Zoot! Jive Bugs Twist General Orders

Harding Field, La.—A jitterbug at Harding Field, La., felt that hep-cat rookies would best understand a jived-up version of the 11 general orders of interior guard duty.

So they were rewritten accordingly. If you're on the beam as to your orders you won't have any trouble getting in the groove. But if you're square — you'd better consult the manual and shed the long hair. Here they are:

1. To take charge of this mellow post and all government stach in view.
2. To lay down the hard shoe leather in a military manner, keeping always in the groove, and digging everything that don't grow.
3. To rat on the rats what ain't living by the good book.
4. To repeat all short orders from post more distant from the big house than the rut I'm in.
5. To cut out only when another cat cuts in.
6. To dig, obey, and lay on to the cat what cuts in, all fine talk from the Big Boy, Big Boy of the Day, and All Big Boys and Little Boys of the congregation only.
7. To jive with no gator what ain't cookin' with coke.
8. To blow my top when the heat's on or in case the joint falls in.
9. To stem my pipes for the corporal of the guard to square any beef I ain't hep to.
10. To bend the elbow when I dig all brass hats and all Betsy Ross' without a zoot suit.
11. To be especially on the beam during the early black, and, during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post, to let no car by without a proper ticket.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)  
 Shown in formation in front of the guard house are members of the 1088th. Guard Squadron ready for the daily changing of the Guard and inspection by their commanding officer, 1st. Lt. Scott W. Key Jr.

### Member of Class 44-B Awarded Air Medal While GI Bombardier

With one Air Medal already pinned to his blouse for the sinking of an enemy submarine, Cadet John R. Badzik of Class 44-B which graduated last week at Strother Army Air Field, has gone on to advance school to fit himself to win other combat awards in the skies. Next time he wants to pilot the ship which does the work; last time he was the able bombardier.

### More GI Movies . .

Three interesting featurettes comprise series number thirteen of the popular GI Movies, which will be shown in the enlisted men's service club next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 15-18.

"Peoples of Canada," shows the unity for victory among the people from the Indian to the European settler. "Court Favorites," is a tennis thriller starring Bill Tilden and Vincent Richards. "America Sings," featuring Kate Smith, completes the program.

### Army Gains Much Since World War I

By Camp Newspaper Service

A recapitulation of the Army Manpower and equipment figures, recently made available by the War Department, show that the Army today is rapidly nearing its wartime goal of 7,700,000 officers and men while U. S. industry is producing the tools of war at a rate unapproached in the history of man.

When the first World War ended, the U. S. had an Army of 4,057,101 men of whom 2,086,000 were serving overseas. Today the Army personnel almost doubles the old figure and 2,500,000 of these highly trained men are serving abroad in every corner of the globe.

When the U. S. entered World War I, it had 55 airplanes and an Air Service numbering 1,200 men. By the end of the war it had 11,000 planes and 200,000 men in the Air Service. Today the Army Air Forces number 2,880,000 officers and men and in a single month the U. S. manufactures more planes than it did in an entire year during the last war.

Salt Lake City (CNS)—W. C. Peterson rushed into police headquarters and shouted: "Someone stole my home." He lives in an auto trailer.

Badzik, a native of Czechoslovakia, along with the pilot and gunner of a ship based in the West Indies, was decorated last March for an attack on an enemy submarine which has since been assessed as sunk. The decoration was nine long months catching up with Badzik for the attack was in June, 1942. On that occasion, Badzik recalls, the air crew sighted a submarine some seven or eight miles distant. From a point of vantage, the pilot dived on the sub with the plane's machine guns and cannon belching and depth bombs raining about the sub. By the time the pilot could level his plane and peel off, the submarine was out of sight. A rising oil slick and later sea weed dislodged from the bottom of the sea where the submarine had apparently come to rest, told the dramatic story that three young Americans had destroyed another prowling raider.

Cadet Badzik entered the Army Air Corps in November, 1939, immediately after he was graduated from the Donora, Pa., high school. He was sworn in at Pittsburgh, Pa., not far from the small Czech community of Donora in which his parents live and where his father is employed in the steel mills. Lacking the two years' college work then required of aviation cadets, he did what later proved to be the next best thing for his adopted country—he went to armament school at Lowry Field, Colorado, when he had finished recruiting training at Langley Field, Virginia, and basic at Scott Field, Illinois. Subsequently, he became an instructor at Lowry Field with bombsight maintenance and automatic flying control specialties.

In September, 1941, Badzik was sent to the Panama Canal Zone, assigned as bombsight mechanic and bombardier on an A-20 ship based on a Dutch island. His crew was the first American crew to reach that island and was on sea patrol duty in the West Indies when the first enemy attack on an American vessel was made near Aruba and a torpedo went inland killing several persons.



For the patriotic reasons "So my son can come home quicker," "Because our government has called for women and I am free to answer," and "Because I feel this is a women's war as well as a man's," three Kansas women were inducted at Strother Army Air Field last week into the ranks of the Women's Army Corps to serve with the Army Air Forces. Left to right, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Whetstone of 223 West B St., Hutchinson; Mrs. Dorothy I. Fertig of 324 Topeka St., Larned; Miss Berdetta P. Smith of 427 East Ninth Ave., Wichita. They were sworn in by Lt. Geraldine Levy, Air-Wac secretary of the Strother Field aviation cadet examining board, shown at left.

Mrs. Whetstone was first of the trio to take the oath. She is the 48-year-old wife of Joseph T. Whetstone, Hutchinson roofing contractor, and is in charge of the gift shop of Pegues-Wright department store at Hutchinson. Her younger son, Lt. Eugene E. Whetstone, is in foreign service with the transportation corps of the United States army. Her older son expects to be called for service any time.

Mrs. Dorothy I. Fertig, 21, of 324 Topeka St., Larned, was next to be sworn in. Her husband is with an armored division at Fort Knox, Kentucky. They were married in October, 1942, and six weeks later he entered the army. She is now a checker at the J. S. Dillon grocery in Larned and makes her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Sooby.

The third to be inducted was Miss Berdetta P. Smith, 35, of 427 East Ninth, Wichita. She is a daughter of Mrs. Inez Cockrum of the same address, and is a graduate of the Canton, N. Y., high school.

### Sgt. Naman Soloist at Christmas Vespers

Sergeant Theodore Naman, tenor, assistant to the Strother Air Field chaplain, will be featured soloist at the Christmas Vespers at Southwestern College, Sunday, December 12, at 4 p.m. The program will be given in the college chapel in Richardson Hall on College Hill. Personnel from the Field is cordially invited.

Sergeant Naman started his singing career as an off-shoot from the school of law at University of Texas. It was while he was there that Gigli, Metropolitan tenor, heard him in an audition and encouraged Naman to study with Rosati in New York; this he did for a year and a half. Naman has been at Strother Field since November, 1942. His home is in Houston, Texas.

Other musical features of the program consist of organ and piano numbers, the string ensemble, and the all-girls' A Cappella choir. Luther O. Leavengood, director of the school of fine arts, will direct the ensemble and choir.

Early to bed and early to rise and your head will never be three times its size.

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

### You're Ridin', Now, Red!





## Close Games as Squadron Basketball Season Opens

The 1943-44 Squadron League basketball season opened Tuesday night in the post gym with all six teams seeing action. Two of the three first round games were super-thrillers, the Medics edging out the 1088th Guard Squadron quintet by a score of 20 to 18 and the 322nd Service Squadron team defeated the 1082nd Maintenance squad 31 to 30. In the third game of the first round the 55th Flying Training Group team defeated the 448th Squadron by a score of 28 to 18.

The 322-1082nd game was an exciting one from beginning to end. At the conclusion of the first quarter the 1082nd led by a score of 6 to 3. The 2nd. quarter saw the 1082nd increase their lead to 5 points when the score read 16 to 11. Then came the third quarter—the 322nd scored 10 points to 2 points for their opponents, making the score 21 to 18 in favor of the 322nd. In the final period the 322nd scored another 10 points for a total of 31 while the 1082nd scored 12 points for a total of 30. Green, 322nd center, scored 13 points and was high scorer not only for the 322nd but topped all players Tuesday night. Yourbrook, 1082nd forward, scored 8 points to lead his outfit.

Closest game of the evening was between the Medics and 1088th. In the first quarter the 1088th led by a score of 6 to 3. In the second quarter the Medics cut their opponents lead to one point, 8 to 7. The score was tied 13 all at the end of the third stanza and in the final frame the Medics scored 7 points for a grand total of 20 while the 1088th could only hit the basket for 5 points making their total 18. Crawford, playing forward, was high man for the 1088th with six points. Shoemaker, forward for the Medics, scored 5 points to lead his team mates.

The 55th FTG team and the 448th Squadron quintet each had four points during the first quarter of their game but from then on the former team lead in scoring, not by many points but enough to win the game. At the end of the second quarter they led by a score of 12 to 8. The third stanza saw them leading by 20 to 15 and in the final quarter they scored 8 points to 3 for the 448th, winning the game 28 to 18. Brey, 55th forward, was high on his team with 10 points. Reid, 448th Guard, scored 8 points to lead his outfit in scoring.

## Violin Virtuoso Makes Music in Vultee Valiant

John A. Rudd of Pasadena, Calif., who for several years has been performing for California music lovers with ranking symphony orchestras, is a member of Class 44-C, upper group at Strother Field.

In the few odd moments he has from his flying training and ground school, he finds relaxation in the music that means so much to him. His cadet audience—one always gathers quickly when Rudd picks up his violin—has a variety of musical tastes and these Rudd attempts to satisfy. From his own favorite "Violin Concerto in G Minor" by Bach, he swings easily into the strains of "Pistol Packin' Mama" or other current hits. But for the most part, all along the Air Corps route, the cadets have settled on "The Flight of the Bumble-bee" by Rimsky-Korsakow as their favorite piece.

For several years Rudd was first violinist with Reginald Bland's string ensemble at Pasadena, an organization of 40 violins. Then he went to Los Angeles to play first violin, second chair, with the Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra, directed by Dr. Eugene Laird.

BOX SCORES				
<b>322ND-31</b>				
	FG	FT	F	P
Johnson, f	1	0	0	2
Estell, f	5	1	1	11
Green, c	6	1	0	13
Wright, g	0	1	0	1
Taylor, g	2	0	0	4
<b>1082ND-30</b>				
	FG	FT	F	P
Yourbrook, f	4	0	0	8
Beckett, f	0	0	0	0
Bodanza, f	4	0	3	8
Childs, c	3	0	1	6
Stebur, g	2	0	1	4
Shintaffe, g	1	0	0	2
Smith, g	1	0	1	2
<b>MEDICS-20</b>				
	FG	FT	F	P
Shoemaker, f	2	1	0	5
Harengs, f	1	0	1	2
Dikos, f	0	0	0	0
Onukiewicz, f	0	0	0	0
Nicholas, g	1	1	1	3
Childers, g	2	0	2	4
Landers, g	2	0	0	4
Batson, f	1	0	0	2
<b>1088TH-18</b>				
	FG	FT	F	P
Crawford, f	3	0	1	6
Blackburn, f	2	0	0	4
James, f	0	0	0	0
O'Dell, c	0	0	0	0
Pennell, c	0	0	0	0
Seeley, g	1	2	1	4
Swords, g	0	0	0	0
Quattlebaum, g	2	0	1	4
Northcutt, g	0	0	0	0
Meeks, g	0	0	0	0
<b>55TH-28</b>				
	FG	FT	F	P
Brey, f	5	0	0	10
Witteman, f	1	0	1	2
Stiles, f	1	0	0	2
Miller, c	0	0	0	0
Woodward, c	0	0	0	0
Vance, g	3	0	2	6
Ferrell, g	3	0	3	6
Dalak, g	1	0	1	2
Lawrence, g	0	0	0	0
<b>448TH-18</b>				
	FG	FT	F	P
Selvidge, f	1	2	0	4
Adams, f	0	0	0	0
Biederman, f	0	1	1	1
Novok, f	0	0	0	0
Lucke, c	2	0	0	4
Reid, g	4	0	1	8
Bush, g	0	1	0	1
Halverson, g	0	0	0	0
Williams, g	0	0	0	0
Dodds, g	0	0	0	0

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Second Round	
Thurs., Dec. 9th.	
55th-322nd	7 p. m.
1082nd-Medics	8 p. m.
448th-1088th	9 p. m.
Third Round	
Tues., Dec. 14th.	
1088th-1082nd	7 p. m.
448th-322nd	8 p. m.
55th-Medics	9 p. m.
Fourth Round	
Thurs., Dec. 16th.	
322nd-Medics	7 p. m.
448th-1082nd	8 p. m.
55th-1088th	9 p. m.

## Complete PFR Tests

Administrative and flying officers of SAAF have completed their physical fitness rating tests and 2nd. Lt. Leo E. Engels tied his own field record of last August with a score of 90.

Administrative officers averaged 50 points and flying officers had an average of 54. The officer group dropped one point in average during the recent tests in comparison to the first one in August, according to Capt. Oren P. Stoner, Physical Training Officer.

Officers physical training attendance during the week of Nov. 28 through Dec. 4th., was 102% according to figures released by the PT department. Flying officers totaled 108% while administrative officers had 96%.

## —BOWLING—

### CO-OP BOWLING LEAGUE

Individual and Team standings: SENTINELS

This team bowled 21 games. Won 17—Lost 7

	Games	Pins	Aver's
Harris	21	2982	142
Tarnish	21	3038	144
Schinzler	18	2305	128
Pickleman	18	2622	146
Milasch	12	1714	143
		14567	694

### HILLTOPPERS

This team bowled 24 games. Won 11—Lost 13

	Games	Pins	Aver's
May	15	2241	149
Martin	18	2762	153
Baird	15	2124	142
Kownick	21	2858	136
Guth	18	2403	134
		16497	687

### SOUTH STAGE

This team bowled 24 games. Won 10—Lost 14

	Games	Pins	Aver's
Vance	3	565	188
Price	24	3372	136
Sekers	24	3826	155
Acord	24	2766	115
Blind	3	360	120
		16040	668

### CENTURIANS

This team bowled 21 games. Won 10—Lost 14

	Games	Pins	Aver's
Mishaan	12	1714	143
Conlin	21	2644	126
Lange	18	2459	137
Ashburn	15	1912	127
Miller	9	1100	122
		13535	645

### IND. HI-SINGLE

Sekeres	210
Baird	203
Martin	201
Vance	196
Tarnish	192

### IND. HI-THREE

Vance	565
Martin	548
Baird	532
May	514
Tarnish	511

### TEAM STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Sentinels	17	7
Hilltoppers	11	13
South Stage	10	14
Centurians	10	14

## August PFR Average Sets High Standard

Strother Army Air Field enlistees had a much higher physical fitness rating average during the first tests held last August than the Flying Training Command average, according to consolidated reports received this week by the PT department of this field.

The grunting and groaning necessary to have done that extra push-up, pull-up and last yard in the shuttle run was well worth the endeavor after all.

## 'Toss me a herring, will yuh Sarge?'

One day last week a corporal of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron ran up to S/Sgt. R. C. Stewart who is in charge of the basic training program for the squadron, and breathlessly asked, "Hey Sarge, I'm going on a 3-day pass day after tomorrow so can I please take my "short order" drill tomorrow, can I, huh?" Sure, he still has his two strips, but he now knows it is "extended order" drill instead of short order! Even being hungry is no excuse for such a mistake.

## Becomes Habit Setting Records

Aviation Cadet Roger W. Terwilliger of class 44-B which completed its basic training here last week, set a new record over the obstacle course. His time was 2:01 during which he took two newly built obstacles in stride in addition to the regular physical-challengers.

In 1942 he was National AAU decathlon champion and set records in the 220 yard run and broad jump while at San Antonio, Tex., Aviation Cadet Center.

Aviation Cadet Darrel C. Roach, a member of the same class and who set a record in the cross-country run of 5 min. and 33 seconds, attended Purdue University before entering the service. He was a member of the cross-country and two-mile running teams and was captain during his junior and senior years at the university. Roach set the cross-country record at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center.

Aviation Cadet James Pierce of Class 44-B last week tied the PFR record held by 2nd. Lt. Leo E. Engels, SAAF flying instructor, with a score of 90. Pierce set a record at Sikeston, Mo., where he attended primary school.

## Warning to Dependents

The U. S. Secret Service has issued a warning to all soldiers and their dependents that many Army allotment and allowance checks are being stolen.

To aid servicemen and their dependents in guarding against the theft of checks, the Secret Service has offered the following suggestions:

1. Write your family to have a member stay at home when your check is due. If it is removed from the mailbox immediately it cannot be stolen.
2. Make sure your family has a deep, strong mail box with your name printed on it in big letters. Be sure to keep it locked.
3. Have the folks arrange with the postman to signal when he delivers the check if possible.
4. Tell them to notify the postmaster when they move. The Post Office has a regular card for them to fill out.
5. Your family should make a point of cashing the check at the same place each month. This will make identification easier. Merchants have been cautioned to insist upon proper identification so it is wise for you to go to a place where you are known. Better still, have them open a bank account and deposit the check instead of cashing it. Tell them to be certain they understand the rules of the bank about how soon they can draw the money out.
6. They should never fold, pin or mutilate the check.

## sport slants

Duke University's football team lost 23 of its top varsity players to more advanced training centers in the middle of the gridiron season.

Pam Barton, twice woman's golf champion of Great Britain and once winner of the U. S. woman's title, was killed recently when a plane in which she was a passenger crashed in Kent. She was a Women's Auxiliary Air Force flight officer.

The U. S. Coast Guard Station at Manhattan Beach N. Y. should be able to field a pretty fair baseball team next spring. Stationed there are Mikey Witek and Sid Gordon, former Giant infielders; Ed Levy, ex-Yankee first baseman; Gar Del Savio and Hank Sauer of the Cincinnati Reds; and Randy Gumpert, Newark pitcher.

Newest Army-bound big leaguers are Ken Trinkle and Hugh East, Giant pitchers; Charlie Keller, slugging Yankee outfielder; Chubby Dean, Mike Center, Henry Edwards, and Gene Woodling of the Cleveland Indians; Sherrod Robertson of Washington; Dee Moore of the Phillies; and Dick West, Cincinnati catcher.

At the outset of the National Professional Football League season the mighty Chicago Bears lost three stars to the services, Artoe, Kohlman and Stydaher. Since then they have lost seven more, Nowaskey, Siegel, Gallerneay, Maznicki, Indian Bill Geyer, Bob Steuber and Bill Osmanski. Despite these losses the Bears still lead the league.

Rex Mays, twice winner of the famed Indianapolis auto speed race, has taken to the air. He is now Lt. Mays of the Air Transport Command.

Pfc. Bryan (Bitsy) Grant, former Davis Cup tennis star, has been seeing a lot of the USA since his induction in 1942. He's now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., his seventh Army camp.

Lt. Cdr. Gene Tunney, stationed in New Zealand, recently described to a native audience his knockout of Tom Heeney, battler from "down under" in 1928. That was Tunney's last fight. After he met Heeney he retired as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

Service in the Canadian Army hasn't harmed the track form of Sgt. Gerard Cote, the cinder star. Cote recently covered the 26 mile course of the ninth annual Yonkers (N. Y.) marathon in two hours, 38 minutes and 35.3 seconds to repeat a victory he first won in 1940.

The height of nerve is trying to erase a debt with a rubber check.

## The Wolf by Sansone





(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

The Guthrie brothers, Ira, in cockpit and Leon, standing, study the instrument panel of a BT-13 training plane. They are members of Aviation Cadet Class 44-C at Strother Field.

## Guthrie Brothers Classmates In Basic Training at Strother

The school course the Guthrie brothers, Leon and Ira, of Stratford, Texas, started together years ago in the first grade is being continued at Strother Field, where the young men are taking the basic phase of the Army Air Forces pilot training.

Members of Class 44-C, upper group at Strother Field, the brothers fly in the same squadron, have the same work hours, the same class hours in ground school, are bunk mates, and by their own standards "do about the same kind of work." Their flying instructors are different, practically the only variation in the Guthries' program, for their off-duty hours usually find the Guthrie brothers together in town at a dance, a movie or on a double date—but together.

Leon is 16 months older than Ira, but a change in the Texas school age law allowed Ira to enter school with Leon. When they'd finished high school, Leon entered

employ of the West Texas Utilities Co., as an electrician; Ira enrolled at Panhandle A. & M. college as an engineering student. Eighteen months later they entered the Army Air Corps. Leon last January 28, Ira last February 15. Both were at Sheppard Field together for a few days; then Leon went to Corsicana, Texas, and Ira to Montgomery, Ala. But a request to the Army Air Forces that Ira be allowed to rejoin Leon brought the authorization of General Arnold.

Ira thinks there are many advantages in brothers hanging together.

"It's easier on the folks at home; they just have to write one letter instead of two. I always did have more fun with Leon than with anybody else."

## SAAF Santa Brings GIFTS 'N GOODIES For GI Kiddies

Santa is coming to Strother Field next Wednesday and Thursday with his gift bag loaded—for GI juniors and their sisters.

The Special Service Department under the direction of Major Julian W. Boxley, Special Service officer, has made arrangements with old St. Nick to make two visits to the enlisted men's service club, the first on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd when he will distribute gifts to the children of 322nd Service Squadron members and again on Thursday, Dec. 23rd when children of SAAF officers and enlisted men of other squadrons will be on hand.

Every child will receive a fine gift and candy and will be entertained with music by the post orchestra, songs by Miss Betty Buckner of the PT department and Christmas stories by Chaplain Russell L. Young. There is a huge Christmas tree elaborately trimmed to delight the children.

## 'Funny Side Up,' USO-Camp Show at Post Theater Dec. 22nd

A holiday presentation of "Funny Side Up," a USO-Camp Show, will take place in the post theater next Wednesday evening, December 22nd., adding to the entertainment being provided the personnel of SAAF during Christmas week.

According to reports the show, featuring five acts along with a master-of-ceremonies and pianist, is loaded with talent and is of course free.

## Ten Cadet Classes Have Completed Basic Flying Training Since Dec. '42

One year ago this week, on December 15th., the first class of aviation cadets began basic flying training at Strother Air Field.

In these twelve months hundreds of aviation cadets have come here from taking primary training at many fields in Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Illinois. At this field they have gone through nine weeks of training in ground school and in the air, flying Vultee B-13 planes.

In this length of time five round trips to the moon have been equaled in the approximately 23,000,000 miles flown by members of the ten classes that completed basic here and the two classes now in training at SAAF.

Only eight fatalities have taken place among flying instructors and cadets during all the time spent in the air by members of all classes in their training periods, and one enlisted man died in a ground accident. This speaks well for the constant stressing of safety at SAAF.

In the year's time two aviation cadets became members of the Caterpillar Club, an organization comprised of individuals who have been forced to bail out of aircraft.

## USOs Schedule Feasty Xmastime

Christmas Eve and Christmas day and night are to be extra special events at both the Winfield and Ark. City USO centers.

Gifts and candy for servicemen are to be presented all attending the Christmas eve parties at both centers. There will be a dance and floor show at Winfield and a Christmas eve get together at Ark City on Dec. 24th.

Buffet supper will be served at both centers on Christmas evening. In Ark City the Mothers of American Boys in Service will serve from 5 to 7 p. m. At Winfield the supper will be served by American Legion Auxiliary members.

Both USO centers will have dances and floor shows Christmas.

## Play Christmas Carols Three Times Daily

The spirit of Christmas is reaching every corner of Strother Field — speaking musically — since the well-known strains of Christmas carols have been emitting from post chapel through an amplification system installed last week-end. Chaplain Russell L. Young has announced that the recordings will be played three times daily until Christmas, at 0800, 1200 and 1700.

That it is a wartime yuletide is evident in the roar of the training plane motors intermingled with the notes of "Holy Night, Silent Night."

Song fests and carol singing for enlisted personnel of SAAF and their wives or girl-friends are being held Thursday night.

Dick Dana who will be master-of-ceremonies also appears in the revue with Eddie Caplan in an act titled, "Two Refugees from the Nut House." Dana started in show business as a singing entertainer for servicemen overseas during World War I. He was 17 years old at the time and spent 19 months abroad with other entertainers. He has appeared with Al Jolson in the show "Sinbad." His partner, Eddie Caplan, began his career as a comedian with Lew Lehr in revues. In the USO-Camp Show Dana and Caplan present their army life scene, reported to be very hilarious.

Two men known as "The Musical-Acrobatic Comets," the Nathane Brothers appear with the unit. Before joining the group they played theaters, hotels and night clubs over this country and Europe during the past ten years.

A girl juggler, Winnie May, opens her act with tennis racquet and two tennis balls, handling them in rapid-fire succession. Her ability as a juggler, one of the very few American-born girls in this line of entertainment, plus a comedy routine makes this one of the high spots of the program.

Two dancers appear on the program, Charlotte King and Adrienne Parker. Mel Heyman is the pianist and musical conductor with the unit.

## A Thought for Food

A cow was struck and fatally injured by an automobile near Oxford, Kans., Tuesday night.

What makes this item newsy is the fact that the driver of the assaulting auto was 2nd. Lt. W. C. Doody, General Mess Officer.

## Guests to Enjoy Xmas Dinner with EM

Christmas comes but once a year—and so does a dinner such as is scheduled for enlisted men on December 25th.

Not only will the EM be fed in grand style, but their invited guests for the noontime meal will have an opportunity to enjoy Christmas dinner army style.

Leading off with creamed celery soup with Croutons, the menu includes roast turkey with sage dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry-orange relish, snowflake potatoes, baked squash, creamed corn, head lettuce with Russian dressing, hot rolls, butter, mince pie, chocolate nut cake, assorted fruit, candy, nuts, coffee, and cigars and cigarettes.

Enlisted men are requested to submit the number of their guests with the squadron orderly rooms. A charge of 75c will be made for each guest.

## More Officers and GIs Qualify on Pistol Range

During the past week an additional number of SAAF officers and enlisted men completed the prescribed course for pistol, revolver, 45 cal., and are qualified in the classification indicated and authorized to wear appropriate insignia.

### PISTOL EXPERT (Dismounted)

1st. Lt. Scott W. Key, Jr., 2nd. Lt. Robert M. Fritz, 2nd. Lt. Gordon L. Heying, 1st. Lt. John F. Ryan, Jr.

### PISTOL SHARPSHOOTER (Dismounted)

1st. Lt. Bob. O. Bower, 1st. Lt. Ben. C. Ellis, 1st. Lt. Edward R. Fry, 1st. Lt. Paul R. Gubbins, 1st. Lt. Robert N. Hughes, 2nd. Lt. David R. Ball, 2nd. Lt. Richard J. Beck, 2nd. Lt. Jack C. Boyles, 2nd. Lt. Edward L. Brown, 2nd. Lt. Leigh W. Clark, 2nd. Lt. Frank W. Donaldson, 2nd. Lt. William F. Gibson, 2nd. Lt. William H. Hagebush, 2nd. Lt. Emil G. Honomichl, 2nd. Lt. Joseph E. Kreeger, 2nd. Lt. Robert J. Macone, 2nd. Lt. Burton R. Olson, 2nd. Lt. Donald A. Reinhart, 2nd. Lt. Roy C. Seaburg, 2nd. Lt. Richard W. Smith, 2nd. Lt. O. B. Walton.

### PISTOL MARKSMAN (Dismounted)

Capt. Robert H. Austin, Capt.

## SAAFSNAPS

By Sgt. Bill Morey



"Well, say something, Sgt. Showalter! All Miss Anker wants is to hear several army slang words for a magazine article she is writing."

# Speaking of-Understanding

Here is an article that is going the rounds of the Kansas Editorial pages. It is a letter written by a soldier in North Africa which someone clipped from the Army newspaper "The Stars and Stripes" (that we all remember so well). Next time your liver is out of whack and your bile system is flooding your carburetor, read this soldier's letter:

"Dear Family:

"It is nice to hear from you after such a long period of time but it is unpleasant to learn of your changed condition of living which I can readily understand from the change of my own condition.

"It is too bad that you are limited to the use of your automobile. I know how it is to walk through miles and miles of swamp and jungle. So I understand.

"It is too bad to have your choice of food limited. I have experienced this, too, except there is no choice here. So I understand.

"It is too bad that Willie has to work so many long hours at the Defense Plant. I have to work night as well as day at our Defense Plant. So I understand.

It is too bad that you have to wait in the rain for transportation. I have to wait in the rain on the Post and my transportation and destination are uncertain, too. So I understand.

Winning this war is hard on all of us. You work long hours and so do I. So I understand. But during all these hours I GET SHOT AT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?"—Emporia Gazette.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

"One week of night flying has put more than the germ of an idea into our heads. It has, in fact, left us with whole conviction: That it is high time we made our peace with the Almighty. We've done more thinking about the hereafter while trying to find that night traffic pattern than we did through four church services per Sunday during a devout childhood. And what we've seen, and more particularly, what we haven't seen, but know darn well must have been there on those night flights, leads us to the conclusion that every man in the Class of 43-G had better get on speaking terms with his God. Incidentally, this editorial was neither inspired nor paid for by Chaplain Rogers. It's straight dope, boys, from just another sinner, so lend an ear. Now some of you think that God rides in the cockpit with you, and that's probably right. He's had to be there for some of us guys; there's no doubt about it. But remember this: When you get a pair of wings of your own, it is said that God gets out and only takes an occasional check ride with you to see how you're getting along. You're supposed to be a pilot then, and the Almighty has too many other green cadets to watch out for to keep on the tail of a man that's just got his wings. So remember that boys. And if you've the sense to be grateful, why, remember all the things you get away with that should have killed you. And just to show you appreciate all this good care you've been getting these last weeks, we say you ought to go to chapel next Sunday. You'll see us there!" (By A/C Fred Harms, Appeared in "Black Sandmarks" Post Weekly, Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Texas.)



**THIS WEEK WE SEE ABROAD** . . . Gen. Clark's Fifth and Gen. Montgomery's Eighth armies are getting together to slap Rommel to sleep . . . Berlin is still number one stop on the Fortress egg run ova Europe . . . the citizens of the city are just beginning to know the hell of Coventry, Rotterdam and London . . . well, they asked for it . . . we are watching the RAF and the US 8th AF blast the heart out of the German nation and the German people . . . say, has anybody seen the *Luftwaffe*? . . . there's a guy named Hermann looking for it . . . the fields of Bengal are filled with ripe food, but the starving field-hands are too weak to garner it in . . . wot a stinking mess that is . . . Iceland has voted for her complete independence from Denmark . . . Field Marshall and Prime Minister of South Africa Jan Smuts had a bit to say on a new world for Europe and the Dominion . . . the Russians are getting ready to beat the Germans in Russia to their knees this winter . . . oh man am I glad I am not a Nastie serving on the Eastern front . . . those Russians are really mean customers . . . they know what they're fighting for . . . a vote for the man of the year . . . to the common Russian footsoldier, who turned the tide of German aggression, and turned the war from defense into offense . . . and exploded the balloon of supermanism.

**AT HOME THIS WEEK WE SEE** . . . according to the latest statistical reports, many of the old boogie bottle-necks have been overcome, and the war on the home front seems secure . . . this is a sure inducement to overconfidence unless we're careful . . . 1223 repatriated Americans returned home from Japanese prison camps on the *Gripsholm* . . . they sang "God Bless America," as they glommed the lady with the torch on Staten Island . . . can you blame them? . . . the first cannon-equipped Mitchell's have just come off the assembly line . . . Britain too has a mild spread of the flu . . . watch it chum . . . Republicans seem to be getting in line early for the presidential nomination . . . Willkie has just returned from a 5000-mile trip around the country . . . he wasn't selling pencils either . . . all quiet on the Democratic front . . . I wonder who their candidate is going to be? . . . it beats me . . . the service vote issue is still being decided . . . what are you doing about it?

**MAYBE YOU WANNA KNOW** . . . that they celebrated the 7th of December in Japan . . . the statistics from Tarawa: dead—1026; wounded—2557; for the Nips: almost a perfect 5700, but that still gives us 3583 reasons to beat the . . . out of the Japs . . . one raid over Berlin lugging 2000 tons of TNT requires a month's training by 185,000 men . . . the results average in destruction of the efforts of 75,000 Nazis in a whole month . . . Veronica Lake got herself deivorced . . . Geo. Montgomery married Dinah Shore . . . Lt. Rudy Vallee married his third wife in Hollywood . . . she's a smooth little pin-up girl of 19.

# What's new in your home town?

Boston (CNS)—The average girl here carries from 30 to 45 articles in her handbag according to a recent survey. Among the items discovered in several bags were a defense map of America, pamphlets of the Quantitative Determination of Euphoria, a peanut butter sandwich and a Stilson wrench.

Charlotte, N. C. (CNS)—This want ad ran in a newspaper here: "Will trade nylon hose for 12-gauge shotgun shells."

Indianapolis (CNS)—A cop entered a tavern here and arrested three men for gambling. A fourth man, feeling slighted, yelled "Hey, cop, I was in that game, too." The officer arrested him also—on an intoxication charge.

Kansas City (CNS)—Seventeen-year-old Thomas Robertson was arrested here on a polygamy charge of marrying three girls in four months. He wooed them all, he said, by singing "I'm Through with Love."

Los Angeles (CNS) — Actress Joan Webster picketed a Government agency building here clad only in pajama top. She believes that the U. S. should conserve material by restricting pajamas to the top piece only.

New York (CNS)—A horse fell into a manhole while pulling a wagon along West street the other day and it took five cops and a crane two hours to get him out.

### KADET KAPERS

Who was that cadet who thought the state of Kansas was pretty blue? Was his face red when the instructor told him to turn the ship over!

Advice to cadets in barracks: Don't shoot craps! Those little things have as much right to live as you have!

Who was the cadet who sat up all night studying for the blood test next day?

Then there was the cadet who wanted to show his girl where he was operated on. But she hated hospitals—so—

## Dispatchers Are Unsung Says SAAF Civvie

To the Prairie Flier: I am an avid reader of your soldier paper, and of the opinion that there could be none better in the United States, and there is one particular column that I am especially interested in, namely: *Behind Our Pilots*.

Flying is naturally the primary duty of this Field and your comments about the men who "keep them flying" are superb, but why has there never been any mention of the Flight Office Dispatchers?

To me they are really the men directly behind our pilots. They learn to know the pilots better than any other men on the field, because they have the opportunity to watch their progress in Basic Training.

These are the men who work till their work is finished, and more often than not there are twenty-four hours in a Dispatcher's day. Their unceasing efforts are seldom appreciated.

These men are on the job constantly—checking each pilot's time carefully, adding it, preparing daily logs for each, filing grade slips, knowing where each pilot is, just how much time he has and how much he needs to graduate and keeping an accurate record of the student's progress.

No he is not a "griper," because this man knows that whether or not he is appreciated, whether or not his work is ever formally recognized . . . that directly he is building links for the final Victory . . . by doing his part in training pilots for the future!

Mary K. Barnett, Clerk-Typist, Second Flying Squadron.

# Fun makes Service Club News headline stuff

Affable Pvt. Alden Craig, assistant manager of the club, is back on the job after a short sojourn in the Station Hospital. A mild touch of the flu sent him reeling to isolated Ward three, but he quickly fought it off and returned to his job, which he zealously tackled as before. Craig is the fellow responsible for much of the club's interior attractiveness, contributing constantly much of his own time, all of his artistic talents so that the Strother EM club will be a success. Welcome back, Pvt. Craig, we missed you.

The Tuesday dance was another steam session for the jitterkids, who zooted thru another three-and-a-half hours of gymnastics. Thirty-five lassies from Winfield slugged it out toe to toe with a mixed Strother squadron representation. Betty Buckner (the PT civvie who made YANK with—a story) gave out with a smooth warble in addition to the moon-crooning of Pvt. Cliff E. Lowery of the 383rd Band Sq. That boy is cooking with hydrogen; he's plenty sharp, and so is the rest of the Band, who work like beavers to see the lads at Strother get jam on their bread.

Next week a festive Christmas formal and mistletoe dance (Yow!) will be the high note, taking place on 21 December at 2200. Forty wicked wenches from Ark City will supply the womanpower for the jamboree. Mrs. Bernheisel, club hostess, says: 'Come up and see our tree, fellas, and our mistletoe, too!' You won't wanna miss the rustle of long dresses, the girls, the holiday decorations, the girls, fevered licks of the 383rd Swingsters, the girls, or the mistletoe. Let's go!

## G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

1. A general increase in arms production in October was highlighted by an all-time record in the manufacture of—

A—Planes B—Tanks

2. In the fighting on Bougainville island, U. S. Marines have had trouble in locating Japs who hide in the thick underbrush to snipe and knife. To detect them the Marines have started using—

A—Portable Radar B—Dogs

3. A French ship which recently returned to the Mediterranean for action after it had been refitted in the Brooklyn Navy Yard is the

A—Normandie B—Richelieu

Answers: 1—A; 2—B; 3—B.

### A CADET'S CREED

My bearing is along a course, directed toward the accomplishment of a high mission. That mission being to raise my earth-born self into the blue above; to develop honor, self-discipline, and strength of character in myself, so that when I am called upon to defend these principles I will not disgrace my country, my duty, or my honor. To this end I will strive diligently, honorably and hopefully.

Charles M. Scott, Class 44-C.

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# Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Sgt. Francis Martin drank eight cokes and burped 7 Up.

Sgt. Marie keeps walking thru that hot fire—Some day he'll make an ash out of himself.

A girl, reports Sgt. Snafu, can go far if she's straight, but she gets much farther if she's curved.

Sgt. May heard of a guy who pinned diapers on cigarette butts.

Pvt. Hays keeps his shoes filled with bird seed—to feed his pigeon toes.

Sgt. Craft: "Your girl friend's spoiled, isn't she?"

Pvt. Dennis: "No, that's just the perfume she is wearing."



Q. What is the origin of Retreat?

A. Music played at the ceremony of Retreat, according to Maj. Edward J. Hanson, of the Army Air Forces Command at Lynbrook, L. I., comes originally from the French Cavalry *Retraite*, its notes dating back as far as the Crusades. The song was first introduced as legitimate music by the composer Louis Berlioz in *La Damnation de Faust* and was used as a trumpet call by French soldiers on the plains of Hungary. When Retreat became a military ceremony at a later date, a gun was fired at sundown as an outgrowth of the ancient custom of making a loud noise to frighten away the evil spirits of darkness.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 18 December  
CASABLANCA (Revival)  
Bogart, Bergman, Henreid  
Pete Smith short

Sunday and Monday, 19-20 Dec.  
HIS BUTLER'S SISTER  
Durbin, Tone, O'Brien  
News . . . Looneytoon

Tuesday, 21 December  
Double Feature  
FALCON AND THE COED  
Conway, Brooks, Givot  
SMART GUYS  
Dallin, McKay, LaRue

Wednesday, 22 December  
USO Camp Show  
FUNNY SIDE UP

Thursday, 23 December  
THE NORTH STAR  
Brennan, Houston, Baxter  
News of the Day

Friday and Saturday, 24-25 Dec.  
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT  
A SOLDIER  
Drake, Keyes, Parks  
Community Sing  
Army-Navy Screen Magazine

# OUR WAC OFFICERS

2ND. LT. GERALDINE LEVY

One of the busiest persons at Strother Army Air Field these days is Second Lt. Geraldine Levy of Lynchburg, Va., one of the four Women's Army Corps officers stationed at Strother Field.

Lt. Levy is recorder for the aviation cadet examining board and assistant secretary of the cadet detachment. Both jobs necessitate much detail work since over her desk pass the applications of all civilians seeking admittance to air crew training and to the Women's Army Corps, and through her hands pass the supplies for the entire cadet detachment.

Lt. Levy's additional duty of supply officer for the secretary's office of the cadet detachment is in itself a most responsible duty for she handles the requisitions for all supplies from the detachment and is responsible for seeing that the table of allowances is rigidly adhered to, that inventories are made each month and records maintained.

Lt. Levy is one of two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Levy of Timberlake, Lynchburg, Va.



Selected as the best pin-up art of the year, these pictures come out of Hollywood just in time to be tacked up on barracks walls for Christmas. The Robert Coburn portrait of Rita Hayworth, left, won second place, and the Ray Jones still of Ramsey Ames won first in Motion Picture Academy's annual picture show.

## Qualify

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Robert D. Bowers, 1st. Lt. Alvie A. Brooks, Jr., 1st. Lt. Howard Cable, 1st. Lt. Doak S. Campbell, Jr., 1st. Lt. James M. Crouch, 1st. Lt. William A. Dietrich, 1st. Lt. Willard Graham, 1st. Lt. Walter F. Gunther, 1st. Lt. Hammond, 1st. Lt. John Kretzer, 1st. Lt. Joseph W. Wadsworth, 1st. Lt. Lawrence O. Walser Jr., 2nd. Lt. Joseph L. Agoes, 2nd. Lt. Billy N. Atteberry, 2nd. Lt. Benjamin H. Baggott, 2nd. Lt. Edward C. Bailiff, 2nd. Lt. Francis J. Bradley, 2nd. Lt. David M. Brown, 2nd. Lt. John N. Caraway, 2nd. Lt. Richard L. Catlin, 2nd. Lt. Andrew J. Darst, 2nd. Lt. Louis D. Davis, Jr., 2nd. Lt. Arthur S. Garlick, 2nd. Lt. Fred H. George, 2nd. Lt. Robert L. Goss, 2nd. Lt. Leonard J. Grzemokwski, 2nd. Lt. Paul R. Hardin, 2nd. Lt. Connett F. Hartzell, 2nd. Lt. James F. Hinkley, 2nd. Lt. Andrew Hudock, 2nd. Lt. Bruce M. Jones, 2nd. Lt. Kenwood N. Jones, 2nd. Lt. Samuel J. Lance, 2nd. Lt. Homer K. Leggett, Jr., 2nd. Lt. Richard J. Ostman, 2nd. Lt. George B. Royer, Jr., 2nd. Lt. Harold W. Salter, 2nd. Lt. Satterfield, 2nd. Lt. Norman F. Schloesser, 2nd. Lt. John E. Stuart, 2nd. Lt. John D. Wagner, 2nd. Lt. James T. Winterbauer.

Among the following are the enlisted men who also have qualified in the course for 45 cal. pistol, revolver:

### PISTOL SHARPSHOOTER (Dismounted)

S/Sgt. Robert R. Banta, Pfc. Bernard (nmi) Eddleson.

### PISTOL MARKSMAN (Dismounted)

S/Sgt. Arthur W. Field, Sgt. John H. Caldwell, Sgt. Olon T. Nicholson, Cpl. Howard J. Amort, Cpl. Milan E. Babcock, Cpl. Clyde D. Callaway, Cpl. Sherman (nmi) Jennings, Cpl. John T. Jones, Cpl. Louis M. Pelvas, Cpl. William T. Whalen, Pfc. Clarence F. Dudick, and Pvt. Ciarence L. Rudd.

## OUR DAY

It's early to bed, and earlier still We rise in the morn to some Big Dog's will!

Thus our day begins—

If out of turn we chance to talk Come Saturday noon we start to walk

To wash away our sins!

We start to fly! Check out! Check in!

Mess up Form One!—Another sin! So walk again we must!

Or start to taxi and fail to "S", And look around—God! what a mess!

So once again we're cussed!

And then in class our eyelids close; What teachers say—God only knows!

And every week a test! Teachers! Books! It isn't new!

But it seems we're always in a stew!

With little chance to rest!

Then the week ends—and inspections!

How they bring sad retrospections! As once again we walk!

We rush and worry! But still we fight

To get those wings that gleam so bright!

Then, oh boy! We'll really talk!

—All Cadets.

A trio composed of SAAF civilian employees, Miss Betty Buckner, Miss Bessie Belle Morrison and Miss Peggy Reiter will present a program of Christmas carols at the post chapel Sunday morning during the 10 a. m. services. The trio will also sing during the hospital services held at 9:15 a. m. on Sunday.

North Adams, Mass. (CNS)—No one showed up to vote at the annual caucus to nominate Republican candidates for the city election here and so the election officer, Seeva Whitney, declined to vote herself. "There would be nothing secret about my ballot," she declared.

## 44-C Cadet Dies From Injuries

Aviation Cadet Richard N. Huse, member of class 44-C at Strother Field, was fatally injured last Sunday when the training plane he was piloting crashed approximately nine miles east of the base. He was alone at the time of the accident.

The crash occurred at 1555 in the afternoon and he died from his injuries at 1825 in the station hospital where he was brought following the accident.

Huse, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Buxton Huse of Ogdensburg, N. Y., was 21 years of age. A graduate of Ogdensburg high school, he had starred in basketball, track and football. He came to SAAF from Corsicana, Tex., where he had taken his primary flight training.

Salt Lake City (CNS) — Local parents have requested department store Santa Clauses not to be so lavish with their promises this year. After all, they point out, it's the parents who pay.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark. City and Winfield)

- Sat.....Win.....Candlelight dance Ark.....Informal dancing..Eats
- Sun.....Win.....Carol singing..Games Ark.....Bingo..Call..Quiz..Eats
- Mon.....Win.....Candy kitchen party Ark.....Game night..Food
- Tues.....Win.....Informal party Ark.....Formal Christmas Dance Service Men's Club SAAF Orchestra
- Wed.....Win.....Scenic movies of Calif. Ark.....Christmas carolers from High School..Snack Bar
- Thurs.....Win.....Bridge..Voice recordings Ark.....Pingpong tourney..Eats
- Fri.....Win.....Christmas Eve—Dance Floor show..Orch. Gifts..Treat Ark.....Christmas Eve get-together..Gifts..Married couples' party night..Eats
- Sat.....Win.....Buffet supper..Dance Floor show Ark.....Christmas party, dance Floor show..5 to 7 Buffet

## SAAF Army Wives Plan to Honor Wacs

Honoring the four Air-Wac lieutenants now stationed at Strother Field and to give the community an idea of the importance of the work these women are performing at the air base here, the Strother Field Army Wives have issued a general invitation to civilian workers on the field and women living in Winfield, Ark. City or vicinity of the base are cordially invited to attend a Sunday afternoon tea on December 19.

## 322nd Entertains New Members

322nd squadron members held their weekly party at the service club last Thursday evening. Guests were fifty girls from Wichita, Kans., chaperoned by Mr. Dunbar Reed and Miss Pauline Roberts. Each of the girls was introduced individually to members and guests of the squadron. Forty-one new members of the squadron that recently arrived from Enid Army Air Field enjoyed the club facilities for the first time. After five months of camping in the woods, long hikes, and machine gun practice their stored up energy suddenly became spontaneous. Every sort of dance known was performed. Fellows and girls began cutting a mean rug such as the Camel walk, Lindy Hop, Boogie and various other forms of jitterbugging. Music was by Post Orchestra.

### CHRISTMAS WEEK PARTY

The 322nd party next week will be followed more or less in conjunction with the Yuletide season. It will follow the plan of an old fashioned Christmas. There will be special music by members of the squadron and many guests are expected from surrounding towns and cities.

## Profits Appropriated

Post Exchange profits for the period 24 September to 23 October have been appropriated to the Welfare and Recreation Fund, Headquarters Fund and distribution made to all organizations on the field, it was announced today by 2nd. Lt. J. F. Francella, PX officer of SAAF.

Purposes of these profits are to afford military personnel additional facilities for comfort, recreation and amusement and to foster and increase the physical and spiritual welfare of military personnel.

A new non-commissioned officers post exchange committee is comprised of first sergeants from each squadron on the field. Purpose of this committee is to work with exchange council members and the commanding officer of the field in the interest of the enlisted personnel on the base.

### ORIGIN OF THE WORD "DEMERIT"

Webster's dictionary says that "demerit" comes from the two Latin words "de" (not) and "merco" (deserve). But don't let old Noah kid you! I have it from the best authority (AROOO-OOO, par. 13 1/4!) that the word "demerit" is a conglomeration of several good old English words. Take the first part of the word for instance, "dem." That comes from the word "demon," meaning the kind of a person who goes around looking for demerits. The middle part of the word can come from several sources. For instance, "mer" can come from "merry," meaning the kind of a person a Tactical Officer is not; or if you leave out the "m" and just work from "er," that could come from the word "err," to make a mistake. (Who knows? I'm not a genius!) But the last part of the word "it," there's no doubt about where that comes from. That comes from "i" and "t"—meaning "it." That's it! You're "it"! All the time!

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Bagged By A J.A.G.D.





## 55th Has Perfect Record In Squadron Basketball League

The Headquarters and Headquarters, 55th Flying Training Group, squadron basketball team is in top position at the conclusion of the third round of the SAAF basketball league play with three games won and none lost.

In second round play last Thursday night the 55th defeated the 322nd Service squadron team by a score of 42 to 13, the most lopsided score of any game played so far this season. While Don Ferrell, 55th guard, was hitting the basket for 9 field goals and 1 free throw totaling 19 points to lead in league scoring for a single game, his teammates held the 322nd to 5 field goals and 3 free throws. Green, 322nd center, scored 8 points and with Estell's 5 points, accounted for their squadron's total score.

### 1082ND BEATS MEDICS

The 1082nd Maintenance squadron quintet defeated the Medics by a score of 21 to 17 in what started out to be a route for the winning team. In the first quarter the 1082nd scored 6 points while their opponents' total was zero. In the second period the 1082nd added 6 points more and allowed the Medics only 2 points. With a 10 point lead things looked bad for the Medics and at the end of the third period conditions had not improved with the score reading 19 to 8. In the final quarter the 1082nd players scored only 2 points while the Medics began a late rally tallying 9 points, 4 short of tying the game.

Stebar, 1082nd guard, scored 7 points to lead his team while Childers hit for 6 to lead the Medics.

### 448TH VINS FROM 1088TH

The 1088th Guard squadron team led the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron for 2 periods but found themselves on the short end of an 18 to 8 score at the end of the third period. The final score was 24 to 15 in favor of the 448th. Reid, 448th forward, scored 10 points to lead his team while Seeley had 8 points to lead the 1088th.

### 55TH DEFEATS MEDICS

In the opening third round game played Tuesday evening of this week the 55th continued its winning streak with a 29 to 20 victory over the Medics. In the first quarter the score read 7 to 6 in favor of the 55th. At the half it was 17 to 12 in their favor. The third quarter saw the Medics score

6 points to 3 for their opponents to make it 20 to 18 with the 55th hanging onto the slight lead. It looked as if the 55th might chalk one up in the lost column but a rally netted them 9 points while the Medics accounted for only 2 points and the game ended in favor of the 55th, keeping their record clean.

Ferrell, 55th forward, was again top man for his team with 9 points. Cagle of the Medics scored 11 points. 2nd Lt. M. L. Mize of the 55th is assisting in the league officiating. The 55th team is now wearing blue suits with white trim.

### 1082ND HANDS LOSS - 1088TH

In another third round game the 1082nd five beat the 1088th Guard squadron by a score of 20 to 9. The game was on a rather even keel through the first three quarters with the 1082nd leading by a score of 11 to 7. Rupp, substitute guard for the 1082nd, was hot and scored 12 points to lead his team to victory. If the 1088th is ever able to get one team organized to play in every league game it will no doubt make a good showing, but due to their working schedule it has been hard to keep the same quintet on the court. Seeley, 1088th forward, is the only member to play in all three games. Seeley was high scorer Tuesday night for his team with five points. 1st Lt. Sherman L. Elliott, who was this week transferred from the 55th squadron where he was CO to the 1082nd where he is the new commanding officer, attended Tuesday night's game. Uniforms for the 1082nd players are to arrive in the near future.

### 448TH WINS THRILLER FROM 322ND

The 448th squadron won a third round thriller from the 322nd team by a score of 29 to 26. Selvedge, 448th forward, scored 16 points as did Estell, 322nd forward, to lead the scoring for both their teams. The score was 5 to 7 in favor of the 322nd in the first quarter, then tied at 11 all at the half. In the third stanza the 448th led by a score of 21 to 19, keeping the lead through the rest of the game. Reed, 448th forward, scored 10 points. 2nd Lt. J. S. Long Jr., 322nd squadron adjutant, attended the game, and his team members will soon be sporting new basketball uniforms.

Comments made by various members of the league teams expressed enthusiasm about squadron officers attending the games in which their men participate. No doubt this interest will inspire the men to try all the more to bring winning honors to their squadrons.

### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	Percent	Won	Lost
55th	1.000	3	0
448th	.666	2	1
1082nd	.666	2	1
Medics	.333	1	2
322nd	.333	1	2
1088th	.000	0	3

Two-Ton Tony Galento, the cheerful little beerful from East Orange, N. J., has passed his pre-induction screen test physical and now is awaiting the main event—induction into the Army. "I'll moider dem bums," he told friends recently, referring to Germans and Japs.

### SECOND ROUND GAMES

55th—42		322nd—13	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Brej, f	4 1	Johnson, f	0 0
Stiles, f	0 0	Estell, f	2 1
Miller, c	2 1	Smith, f	0 0
Woodward, c	0 0	Green, c	3 2
Vance, g	2 1	Wright, g	0 0
Ferrell, g	9 1	Taylor, g	0 0
Dalak, g	2 0	Reid, g	0 0
Lawrence, g	0 0	Johnson, g	0 0
Robertson, g	0 0		

1082nd—21		Medics—17	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Yourbrook, f	2 0	Shoemaker, f	1 0
Mazza, f	0 0	Hair, f	1 0
Beckett, f	1 1	Dikos, f	1 2
Ubersax, f	0 0	Onukiewich, f	0 0
Childs, c	1 1	Batson, f	1 1
Stebar, g	3 1	Nicholas, g	0 0
Shintaffe, g	0 0	Childers, g	2 2
Smith, g	2 0	Haungs, g	0 0

448th—24		1088th—15	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Selvidge, g	2 0	Hubbard, f	1 1
Williams, f	0 0	Johnson, f	1 0
Dodds, f	0 0	Pennell, c	1 0
Reid, f	5 0	Seeley, g	4 0
Bush, f	2 0	Northeutt, g	0 0
Biederman, c	2 0		
Lucke, g	1 0		
Halverson, g	0 0		

### THIRD ROUND GAMES

1088th—9		1082nd—20	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Curtis, f	1 0	Rupp, g	5 2
Blackburn, f	0 0	Beckett, f	1 0
Seeley, f	2 1	Yourbrook, f	1 1
Swords, g	0 0	Shintaffe, f	1 0
Schinzler, g	1 0	Childs, c	0 0
Meeks, g	0 0	Stebar, g	0 1
Hubbard, g	0 0	Smith, g	0 0
White, g	0 0		

322nd—26		44th—29	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Smith, f	0 0	Selvidge, f	8 0
Reid, f	0 0	Reid, f	5 0
Estell, f	7 2	Childs, f	0 0
Green, c	2 2	Do-4's, f	1 0
Wright, g	1 0	Lucke, c	0 0
Johnson, g	1 1	Halverson, g	0 0

Medics—20		55th—29	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Dikos, f	0 0	Brej, f	2 0
Cagle, f	5 1	Witteaman, f	1 0
Nicholas, c	2 2	Stiles, c	0 0
Shoemaker, g	0 0	Miller, g	0 0
Haungs, g	0 0	Vance, g	4 0
Landers, g	0 0	Ferrell, g	4 1
		Dalak, g	1 4
		Lawrence, g	0 0
		Robinson, g	0 0

## New PT Instructor From Kearns Field

Newest addition to the physical training instructor staff is S/Sgt. Robert J. Cranford who arrived at SAAF last week from Kearns Field, Utah. Cranford, whose home is in Middletown, Pa., has been in the service two years. He starred in track and football at high school and prep school in New Jersey.

There are two other members of the Cranford family in the services, Lt. Com. Charles Cranford who is on overseas duty with the U. S. Navy and Sgt. Howard Cranford who at the present time is a member of the "Winged Victory" cast, Moss Hart's successful stage play now showing in New York City.

Miss Patti Cranford, master-of-ceremonies and singer with a USO-Camp show touring unit is overseas. She was formerly with movie-star Pat O'Brien's Flying Show Boat, a group which also entertained members of the armed forces.

## PT Attendance Shows Improvement

Physical training participation by enlisted men last week at SAAF was 98%. Officers participation for the same period was 95% which according to Capt. Stoner, Athletic Director, is a great improvement over past weeks.

"The officer figure should be tops at all times. They are the leaders among military personnel and as such should set an example for enlisted men to follow," said Capt. Stoner.

Cooperation on the part of officers and enlisted men alike in the care of athletic equipment used in the post gym is asked. In order to make the physical training program attractive to military personnel equipment desired has been and will be obtained, but keeping the equipment in good condition is proving quite a problem according to reports from PT officers.

## sport slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

Lost during a dive bombing attack on a Yangtze river port last October, Lt. Tommy Harmon, fighter pilot and All-American football star, has turned up safe in China, the American Air Force has announced. It was the second time that the former Michigan gridiron great had been reported missing. Last April a bomber he was piloting was disabled in a rainstorm over French Guiana and the crew bailed out. On that occasion Harmon was saved by friendly natives.

The basketball roster at the Air Service Command Training Center in Fresno, Cal., is loaded with former college cagers. The starting quintet features Sgt. Walter Rollins of West Virginia, Sgt. Howard "Hops" Gudlin of Albright College, Pvt. Stan Herbert of NYU, Bill Carlson of Dartmouth and Jack Belcher of Baylor.

Lou Klein, St. Louis Cardinals second baseman, has joined the Coast Guard and Millard Howell, veteran Syracuse pitcher, has been inducted into the Army.

Sgt. Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight boxing champion and a Marine hero of Guadalcanal, has been awarded the Silver Star and honored with a Presidential Citation. Ross, laid low by recurrent attacks of malaria since his return to the U. S., recently underwent an operation for the removal of shell splinters from his left arm.

## QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT A CADET

Why must that ethereal infinitesimal particle of dust that has been floating through the air for millions of years choose to come to rest upon my immaculately shined shoes just when the Tactical Officer is making his inspection?

Why does brass shine only when polished? Why doesn't it stay shined all the time?

What dark destiny keeps the feet of the Tactical Officer away from my barracks when everything is in perfection order but guides those same feet right to my bed the minute I leave one thing out of place?

Why doesn't a Tac sit on one? Why can't I feel as sleepy at taps in the barracks as I feel in the classroom?

Why is it that all the wonderful glorious privileges that every cadet gets at a post are suddenly stopped the minute I report there?

Why does every Tactical Officer that passes by my bed always kick the laundry bag to see if there are any unauthorized articles in it? One of these days I'm going to put a bear trap in it.

Why do Tac Officers like to drill? How I'd like to drill them—with a drill hammer!

## Three More Wacs Enlist at SAAF

Three more well-known Hutchinson women joined the colors Saturday, December 11, when they enlisted in the Women's Army Corps at Strother Field. They are: Mrs. Grace E. Moore, 43, of 1128 North Main; Miss Hazel V. Kerwood, 29, of 502 West B; Miss Jo Ann E. Airington, 20, of 827 West Seventh. Miss Kerwood and Miss Airington will become Air-Wacs, serving with the Army Air Forces, and Mrs. Moore was enlisted in the Army Service Forces.

To perform what she considers her patriotic duty and her personal obligation, Mrs. Moore, wife of a Santa Fe engineer, has joined the Women's Army Corps.

"I only have one boy. He's a Marine somewhere in the Pacific. I know I can't get another and I certainly want him home," Mrs. Moore told a reporter. "This is the moment I have been waiting for for four months. I've been doing nurses' aid and Red Cross work three or four nights a week all that time. But it still hasn't satisfied the old heart."

Miss Kerwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riley A. Kerwood, 502 West B, for several months has been employed in Oakland, Calif., and while there received her student pilot license.

"I've always been interested in the Air Corps and I think I can help win this war and learn something at the same time," Miss Kerwood said. She has two brothers in service, one with the Army Air Corps at Rapid City, S. D., and one in the Navy.

Vivacious 20-year-old Jo Ann Airington, stenographer and typist for radio station KWBK, was the third Hutchinson recruit signed up for the Women's Army Corps at Strother Field Saturday.

"I feel that as an Air-Wac I can be doing something more to end the conflict than I am doing at the present time," Miss Airington commented.

## PURPOSE

We see no fame or glory,  
Nor ribbons bright and red;  
With bullets we'll tell our story  
And avenge our honored dead.

We'll fly the sky above.  
Like eagles on the wing;  
We'll think of those we love,  
Of home and everything.

We hope that we come back  
To see our friends again  
But if we don't, we'll face the fact;  
Our goal we will attain.

We'll work, and strive, and fight  
We'll die if we must!  
For like a flight at night  
In God we place our trust!  
Charles M. Scott  
Class 44-C.

If a girl sneezes it's a sign she is catching cold—if she yawns it's a sign she is growing old.

## Yank's Favorite



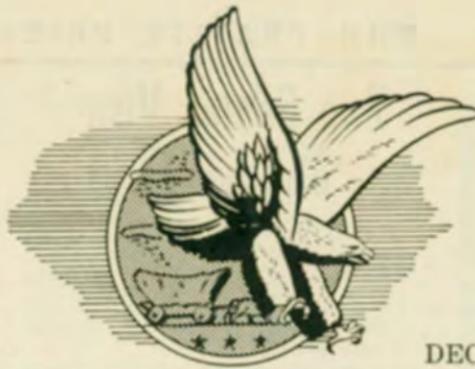
Anne Gwynne has reason to smile, and so has her press agent, for Yank, the Army magazine, has dubbed her the servicemen's favorite pin-up girl.

## The Wolf

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"Your new orderly, Sir. His CO says he—er—needs overseas duty."



### HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES PILOT SCHOOL (BASIC) STROTHER FIELD Office of the Commanding Officer

Winfield, Kansas  
21 December 1943

SUBJECT: Christmas Greetings  
TO : All Members of this Command

1. With the approach of this Christmas Season, Strother Field is completing its first full year of operation as an Army Air Forces Basic Flying School.

2. It has been a busy year and one which has placed heavy demands upon all of us in carrying out our assigned mission. Many difficulties have been encountered and overcome. The record established by Strother Field during the past year, a record of which we may all be proud, is due to the splendid cooperation of everyone on the post. We may all take pride in the feeling that Strother Field has contributed richly to the war effort.

3. I wish to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation to every member of This command, both military and civilian, for the cooperation and loyalty shown during the past year and to extend to everyone of you my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

JOSEPH F. CARROLL  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Commanding

### Social Activities Cancelled on Field

Social affairs for officers, cadets and enlisted personnel scheduled at Strother Field were cancelled for this week as an additional safety measure by the station hospital staff in the interest of flu prevention.

Scratched off the social calendar were the party scheduled last Saturday night in the Officers' club, the cadets' tea dance last Sunday afternoon, the officers' wing-ding Monday night of this week, the all-squadron dance in the service club Tuesday night and the 322nd Service Squadron's party scheduled for last night.

Safety measures that have been put into action are bearing fruit as evidenced in the definite downward trend in the number of new cases the past few days. Cases reported are of minor nature and though a minor epidemic has prevailed, in only one instance has the complication of pneumonia developed. That soldier is now well on

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### Both Military and Civilian Personnel Share in Field Christmas Holiday

The drone of winged motors tapered into silence at Strother Field today as the military and civilian personnel prepared to observe the anniversary of the angels' song over Bethlehem.

At noon today flying was halted and cadets released for the only two-day holiday they have during their entire training course. Sunday noon the cadets will return to the post—one flight to take to the air, the other to return to classrooms in the important ground school program.

Christmas spirit bubbled along the flying line today, too, as mechanics freed from their responsibilities by the cessation of flying were released to follow their holiday inclinations. The gradual shutting down of an Army basic flying school soon manifested itself at the 377th Sub-Depot when the afternoon shift completed its day's assignments. When the night shift did not report, observance of Christmas by the Sub-Depot of Strother Field had begun. A short time later, with the closing of the offices, headquarters' civilians were released to go to their homes.

However, for the K. P.'s the holiday has one good feature aside from the satisfaction of preparing an unusually fine dinner; they will cook for only a small proportion of the men for whom they ordinarily prepare. This is made possible by three facts: Strother Field headquarters saw to it that every furlough and pass requested for Christmas was granted up to the allowable percentage in order that the men might spend the holiday with families or friends; Christmas falling on a weekend allowed more men to leave the post; many men will be entertained in Winfield and Arkansas City homes.

Gradually and quietly, with no marring disruptions, busy Strother Field today ceased its operations, its scattering personnel leaving behind only skeleton emergency crews and the vigilant guards.

### Whistle Warns of Chow Call

"What's the whistle for Sgt. Pennington?" asked your inquiring reporter of the mess master, repeating a question that was in every Strother mind. And then he told us.

When the whistle blows in the morning at five-toity it's good news: the mess hall doors are open—and it's the same at eleven and 1500—chow has begun. When it blows at seven-toity, 1230 and six o'clock, dat means it's TS. (It is rumored among the better latrine circles that this TS means "Too Sad." We have known another meaning.) In udder woids, chow is finis—through. This whistle will be solid stuff for the GI's who work on the line, or those who like to remain en sacko until the last moment before chow.

The idea was born in a conversation between Sgt. P and the fire engineer, in which the whistle, which came with the new mess boiler was brought into use. Sgt. P's brainstorm will keep a lotta GI's from freezing this winter.

### Movie Stars to Appear Here

Two motion picture stars, Heather Angel and Tom Conway, will visit Strother Field next Monday, December 27th., according to word received today from the Special Service Division, Washington, D. C.

Sponsored by USO-Camp Shows, the celebrities will appear on the stage of the post theater between the regular motion picture features next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. While at Strother Field they will visit the hospital, enlisted men's service club and the 1,000 man messhall.

### Holiday Greetings

Members of the Special Service Department extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the military and civilian personnel of Strother Field.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Santa Claus, winging his way in an Army BT-13A plane piloted by Major Dale E. Dunn of Strother Field, paid a pre-Christmas visit on Dec. 22-23rd to children of Strother Field soldiers—officers and enlisted personnel. His bulging pack thrown over his shoulder, Santa climbed from his plane on the Strother runways to put the finishing touches on a gala Christmas party at the Service Men's Club for the little folks of the army personnel at this South Kansas air base.



A NEAT PACKAGE FOR ALL  
YOU G. I. GENERALS — from  
MALE CALL, CAMP NEWSPAPER  
SERVICE and



## General Yount's Message

HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES TRAINING COMMAND  
FORT WORTH 2, TEXAS

25 December 1943

TO: ALL PERSONNEL OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES TRAINING COMMAND.

Throughout the world this Christmas season the gallant men of our Army Air Forces are resolutely driving our enemies from the skies and bringing death and destruction to the forces of evil which have encompassed the world.

These achievements have not been easily won. They have been due to the inherent skill and courage of American manhood and womanhood, the great resources of our nation, and the complete and thorough training which our soldiers have received at home.

The Army Air Forces Training Command may well be proud of its accomplishments during the past year. In a few short months we have integrated and become the largest training organization in the Army of the United States. The speed and efficiency with which this has been accomplished has been due to the loyalty and willing cooperation of each and every individual within this Command, commissioned, enlisted, and civilian. For this I thank all of you, and take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation and gratitude for your help.

With this letter I send my warmest holiday greetings to the members of the Army Air Forces Training Command, and I look forward to a New Year marked by increasing success through your contributions to ultimate Victory.

B. K. YOUNT,  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

The Post Chaplain and his assistants join the Chief of Chaplains in the following Christmas Greetings: "No matter where you are or under what circumstances you spend the day, I pray fervently that Christmas may bring you great peace and joy of heart. Far from home and the usual merry-making of warless days, you find yourself stripped of worldliness and therefore much closer to Him who suffered loneliness and hardships in order to give us our first Christmas. I know of no greater joy than the discovery that we can be serenely, deeply happy without any of the world's favors. In a manger of an outlying stable near Bethlehem is the complete answer to man's yearning for peace and happiness. With the mind and heart of an humble shepherd you now understand as never before the Angel's message, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy—for this day is born to you a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

## Christmas Feature

FuddyDuddy, the GI who put the toe in mistletoe, was standing on the windy corner waiting for the last bus to camp. He was happy. He'd been wined and stuffed by a swell family that Christmas eve, and he was on his way back to put in some time in the sack dreaming about the coming New Year's ratrace in Wichita.

He didn't mind the cold of Kansas that crept into his marrows that snappy night; he didn't hear the rustle of the bustle of the wind, or the bell giggling belles as they walked by with their dates, he was already in his warm sack, kissing that wirey blonde on Circle Avenue.

Fuddy was really preoccupied. You could tell, because he didn't even notice a short little red-head that bounded 'round the corner. And he didn't know she was there, or anywhere, until she stood before him smiling warmly with her hazel eyes and her tiny mouth.

"Hi sojuh! Merry Christmas!" she exclaimed softly, breaking the bubble of his torpor. And with a elf-like quickness, she stood on tiptoe and kissed Fuddy full and long on his nose-tip, and then skipped down the street, her red hair flowing with the wind from beneath her kelly green beanie.

It was perhaps fortunate that the bus came at that moment, otherwise Fuddyduddy would have broken curfew. He got on the bus mumbling something half-disconsolately, and fumbling in his jeans for the fifteen centavos.

"Is it really that cold out there?" quizzed the bussie in his jargoned Kansas tongue. "Your nose looks half-froze, son."

"Yeah, I guess I have been bitten by Jackie Frost," replied our barfly, a little sadly.

"You mean Jack Frost, doncha?"

"That's what you think, fella," said Fuddy as he slouched in his seat. "That's what you—" but he didn't finish it, for he was sound asleep, his head resting on the shoulder of a burly Sarg, whom for all he knew was that blonde in Wichita.

## Two Santas Visit Strother Field

Not one but two Santa Claus' visited the enlisted men's service club on Wednesday and Thursday to deliver gifts and candy to the children of officers and enlisted men of this base.

Wednesday afternoon St. Nick in the person of S/Sgt. H. W. Ward, Supply Sergeant of the 322nd Service Squadron, arrived at the club entrance in streamlined fashion—an army staff car replacing the customary reindeer and sleigh.

Disregarding comments of certain skeptical children of the group, (such as: "Momma, isn't that Sgt. Ward?") he stood by the large Christmas tree and passed out goodies and gifts.

Thursday afternoon Santa ("Smilin' Jack Blackman) Claus zipped to the club entrance in a staff car and greeted the many children of Strother officers and enlisted men. The expressions of skepticism on many tiny faces soon gave way to that of sheer delight over the gifts and candy distributed by Santa.

The children were entertained with music by the post orchestra, songs by Miss Betty Buckner, Christmas stories by Chaplain Russell L. Young, and songs by a trio composed of Miss Peggy Reiter, Miss Bessie Belle Morrison, and Miss Betty Buckner.

For the parties and the gifts which afforded the children much fun, the wives, officers and enlisted men of the 322nd Service Squadron and all other squadrons on the field extend thanks to the personnel of the Special Service Department, whose efforts were largely responsible for the success of the two events.

## G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

1. The rank of captain in the Navy has been given to Mildred H. McAfee, director of the WAVES (Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service). Her new rank corresponds to the Army grade of  
A—Lt. Colonel B—Colonel

2. Mormanago, the port on the west coast of the peninsula forming the lower part of India at which a recent exchange of prisoners between Japan and the United States took place, is controlled by—  
A—Britain B—Portugal

3. A new 10,000-ton aircraft carrier built for the U. S. Navy at shipyards in Camden, N. J., and recently commissioned is named the—  
A—Bataan B—Guadalcanal

Answers: 1-B; 2-B; 3-A.

## Ye Liftings

Now for the good old story:

A wolf is a guy with a biological gleam,

And a fox is a wolf what sends flowers;

While a weasel is a fox who steals other guys' chickens,

And a minx is a weasel that concentrates on quail.

But that isn't the end of the tale.  
More later.

It was a soft winter's eve. Pvt. Joe Flamingo was catching a taxi in the big burg with his little pig. As he helped her into the hack he murmured the appropriate poetic phrase, "Winter draws on." To which his plump Patty retorted in her Brooklynesse—"That's none er yuh damn business, Chum!"

Pvt. Fuddyduddy got up outta his sack long enuf yestiddy to hear a remark passed by some barracks bum about another mate being broadminded. "Gorsh," blurped Fuddy, "That ain't nerthin, I been that way for years. Dat's all I think about."

## Civilian Co-workers in Class 44-C

Fortunes of peace and of war are keeping two young men from Georgia on courses that are parallel in many respects. Now nearing the close of their basic flying training at Strother Field, they anticipate the day in the not-far distant future when Radio Station WSB of Atlanta, Ga., can announce that two of its former employees were graduated in the same class as commissioned pilots in the Army Air Corps. They are Charles Alfred McClure of Canton and James Albert Bridges of Monticello.

Friendship of the two began early in 1941 when McClure joined the WSB force to take charge of station publicity and work in the merchandising department of that important radio station. One of the first fellows he met was James Albert Bridges, whose flair for dramatics and for writing had rated him a job as production manager of dramas and music shows as well as announcer.

The friendship of McClure and Bridges ripened as their interests expanded and it was with considerable pleasure that the two met at the Atlanta induction center on Nov. 7, 1942, to be sworn in the Army of the United States. The two took their primary flight training at Sikeston, Mo., and from there came to Strother Field as members of Class 44-C.

Bridges, whose home is at 38 College St., Monticello, is one of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bridges of Fairburn, Ga., now in the Army Air Forces.

McClure is a son of Mrs. A. W. McClure of 415 Brown St., Canton.

## Post Chapel Services

Christmas confessions for the Catholic personnel will be heard in the Chapel from 3:00 to 9:30 p.m. Friday. In Winfield the hours are 4:00 to 5:30; 7:00 to 8:30. In Ark. City 3:00 to 6:00 and 7:00 to 10:00.

There will be no Protestant services on Christmas Day, but the usual service will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday. It will be the special Christmas Service.

Catholic services will be held at the usual hour, 8 a.m., Christmas Day.

## Sub-Depot Xmas Party

Employees of the 377th Sub-Depot at Strother Field and their guests, numbering in all 300 persons, Wednesday evening held a gala Yuletide celebration at the field.

Festivities opened with a turkey dinner at 8 p.m. in the Officers' Mess Hall and was followed by dancing from 10 p.m. to midnight in the Wacs' recreation room. A short program was presented by military personnel from Strother Field.

Christian Scientists among the military personnel of Strother Field who would like to visit in Christian Scientist homes are invited to contact Stanley Reif of 1411 Fuller street, Winfield, or G. E. Newfield, 815 North A street, Arkansas City.

## PRAIRIE FLIER

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## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

And then there was the sculptor who kissed the statue and chisled his wife.

S/Sgt. Warren says he'll never forget when he asked his girl how he rated with her—and she whispered sweet nothings in his ear.

The only way to keep from getting the flu is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd rather not.

North Hangar 'presents' Giltner's Coffee Shop—You coffee-up with the doughnuts—and he'll coffee-up.

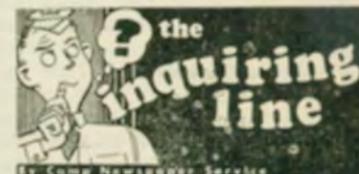
Cpl. Popp found that after shopping in Wichita—the guy who said the customer is always right must have been the customer.

Sgt. Conlin enjoyed his winter sports in Minn. His host didn't ask what kind of a bed he preferred. He asked, "How many lumps do you take in your mattress?" He bundled a girl into a dogsled and then said, "Well, let's mush on down" . . . and she slapped his face. She was hard toboggan with!

## Alternate Seating In Post Theater

When the USO-Camp Show, "Funny Side Up," played at the post theater Wednesday night of this week it was to "capacity" crowds for both performances even though the theater was only half-filled on both occasions.

Into effect the first of this week went the alternate seating arrangement as an additional precautionary measure of controlling the minor flu epidemic on the field, in accordance with a field memorandum issued by Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Field.



By Camp Newspaper Service

Q. How long must a man serve in the Navy before he can wear the good conduct medal?

A. The good conduct medal in the Navy is awarded to men who have completed at least three years of their six-year enlistment, providing that they have maintained a high rate of proficiency. In the Army the good conduct medal is awarded to deserving soldiers after a year's service.

Q. My kid brother is not quite 18 years of age. He graduates from high school next June. When does he have to register with his draft board and when can he enlist?

A. He will be eligible for enlistment on the same date he must register with his draft board—his 18th birthday.

# OUR WAC OFFICERS

2ND. LT. LAVINA C. GARRITY

Reports, records, figures—these are the workaday life of 2nd. Lt. Lavina C. Garrity, one of the four WAC lieutenants stationed at Strother Field.

Lt. Garrity's primary duties are those of assistant statistical officer. Her additional duty is serving as a assistant classification officer. Those two assignments mean that Lt. Garrity has touch with every statistical report made at Strother Field and with the classification of every man coming on Strother Field.

Lt. Garrity has just taken over her new assignment, having been absent from Strother Field for eight weeks on an Air-Wac recruiting drive in Michigan.

A native of Chicago, Lt. Garrity has spent all her life as a resident of that city. She is a graduate of Providence high school and of White's Business college, Chicago. Prior to joining the Women's Army Corps she was in charge of the inventory department of the American Can company in Chicago.

# Bill 1374, proposing POWS PROMOTION, is debated in DC

Bill S. 1374, which provides for the promotion of certain officers an enlisted men taken prisoner by the Japs has been under debate in the Senate after its introduction by Senator Chavez of New Mexico.

The bill stipulates that after 8 Dec. 1942, each prisoner officer below the grade of Col., each W/O, and each EM below the grade of M/S. who had been serving in the Philippines, Wake or Guam, shall be advanced one grade, and one grade each annum thereafter.

Opposition has been made by the War and Navy Departments on the following grounds. The War Dept. (1) does not believe that the granting of increased benefits should be done by means of promotion; and (2) the bill would create a morale problem among other POWs. The Navy opposes the bill because (1) point one of the War Dept.; (2) the bill would not include all units of forces captured in the Eastern Theatre, such as the North China detachments, and the Asiatic Fleet, together with a number of missing personnel.

# Candles Add Yuletide Touch

When the power was disrupted on the field last Thursday night inconvenience was caused in various departments—the post theater closed up for the night—but the 322nd Service Squadron benefited by the compulsory black-out.

The weekly squadron party was in full-swing—the post orchestra was beating it out when darkness suddenly came. Jitterbugging is a dangerous pastime to one's physical condition with all lights on, let alone trying it in the dark—so from nowhere lighted candles suddenly appeared on each musician's stand and throughout the service club. Mellow is the word for the unexpected candlelight dance sponsored by the 322nd.

# Social Activities

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the way toward full recovery. In most cases the men afflicted are back to work within from 48 to 72 hours after the first signs of illness. Isolation has been the principal force employed to fight what might have been, but was not, a ravaging epidemic of influenza.

Reduction to the lowest possible number the contacts of all military personnel has been employed. This called for some cancellation of some regularly-scheduled work, physical training classes and classes for instrument flying instructors.

The hospital staff feels that though some disappointments have been experienced, the rigid enforcement of flu preventive measures has saved many men the discomfort and possible danger of a round of flu.

# Red Cross Entertains Hospital Patients



Strother Field enlisted men confined to the station hospital (ya really got the "flu" joe?) probably will not sleep much tonight awaiting the arrival of Christmas gifts and entertainment tomorrow, Dec. 25th.

The Red Cross camp and hospital committee composed of representatives from Winfield, Arkansas City and Wellington are seeing to it that the "sick sacks" are not neglected during the Yuletide. First, Christmas trees, decorations and popcorn strings came along to get the boys into the holiday spirit, then tomorrow—the big day with gift presentations and entertainment.

The Junior Red Cross organization has done its share also in making it a real Xmas day for the hospital patients, for which the men are very, very thankful.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Cpl. L. J. Straub, Strother Field post office worker, rightfully wears a puzzled expression as he looks over a few of the Christmas packages that arrived last week for officers, cadets and enlisted men. Straub is a member of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron.

# The AER Office Is a Busy Place

The Army Emergency Relief office at Strother Field has given speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents deserving of it, as evidenced in the total number of loans made here since 26 December 1942.

In this one year's time sixty loans have been made totaling \$1,906.97 in addition to which medical care, food, fuel and clothing have been furnished dependents of Strother soldiers.

The AER office personnel includes 2nd. Lt. Frank M. Mathews, Cpl. Michael K. Mannion and Mrs. Doris Hassinger of Winfield.

As an added service to military personnel the AER staff writes letters inquiring about delayed delivery of War Bonds and insurance policies. Personal problems pertaining to legal matters and wills are also handled by this department.

# Many Guests Attend Tea Honoring WACs

Nearly 250 women guests from towns surrounding Strother Field and including a number of civilian employees at the base, attended a tea held in the officers club last Sunday honoring the four WAC officers stationed here.

Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Field, in addressing the group told of the efficiency of the Wacs here and said that the field would like to have as many more as could be obtained.

2nd. Lt. B. T. Broudy, Assistant Special Service Officer, gave a talk on the valuable experience gained in serving with the WAC organization.

In the receiving line were Mrs. J. F. Carroll, Mrs. J. R. Williams and Mrs. Bernard Bloom. Coffee and cakes were served the guests.

"Mac," the paper salesman, sends holiday greetings to the military personnel of Strother Field.

# More Shooters Qualify on .45

Another group of Strother Field officers and EM have successfully completed the prescribed course for pistol, revolver, 45 col. and are qualified in classification indicated and authorized to wear appropriate insignia.

## PISTOL EXPERT (Dismounted)

Capt. Robert J. Kostka, 1st. Lt. Jack E. Roosa, and 2nd Lt. Arthur J. Saunders.

## PISTOL SHARPSHOOTER (Dismounted)

1st. Lt. Robert E. Carswell, Jr., 1st. Lt. Charles B. Sale, 2nd. Lt. Joseph A. Roy, 2nd. Lt. John P. Shinnick, 2nd. Lt. Oliver E. Tudman, 2nd. Lt. Edward J. Vallish, Cpl. Walter M. Buchanan, Cpl. Ted A. Oetting.

## PISTOL MARKSMAN (Dismounted)

Capt. Elton L. Clark, 1st. Lt. Robert P. Barday, 1st. Lt. Edward G. Fitch, 1st. Lt. George W. Gillert, 2nd. Lt. William A. Bowles, 2nd. Lt. Theodore R. Chamberlain, 2nd. Lt. James Cordon, Jr., 2nd. Lt. Herman W. Kitchen, Jr., 2nd. Lt. Joseph A. Pope, 2nd. Lt. Floyd O. Sooy, Jr.

Sgt. Charles F. Deane, Cpl. Horace D. Bass, Cpl. Hugh O. Abbott, Cpl. Gerald B. Borell, Cpl. Hoyt D. Butner, Jr., Cpl. Alvin G. Hocker, Cpl. Cedric B. Lee, Cpl. Ira S. Patton, Cpl. George V. Piper, Cpl. Harry E. Theabold, Pfc. John (nmi) Prazniak, Jr., Pvt. Joseph (nmi) Bese and Pvt. LeRoy W. Dambuch.

Sgt. John L. Burrell, Jr., Cpl. Gordon W. Cobb, Cpl. John B. Dahoney, Pfc. Richard E. Faris, Pfc. Jay C. Herem.

## ARMY AIR TAKES AIR

Just in case some of you fellows do not already know it, the official designation of this station will henceforth be known as Strother Field, not Strother Army Air Field.

# Neither Rain, Sleet or Santa Can Stop the Postal Packers

"On the beam" and on the jump are the six enlisted men regularly employed in the Strother Field post office. During the month of December outgoing mail from this base has increased in about the same proportion as the incoming mail, so the boys have "caught it" both coming and going.

At the present time, receipts of mail at the air base post office are nearly treble those of the normal day's business. That volume is expected to increase until Christmas Day with a considerable amount of it hanging over for the day or two after Christmas. To relieve crowded conditions in the field post office and to speed receipt by the addressee, frequent daily deliveries of mail have been made to all squadrons.

Insured packages and registered mail receipts have more than trebled with the Christmas rush. Ordinarily fewer than 100 such pieces are received each day; now the holiday daily run approximates 350 insured packages and registered mail pieces.

Outgoing mail has picked up at a rate commensurate with incoming. During the month of November a total of 115 insured pieces of mail went out from the base post office. Up to the close of business on December 18, a total of 437 such pieces were mailed. During November, 106 registered letters went out as compared with 115 during the first 18 days of December.

Sgt. Herman Johnson is the non-commissioned officer in charge of the post office. Sgt. John Zatorsky is assistant NCO while the remainder of the staff is comprised of Cpl. L. J. Straub, Cpl. L. W. Sams, Cpl. Nathaniel A. Morris and Cpl. Walter J. Gustafson. Jay L. Higbee is the clerk in charge of the sale of stamps, money orders and war stamps and of registering of outgoing mail.

# Ark. City Jr. C of C Will Sponsor Circus

A real circus complete with clowns, ponies, trapeze artists, and trained dogs is coming to Arkansas City next Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 27-28.

The Clyde Brothers Circus will make an indoor appearance on these two evenings at the Auditorium-Gymnasium, sponsored by the Arkansas City Junior Chamber of Commerce.

General admission tickets are on sale for 56c by members of the organization or may be purchased at the Aud-Gym ticket window prior to each performance. Profits are to be contributed to the A. C. Red Cross Canteen.

# Insurance Figures Show Increase Here

The number of officers and enlisted men of Strother Field now carrying national service life insurance is greater than at the conclusion of the insurance drive last August 10th, according to 2nd. Lt. Frank W. Mathews, War Bond and Insurance Officer.

Officers participation now totals 98.7% with an average of \$9,950 per policy. Only four officers do not carry this type of insurance and only six carry partial government policies.

95% of the enlisted men now carry an average of \$8,457 insurance. Only seventy-six of the entire enlisted personnel do not participate.

# Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



# Elevation Not Corrected For Recoil





## Strother All-Star Team to Play Geuda Springs Quintet Dec. 30th

A basketball team composed of star players from various squadrons on the field will meet the Geuda Springs high school quintet in a game to be played next Thursday, Dec. 30th at 8 p. m. in the post gymnasium. Regular league games scheduled for that evening will be played on Wednesday, Dec. 29th.

On the squad of thirteen players selected from regular squadron teams will be the following: Ferrell, center; Brel, forward; Dalak, guard, all of the Headquarters and Headquarters 55th Flying Training Group. Stebar, guard; Rupp, center; M u r b r o o k, forward; Smith, guard, representing the 1082nd Maintenance Squadron. Reed, forward; Selvidge, guard; Bova, guard, all of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron. Cagle, forward and Nicholas, guard, of the Medics, and Seeley, guard for the 1088th Guard Squadron team. 1st. Lt. G. D. Allen, Physical Training Officer, will be one of the official for the game. A Geuda Springs representative will be the other official.

The Strother Field band will play during the game and enlisted men are cordially invited to bring their wives or girl-friends to the affair.

Players selected to represent Strother Field by Capt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director, reported for practice Wednesday of this week. Practice sessions were held last night, and are scheduled for the first three nights next week.

During the half, Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Field will present athletic medals to members of the field baseball team. Among those who will receive medals will be, Capt. T. R. Hottenfeller, who formed Strother Field's enlisted men's baseball team and played in several games, Sgt. F. Padovano, Pfc. C. E. Towns, Pvt. G. Bova, Pvt. L. Dombrowski, Pvt. H. H. Bourbouse, Sgt. I. I. Wescott, Pvt. E. A. Sellers, Cpl. P. R. Loughner S/Sgt. E. J. Dalak, Pfc. R. Ebert, Cpl. R. F. Teeters, Cpl. J. R. DeRasmi, Pvt. J. May, Pfc. H. D. Harris, Pvt. A. R. Curtis, and Pvt. R. R. Knepfer all members of the Strother hard ball team.

### Basking Beauty



Pin-up girl, armed forces style, is Gale Robbins, who sweetens the Hollywood sun by reclining in its rays on that well-known picture prop, the diving board.

### Heating Unit Installed In Bowling Alley

"The heats on" in the post bowling alleys—speaking literally—and with the installation of the new heating equipment plans are being made for the formation of a squadron bowling league similar to the post basketball league, according to 2nd. Lt. J. F. Francella, Post Exchange officer.

At the present time there are only two leagues comprised of enlisted men, the 448th squadron and the Co-op league. With the formation of a team or teams from each squadron on the field a season of fast play would be assured.

It has been suggested by Lt. Francella that certain weekday nights be selected by the squadrons for league play so as to not conflict with the basketball schedule and that such a league begin play about Jan. 3rd.

The bowling alleys are now open from 1200 until 2300 on weekday evenings and from 1400 until 2300 on Sundays.

### Santa Couldn't Help This GI, Had He Waited Until Xmas!



Camp Campbell, Ky.—What the Genius GI won't do to stretch a three-day pass is really something for the records.

Recently a case came to light in the 20th Armored Division when an enterprising soldier applied, and with a straight face, for a three-day pass to go to Sioux Falls, S. D., a mere 1580-mile round-trip from here.

Upon questioning by his commanding officer on how he proposed to negotiate the trip in the allotted time, the following ambitious plan was unfolded.

The soldier had asked for his pass to begin Monday, November 22. Sunday, November 21, was a military day-off. Saturday was only a half day and the entrepreneur had inveigled an excuse. Friday was his normal day off duty, thereby permitting, he said, to leave Thursday night, November 18.

His pass would normally end Wednesday, but, he pointed out, Thanksgiving Day was a holiday and the following day his day off again. Some more fast talking, he said, had netted him freedom from the half day's duty on Saturday a second time, which took him through to Sunday.

The result was a ten-day furlough, he thought, from a three-day pass.

His commanding officer, meanwhile, listened, amazed, and muttered "genius, pure genius," but when the explanation was finished he torpedoed the GI's hope with "No pass." Three still doesn't add up to 10.

### POSTPONE GAMES

Squadron league basketball games scheduled for Thursday of last week and Tuesday and Thursday of this week were postponed in cooperation with the flu prevention program on the field. Play will be resumed next week.

### Cheerio!

Physical fitness tests for members of cadet class 44-C are scheduled to commence the first part of next week, according to 1st. Lt. G. D. Allen, physical training officer. The class averaged 80 sit-ups, 10 and 4-10 chin-ups and 50.6 seconds on the shuttle run for a rating of 67.5 while attending primary.

### Wanta Trophy, Toughie? Fists to Fly in Boxing Tournament

The physical training department announced today the formulation of plans to hold boxing tournaments among the enlisted personnel of Strother Field. One tournament is to be held for the 322nd Aviation Squadron and the other for personnel of other squadrons. Trophies will be given for the champion of each weight and medals for 2nd place in each weight for both tournaments.

"Boxing tournaments at this field will only be possible through the cooperation of the enlisted personnel," Capt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director said today.

"To make the tournaments a success it is necessary that a sufficient number of men sign up and appear for the matches so that weights can be checked for classification."

Finalists in each weight division in both tournaments will meet in three bouts, the winner being the one who takes two out of the three encounters. Dates for matches will be announced later.

Enlisted men interested in entering the tournaments are requested to report names, organizations and weights to the physical training department.

Practice sessions will be held the same evenings of basketball practice and during the noon hour each day.

### sport slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

Frankie Frisch, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, is top man in a group of five major league baseball stars now touring U. S. Army installations in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. Frisch is accompanied by Stan Musial and Danny Lithwiler of the St. Louis Cardinals, Hank Borowy of the World's Champion New York Yankees and Dixie Walker of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Lt. Tom Harmon, ex-Michigan gridiron great who was rescued by Chinese guerrillas after being shot down by Jap Zeros last month sent this telegram to his parents back home in Ann Arbor, Mich: "Arrived safe and sound. Don't worry. Everything in perfect shape."

Hi Bithorn, big righthander who won 18 games for the Chicago Cubs last year, has been assigned to the Naval Air Station in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Bithorn, a native Puerto Rican, was inducted last month.

Alex Campanis, formerly of the Brooklyn Dodgers and now of the Navy, is gunning for a Chief Petty Officer's stripes. He's now attending a Naval physical fitness school at Camp Peary, Va., and if he completes his schooling successfully he'll become an instructor with the top noncommissioned rating.

Catcher Ray Berres of the New York Giants was rejected for military service in Milwaukee because of a chronic sinus condition. And Bill Woods, former Villanova College pitcher, received a Certified Disability Discharge from the Army and has been signed by the Philadelphia Athletics.



Sgt. Saxon: "No, we won't draw straws for Santa's bag. Remember General Order 9, Pfc. Mier!"

### Boys in Barrack 1701 Have Own Xmas Tree

Three members of the 1082nd Maintenance Squadron at Strother Field have seen to it that men in their barrack, 1701, enjoy the holiday atmosphere of the average home—with a decorated Christmas tree all their own.

Sgt. DeVillier, Cpl. Cobb and Cpl. Kettwig purchased the tree and decorations, a gesture which the entire barrack personnel greatly appreciates, according to a note sent the PF by one of the men living in the barrack.

### 'Wings for Combat' Soon Available at PX

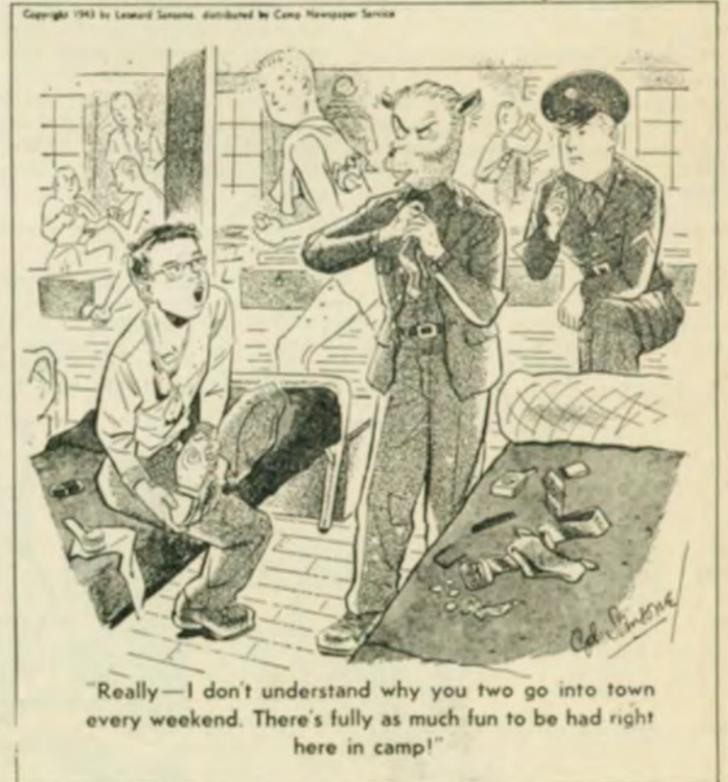
"Wings for Combat," an 80-page picture book portraying the representative flying and technical training activities of the AAF Training Command, has been completed and will be available soon to personnel of this Station through the Post Exchange where a copy is now on display.

The book, which measures nine by twelve inches, contains a foreword by Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, Commanding General of the AAF Training Command, more than 500 official AAF photographs, and a 6,000-word story concerning the various flying and technical training programs. The text and photographic materials were prepared by the Public Relations Office of the AAF Training Command.

The book is designed to sell at \$1 a copy.

### The Wolf

by Sansone





(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

● (Top picture.) What ho Santa! Games, n' dolls, n' toy elephants, n' wooden machine guns, candy, nuts and fruit all in the hands of the little "GIs" with St. Nick (played by Sgt. Jack Blackman) made up the children's Christmas party at the service club last 24 December. P.S. Altho the party was a success, Sgt. Blackman complained that it was hot as hell inside that suit.

● (Second from top.) Present at the children's party was none other than the CO himself and Mrs. Carroll, with their youngsters—from right to left) Joseph, Jr., Patty, and David.

● (Tall cut to right center.) "And once upon a time there lived a jolly old man named Santa Claus, who had his home at the north pole—"—so went the stories for the kiddies on Christmas eve at their party as told by Chaplain Russell L. Young, post chaplain.

● (Third from top.) Holding three tots, a mess of gifts and supporting a nice crop of white face shrubbery is Sgt. W. L. Ward, who played the stellar role in the 322nd's holiday party for little ones in the service club, on the afternoon of the 23rd. The winsome little chap to the right doesn't believe in Santa Claus.

● (Bottom.) The long-working, long-suffering, and musically long-winded members of the 383rd AAF Band, who turned out their usual product of sharp harmonies for the children's affairs. A great deal of credit is due these fellows who are usually behind the scenes at SF's shindigs playing while others zoot around.

# Happy Moo Deer Men!



### NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The hostesses of the Downtown USO in Wichita invite all you GIs that are going to be in the big town New Year's Eve to a dance at 140 North Topeka (just north of the club at 127) beginning at eight o'clock.

### New Schedule for SF Jewish Services

The Jewish services at SF, heretofore held on Friday nights in the post chapel, will change beginning 6 January 1944 to Thursdays.

This will enable Rabbi Carl Mannello of Wichita to come every other week and give service for Strother Jewish men and their families. In the Rabbi's absence, the men themselves will take charge and execute their devotions. Appropriate music for these occasions, and refreshments furnished by the Wives' Committee will be provided for those who attend.

During special religious holidays, plans are being laid whereby Jewish men may travel to Wichita to attend. Special Jewish services during the Day of Prayer on January first, will be held in the post chapel at 0900.

### Can you beat it? Falcon and Angel Are Grounded

Tom Conway, alias the Falcon on the screen, and Heather Angel, noted English-American actress, on their way to Strother Field while on a USO-Camp-Show, have been grounded together with their plane somewhere this side of heaven and Hollywood.

The last report received by your reporter and the Special Service Office was that our stellar visitors are in Dallas, Texas, awaiting better weather for their tour. So as we go to press this Thursday, we do not know whether or not the Falcon and the Angel are coming our way.

They were scheduled to arrive here Monday noon, from Wichita, stop at the hospital, visit the 1000 man mess, then say hello in between shows at the post theatre, spend the night in Winfield, and buzz off to Independence Field. We're sweating this out, too.

### Post Chapel has RELAXATION ROOM for all personnel

The small northwest room to the rear of the Post Chapel has been recently redecorated and made over into a small study-relaxation-and-meditation-room.

Among its furnishings are a carpet, draperies, pictures, some lounge chairs, a divan, a reading and writing desk with a fluorescent lamp, and to top it off, a radio and record player. Here the men may find a perfect background for an hour or two of solitude and meditation.

Chaplain Russell L. Young reminds you that "It is your room," open to all officers, EM and cadets 24 hours a day.

### Grandad '43 Leaves SF with Many Memories of Progress

#### Weekly Musical To Start in Theatre

A new series of music programs to be given weekly in the post theatre on Tuesdays at 1200 and Saturdays at 1400 is being inaugurated next Tuesday, the 4th of January.

The music for these informal get-togethers for men of Strother Field is to be chosen with a thought for all men's tastes. Those men desiring to hear pieces they enjoy may have them played by buzzing the SSO at 297.

The programme for this week is as follows:

1. The Prince and the Princess—from the Scheherazade Suite by Rimsky-Korsakov.
2. Meditation—from Thais.
3. Largo of Xerxes—by Handel.
4. Concerto in E minor for violin and orchestra—by Mendelssohn.

To be repetitious: this is *informal*. Come in your fatigues or in your flight jacket (for once) as you please. If you can't stay for the entire program, leave when you must.

### U. S. Has Secret Weapons, Too!

By Camp Newspaper Service

The United States Army and Navy have developed a series of deadly new "secret weapons" that equal and even far surpass anything the Nazis are known to have.

One of them is the 75mm. plane cannon now carried by Mitchell bombers. It already has destroyed a Jap destroyer with a single mighty volley, according to reports. Another is a new anti-aircraft gun which will shoot higher than any plane can fly. A third is the new 57-ton tank, a huge monster built at a locomotive plant which is big enough and tough enough to knock out any known tank the enemy can put on the field.

1943 has been a busy year at Strother Field. It has been a year of growing pains, expansion, and consolidation, with buildings still going up, mud disappearing and grass growing, squadron changes and exact manning table problems, and the adjustment of personnel to environment.

The cadets of classes 43-D to 44-C have passed thru basic, gone to advanced, and then into combat. Officers who were assigned to duty here when the field opened have moved up in rank and gone off to transitional training and combat. The constant flux among EM personnel has taken many away for school, overseas, cadets and DS, but the men remaining have gained stripes and added recreational facilities and have succeeded in subduing the female population of the locality, even penetrating as far as KC.

On the whole, things have happened at Strother this year, yah man, and if you don't believe it, look at the record.

January — Gluey-goo mud all over until roads paved. Buildings still under construction. 43-D completes training as first cadet class. USO opens door in Ark. City and Winfield.

February — Blizzards and zero (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

### 'White Christmas' Is ★ ★ Two Days Late

The snow that always makes Christmas seem like Christmas arrived here Monday, just two days too late.

Beginning during noon chow and lasting until about 0330 Tuesday morning, the first storm of the winter covered five-and-one-half inches of fluffy whiteness over the parched and hardened Kansas earth. A strong north wind which blew the storm in kept it going strong far into the night, and drifted snow eight inches deep on the runways and ramp. This delayed flying until late Tuesday.



Yum, yum! Dig this tri-luscious ensemble men! These starry-eyed lassies were snapped while singing hot numbers for the kiddies and their Christmas party in the service club on 24th of December. We don't need to tell yuh, but left to right there is—Bette Buckner of the PT department; Pegge Reiter of the QM; and Bessie Morrison of Classification in HQ. (Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

# Speaking of--New Years

Well, another anniversary of Pearl Harbor has come and gone, and with it has gone another year of war. The two years of waiting, training, preparing and arming has slowly dragged thru, and we are at last ready to deal heavy and decisive blows against the enemy.

Soon now we shall see the siege of Europe, Hitler's leaky castle. We shall see the Russians assault his stronghold from the east, and the Anglo-American forces from the south and west. Like the destruction of Berlin, the death-knell of National Socialism grows louder in sweet resonance foretelling the end of an age of tyranny.

And after that, if not simultaneously, will come the bloody advance against the myopic sons of Nippon. Their islands will fall, their resources will dwindle, and their treachery will go home to roost. And the debts of Bataan, Singapore, Nanking, Pearl Harbor and the rest of their host of butcheries will be repaid in full at the Bank of Tokyo.

The coming months are going to be rough. Everybody is armed to the teeth, and fighting for what they want to hold. Tarawa was just a sample of what's coming. We must grit our teeth, check our weapons, pull in another notch in our belts, and work and fight like hell. Once we realize that this war isn't over until we knock the last enemy out, and that we must plug along with determination and not become over-confident, we shall bring that distant New Year's day, when all men are again free, much closer than ever before.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

The President in his proclamation setting aside New Year's Day as a day of national prayer said:

"At the beginning of the New Year 1944, which now lies before us, it is fitting that we pray to be preserved from the false pride of accomplishment, and from willful neglect of the last measure of public sacrifice necessary to attain final victory and peace."

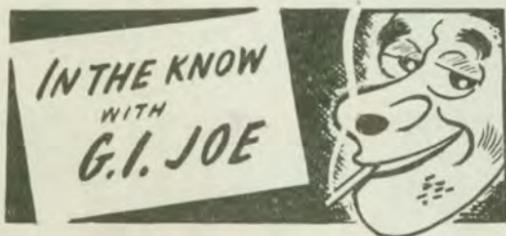
It could have far-reaching effects if every citizen in the United States would do as our President has suggested—go to God in prayer. There is nothing more important for us to do. Even the building of warships and planes, and the flying of the latter, can wait one day while a nation prays. We should, then, stop whatever we are doing, not for recreation, but for the confession of our sins, and they are many, for grace, strength and guidance for the New Year. Let us pray that God may make us worthy of the victory that we believe shall surely be ours; let us pray that we shall be made worthy of the sacrifice that our comrades are making on "the other side"; let us pray that our own beloved nation, along with the other Allied Nations, shall be endowed with sufficient grace to lead the nations of the world into a future that will bring joy to all mankind, that all throughout all the earth may live without fear or want but in the glad realization that God is moving in the affairs of men and nations.

In view of the significant events that seem to be impending—victory in arms, and the probable cost in life that shall be paid by our comrades on the other side, maybe including the life of anyone of us, and in compliance with the request of our Commander-in-Chief, the Post Chaplain calls upon every man and woman of Strother Field to prepare himself or herself for the days that lie ahead by attending the service of his or her choice at the Chapel, or elsewhere, for an hour of prayer on New Year's Day.

The Chapel is open at all times, day and night, for prayer and meditation, but for your guidance the following schedule is given for New Year's Day and Sunday following:

- 7 A. M. Catholic Confession
- 8 A. M. Catholic Mass
- 9 A. M. Jewish Service (Saturday only)
- 10 A. M. General Protestant Service

Let's make these days of prayer significant in our own lives and in the life of our nation. By prayer, consecration and work, we can shorten the war and save the lives of many of our comrades. Let's not fail God nor them!



**ABROAD THIS WEEK WE SEE** . . . the boys in the East are closing in on Rabaul after knocking out Arawe . . . this move, together with those in Gilberts are a prelude to invasion sure . . . the Russos have flattened a Nazi toehold for counter-attack . . . Moscow has promised this will be the toughest winter campaign of all . . . where will it start? . . . In Italy the men of Monty's Eighth and Clark's Fifth are moving ahead by yards, fighting the stubborn Heinies and general mud all the way . . . 76 miles to Roma . . . Mountbatten unified his air forces in preparation for the grand Eastern offensive . . . Benes of Czechs has signed a "friend" pact with mother Russia . . . Churchill is getting over his pneumonia . . . the people of Naples say . . . "The king must go."

**WE SEE AT HOME THIS WEEK** . . . Gen. Marshall will not lead the invasion from the west . . . he'll stay at home . . . he's a valuable man who has gained the respect of all nations . . . Gen. "Ike" Eisenhower will be the man . . . it seems Sen. Butler is being needled to death over his report written in hyperbole about the "Good Neighbor" workings in SA . . . have you read about the rail wreck in Buies NC? . . . Ho hum, 52 GIs killed . . . the fire of the '44 election begins to burn more brightly as Rep. Chairman Spangler rushes into the fray with his political spurs on . . . meat and death rates are up while marriages are down . . . "Fats" Waller passed away last week . . . Mrs. Frank (Swooner) Sinatra is awaiting that second stork bundle . . . Snozzola Durante made another comeback in NYC.



**Q. Let's have it again. On which side of decorations is the Good Conduct Medal worn?**

**A. The Good Conduct Medal is worn to the LEFT of all decorations and to the RIGHT of all service medals. This information is provided in change No. 24, 5 July 1943, AR 600-40, 28 August 1943.**

**Q. What are the age requirements for enlisted women in U. S. armed forces?**

**A. The minimum age for women in all services is 20. The WAC accepts women through 49. The SPARS, WAVES and Women Marines accept women through 35.**



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.) Don't let them fool you, that Santa guy is a GI. But in spite of the deception Major Wolf and all the men and girls at the QM office had a smooth time last Christmas eve and plenty of presents, laughs and holiday fun were passed around.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.) A strange looking gent with his red flannels on the outside landed just outside the Post Operations office on December 22 and dropped off some gifts for the fellows and girls. By the time the photog got there, he had taken off again, but the gathering of the clan shot was ready, so he took that instead. Ties and cigs were the chief presents for the boys, while the fems carried off hankies and such stuff. On the whole, Lt. Hall's little group at PO had a smashy pre-Christmas party.

## Have You Read

**THE YEAR OF DECISION**, by Bernard DeVoto, (Little '43)

Mr. DeVoto writes an interesting history of a critical period in American history: 1846. During this year, the Mexican War began, the Oregon question threatened, the Mormons were making tracks for Utah, and waves of immigrants were moving to the west and California. All of these movements go together to make up a book written in skillful narrative fashion, by an author who knows his history, people, and how to write about them.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 1 January 1944  
WOMEN IN BONDAGE  
Gail Patrick, Nancy Kelly  
Sportscope—Cartoon  
Music Short

Sunday and Monday, 2-3 Jan.  
GOVERNMENT GIRL  
de Haviland, Sonny Tufts  
News of the Day  
Army-Navy Screen Mag

Tuesday, 4 January  
Double Feature  
SO'S YOUR UNCLE  
Elyse Knox—Donald Woods  
RETURN OF THE VAMPIRE  
Bela Lugosi

Wed. and Thurs., 5-6 Jan.  
THE GANG'S ALL HERE  
Alice Faye—Carmen Miranda  
News of the Day

Friday, 7 January  
MINESWEEPER  
Dick Arlen, Jean Parker  
Women at War—Cartoon  
Variety News

New York, N. Y. (CNS)—Three men were arrested here for hunting with bows, arrows and kleig lights.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark. City and Winfield)

- Sat.....Win.....King-Queen Dance
- Ark.....New Year's Carnival
- Sun.....Win.....Dance-Door Prize
- Ark.....Informal Dancing
- Mon.....Win.....Truth or Consequences
- Ark.....Bingo-Telephone Call
- Tues.....Win.....Kitchen Party
- Ark.....Game Night
- Wed.....Win.....Do-as-you-please
- Ark.....Record-your-voice
- Thurs.....Win.....Informal Dance
- Ark.....Snack Bar Party
- Fri.....Win.....Bridge Party
- Ark.....Ping Pong Tourney
- Sat.....Win.....Wives' Party-Ping Pong
- Ark.....Married Couples' Night

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—A woman asked a local newspaper to find her a husband. She said she coul cook. The next day she had 10 proposals of marriage—and two offers of a job.

Chicago (CNS)—Suing her husband for divorce, Gayle Mellott Busiel, former radio actress, claims that he fled the local court's jurisdiction with a \$50,000 necklace and five race horses belonging to her. She wants them back.

## What's new in your home town?

Birmingham, Mich., (CNS) — Maid-seeking Mrs. Richard J. Coveney ran this ad in a local paper: "Wanted: Maid. No cooking, cleaning, serving or laundry. Taxi to and from work. Loan of mink coat Thursdays and Sundays. Maid's duties to answer phone and create impression of luxury. Must be willing to eat such meals as mistress prepares."

Boston, (CNS) — Emily McIntyre, a waitress, found a wallet containing \$91 and a woman's picture in a downtown cafeteria. She turned it over to police who located its owner, CPO Stephen Byork of Philadelphia. Elated, Byork said: "All I want is my mother's picture. The girl can keep the \$91."

Evanstown, Ill., (CNS) — Fred B. Wynn, a cop, was teaching his 16-year-old son a few jiu jitsu holds. "Now, Junior," he said. "Remember what I told you and try it out on me." The next thing the cop knew he was lying on top of the radiator.

Ft. Valley, Ga., (CNS)—Piqued when her husband threatened her with a pistol and a knife, Mrs. John Jump, a bride of three weeks, slammed him over the eye with an axe, decapitated and bisected his body and distributed it along a railroad track to simulate an accident. She confessed to police here.

Los Angeles, (CNS)—Like the guy who grabbed a tiger by the tail, Earl Gardner, a policeman, wished he'd never lassoed that calf. Gardner swung his rope over the young heifer's head when it escaped from a truck. He was then dragged through a junk yard filled with tin cans and pulled through a swamp. Three other people finally corralled the calf.

Rapid City, S. D., (CNS) — A waitress in an officers club here paged "Lt. Roger Wilco" for nearly an hour before a kind hearted individual explained that "Lt. Wilco" was "on furlough."

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# Family's out to war; Pa's home alone

It's the holiday season of the year and at the Wheatley house in Port Arthur, Texas, only one member of that household is home. He is James W. Wheatley, the head of the family. Mrs. Luella E. Wheatley, the other head, left a few months ago to enlist her services with the Women's Army Corps.

Two sons make up the rest of the Wheatley family and they're with the Army Air Forces. James Wendell Wheatley is a Flight Officer, the 1st pilot of a B-25 flying around New Guinea and points East. Babe Elbert Wheatley, younger of the two, is an aviation cadet about to finish his basic flight training at Strother Field, Kansas, with just one more step ahead of him before securing his silver wings.

But it's the mother, Private Luella E. Wheatley, WAC, address Fort Benning, Ga., that this story is about. Cadet Wheatley, taking a few minutes off from drill period, had this to say;

"When Mother told us 'way last summer she had been seriously thinking of enlisting in the service we were amused and figured it just another whim. At that time she was driving a motor bus for the City of Port Arthur, and simply because one day she decided to help the city's transportation snare and in the best way she could."

"All she kept saying was that her two boys were in there fighting, or preparing to fight, it would certainly help get them back a little quicker if she were in there with them."

Mrs. Wheatley is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., where she is assigned as a post office clerk.

# Holiday Fun Keeps 322nd on the Go

The 322nd Aviation Squadron celebrated Christmas in great style. At the mess hall each member was presented with a neatly wrapped gift package consisting of candies, nuts, cigs, cigars and other tidbits. In addition the USO in Winfield provided each man with more cigarettes, which came in very handy for the fellows who had spent most of their money on gifts for the folks at home.

## Mess Hall Contributes

The mess hall did its bit to make the men enjoy the holiday. After the feast on Christmas eve in town, many men had to go some to pack away S/S Crawford's super Xmas-day dinner. Many of the guests at the dinner, including Mrs. Major R Jackson of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Ashton Williams of Winfield, remarked how appropriately the mess hall had been decorated, and how nice the C-tree was.

## Queen to Be Chosen

The closing of the service club to social activity temporarily was a bit disheartening for the men, but with its reopening, strong attention is once more drawn to the Thursday party and to the Sweetheart Contest. Near the close of the week the fellows will vote upon the party-girl who is to be chosen Queen because of her looks, personality and "special" traits. Next Thursday the Queen will be crowned at a swank formal party to initiate the New Year's spirit.

Hollywood (CNS) — Lou Harding, a pretty 19-year-old girl truck driver, crashed into one of the buildings on the Universal Pictures lot. She immediately got a screen test, signed a contract for \$75 a week said the press agents.

# OUR WAC OFFICERS

LT. BEATRICE T. BROUDY

Trained in the army's Special Service school, 2nd. Lt. Beatrice T. Broudy has assumed the important role of assistant Special Service officer and is in charge of the post theater and post library. As an additional duty she has been given the responsibilities of school and education officer. A native of New York, she was graduated from the New Utrecht high school of Brooklyn and in 1935 received her bachelor of arts degree in English from Brooklyn college. In 1939, she received her master of arts degree from the University of Michigan and the following year her bachelor of arts degree in library science from the University of Michigan.

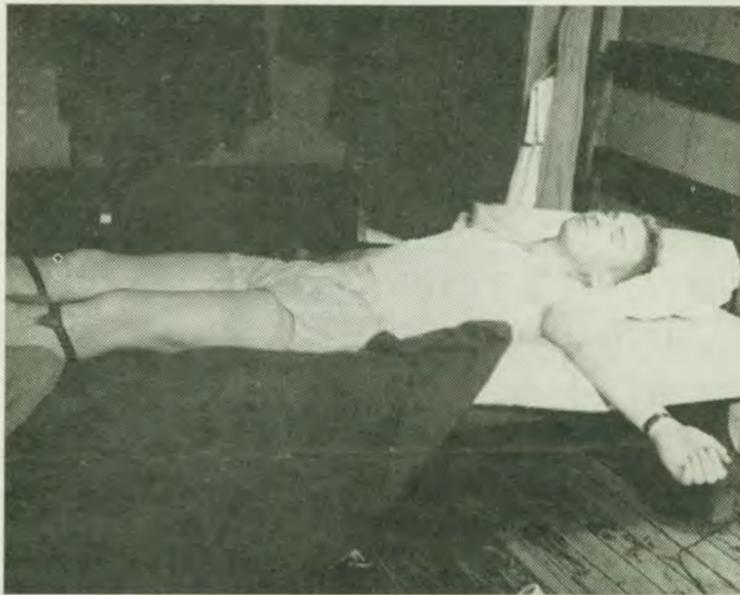
For two, and one-half years before she joined the Women's Army Corps, 2nd. Lt. Broudy was librarian at the Brooklyn public library. But outbreak of the war and the United States' entry into the conflict gave Miss Broudy a broader vision of public service and she resigned as librarian to don the smart uniform of the Wac.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

This might be called a "Tactical Officer's Delight," or maybe "Thirty Tours!" (Not Cook's tours, either.)

The Tactical Officer who is making the inspection, Lt. L. G. Guiducci, can scarcely conceal his pleasure at coming upon such a treasure-trove of demerits. See the incipient smile upon his lips? Not only will each article out of place be written as a separate demerit but the unfortunate cadet who sleeps in that bed will have to explain why his bed is in gross disorder during inspection hours! Then the Barracks Chief will be reported for allowing a cadet to have his bed in such disreputable order; and finally the Tactical Officer will have to report himself for letting a Cadet fall so far from the pinnacle of perfection! (But let's be truthful, Gentle Reader. The picture was especially posed—as if you didn't know.)



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

The recent suspension of Physical Training activities did not afford Cadets any opportunity for rest. The time was well occupied with a good old G.I. Party—the scrubbing of the floor!

Cadet C. W. McConnell pictured above has just completed scrubbing his area and is now so exhausted that he needs to take time off to recuperate. Ah! If only Cadet life were like that twenty-five hours a day! Ah! Dreams of Hedy Lamarr! (If that's what you're dreaming of, Cadet, you'd better dream of something else—or a certain Tactical Officer is going to be pretty mad at your trifling with his gal!)

Osseo, Minn. (CNS)—Nick Heap used to entertain friends by picking up a table with his teeth. But two men gave him such a terrible beating that his teeth have now lost their grip. So, deprived of his greatest social accomplishment, Heap has sued the pair for \$5,000.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

# Informal Reception for Officers

On 1 of January, 1944, at 1700, the officers of Strother will have an informal reception and tea dance at the officers club.

On the receiving line from 1700 to 1800 will be Col. and Mrs. J. F. Carroll, Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. L. Beatty, Major and Mrs. M. W. Allen, Major and Mrs. D. E. Dunn, Major and Mrs. T. C. Abbott, Major and Mrs. O. R. Smoot, Major and Mrs. Mrs. J. R. Williams, Major and Mrs. S. S. Wolf, Major and Mrs. J. W. Erickson, Major and Mrs. C. F. Breeden, Major and Mrs. K. D. Culbertson, Major and Mrs. R. B. Mosher, 1st. Lt. and Mrs. G. N. Rood, Chaplain and Mrs. R. L. Young, and 1st. Lt. Gertrude E. Ryan.

From 1900 to 2300 there will be

# Ye Liftings

Cpl: I just brought a skunk in the barracks.

Sgt. Novak: Wherinhel you going to keep him?

Cpl: I tied him under your bed.

Sgt. N: Waffor? Wat about da smell?

Cpl: He'll have to get used to it just like the rest of us.

A luscious looking Wichita, witch had finally succeeded in wooing a Strother GI over to her table at the Shadowland after many long, inviting glances. With bravado he sauntered up to her and said: "Lookie Sis, yer wasting yer time, so don't bother me; whiskey is my weakness." (It says here in fine print.)

dancing with music furnished by the post orchestra. Later in the evening, refreshments will be served.

# Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



# Combat Report



"If you'll tell me just what you're looking for perhaps I can help!"

### PT Men Not Idle During Flu Layover

The muscle men of SF have not been idle during this two weeks period in which Pt classes have been canceled because of the flu spread.

Asphalt walks have been built around the gym itself, and near the hard surface play area, where volleyball and basketball courts have been laid out for future play.

In addition to this, the lads have been busy inside the muscle-hall, fixing up the officers' locker room, showers, and their own dressing room.

### Apology

Da guy who was supposed to bring our white Christmas (from the song of the same name) wishes to apologize for getting it here two days late. It seems he was bringin' the white stuff from the north and he got way-layed up in Wichita by some bad bootleg hooch he bought. He promises to be on time next year.

### Don't Waste Any Juice, Bruce!

Electrical power at Strother Field is being wasted. Its not Joe or Jack who's to blame, it's you chum, and it's gotta stop, that's the order.

Such was the meat of a memo issued by HQ last week, because an unnecessary overloading of Strother power distribution lines. The following steps are recommended to reduce this waste to nothing:

1. Unnecessary lights over desks, work benches, in latrines, etc., must be turned out when work is not in progress.
  2. Approved electric heaters only will be used. All others will be considered "found on post" and handed to post salvage.
  3. Sixty watt bulbs are standard. Use of bulbs in excess of 100 watts must be approved. Burned out bulbs should be replaced with bulbs of equal wattage.
- Electricity is one of the critical necessities of war. When it is wasted thru carelessness, it is the same thing as sabotage.

### Tac Officers

They drag me out of bed Before the break of day. I shake my sleepy head And try to stay awake.

They line me up for chow; You must be fed they say. I force myself to eat — I pretend it's good today.

They call me out for drill And march me to and fro, They teach me to obey But I long to hear "dis-missed"

And then they have inspection; They say that I am raunchy. They write me up again And put me on the ramp.

They tell me I should love This life of ease I've led. I think I must be crazy; I need more time in bed.

—A/C Charles M. Scott.

Rockford, Ill. (CNS) — Mrs. Darius Conklin picked up the wrong traveling bag while in a railroad station here. It contained a sawed-off shotgun.



## sport slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

The Edward J. Neil Memorial Award, given each year by the New York Boxing Writers' Association to the man who has done most for boxing has been awarded to the 4,019 boxers serving the U. S. armed forces.

Previous winners of the award, which is made in the name of Eddie Neil, a war correspondent killed in the Spanish Revolution, were Jack Dempsey, Billy Conn, Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis and Barney Ross.

Among the 4,019 boxers now in the services are all the award winners save Armstrong and also such "name" fighters as Gene Tunney, Jim Braddock, Max and Buddy Baer, Lou Ambers, Freddy Apostoli, Billy Soose, Benny Leonard, Midget Smith and Augie Ratner.

Eighteen boxers have been killed in action and 25 have been wounded.

One-A in the draft are the New York Football Giants' towering tackle, Al Blozis, former Georgetown University All-American, and the Washington Redskins' Bob Seymour, halfback.

Yankee Slugger Charlie Keller has been deferred by his Maryland draft board but his deferment isn't going to do the Yankees any good. The board classified Keller 3A and froze him to his winter war plant job.

### Provost Marshal Says No Bobsledding

Last week during the lull in work afforded them by a second PTless and victimless week caused by the flu, the PT bone-crushers, lead by muscle-heavy Sgt. Muchowich, nailed together a contraption with runners and called it a bobsled, and then started using it on the post.

After numerous rides hitched behind SF autos, during which they picked up ever so many female hitch-hikers, the Provost Marshal, seeing the fun, sent an MP over to tell the boys to break it up, and stop riding behind cars because it was dangerous.

Shedding large crocodile tears, the lads picked up their sled and began looking for a hill or a horse. They're still looking.

### Finfinellas Pipe Greetings to Many

On Christmas day, acting as holiday representatives from the land of Snafu, were a number of prank-playing finfinellas (female gremlins to you, chum) who called many sad souls who had to work on the phone and wished them the best for the Yuletide.

Using that corny gag about "I have a telegram for you from Western Yoonyun" and then singing "Silent Night, Holy Night," "Jingle Bells," and "White Christmas," these jolly sprites gave cheer to the BOQ, the OD, the guard at the front gate, the post operator, and those in the officers' mess.

Trenton, N. J. (CNS) — The State Assembly was discussing a proposal to pay Assemblymen more than the \$500 a year they are now receiving when 54-year-old Assemblyman Thomas M. Muir stood up. "I want you to know," he said, "that I don't have to do this for a living. I'm independent. My mother's a welder."

## Two Tight Games Mark 4th Round in Squadron Tourney

Two of the closest tussles of the SF intra-squadron basketball tournament happened in the fourth round series last Wednesday night in the post gym, when the 1082nd nosed out the 448th, and the Medics came from behind to trounce the 322nd. The third game scheduled was a 1088th Guard forfeit to the 55th.

### 1082nd and 448th Score Totters Back and Forth

A neck and neck struggle between the 1082nd BFTS Squadron and the 448th BHQ Squadron occupied the first part of Wednesday evening's play, with the 1082nd coming out thumbs up at the end with a score of 26 to 23.

The game was a toss-up all the way thru; the score at the first quarter was a tie. The 448th emerged with a one-point margin of 13-12 at the second period, and finally 1082nd moved ahead with 21-13 in the third, and holding the 448th to ten points until the final gun when they copped the game.

High score men for the 1082nd were Murbrook with 14, and Steabar with 8 digits. Bova and his seven marks was top man for the BHQ group.

### Medics Come From Behind To Moilder 322nd Men

The second, and equally fast clash between two determined hard-playing teams, was the scramble between the Medics, who are strong contenders for the title the 55th would like to have, and the strong-spirited men of the 322nd.

The first quarter found the 322nd leading with a 13-4 tally; the second period showed the Medics creeping up at 21-16; the third was a dead-lock period ending in 23 all, and the final mark gave the Medics a rugged 34 to the 322nd's 27.

Without eagle-eye Cagle, who scored 24 out of the Medics' 34 points, and big-pipe Nicholas who pumped up the aother ten, the men from the hospital would have never beaten the smooth 322nd team. Estell with 8 digs, and Johnson and Green, both with seven buckets apiece, did their damndest to pull their team into the lead, but to no avail.

### Guards' Team Sifted By Duty and Furloughs

Tough luck again hit the 1088th

Guard Squadron when the key members of their team were placed on duty while others were off on furlough, and a forfeiture to the 55th resulted. These lads have been dragging the bottom of the ladder this robin play-off but look forward to making a comeback soon.

448th—23		1082nd—26	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Dodds, f	0 0	Murbrook, f	6 2
Busch, f	0 0	Beckett, f	1 0
Reid, f	3 0	Childs, c	1 0
Lucke, c	3 0	Smith, g	0 0
Bova, g	3 1	Steuber, g	3 2
Selvidge, g	2 0		

Medics—34		322nd—27	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Cagle, f	10 4	Estell, f	4 0
Dickos, f	0 0	N. Johnson, f	3 1
Nicholas, c	3 4	Green, c	3 1
Childers, g	0 0	Wright, g	1 0
Haungs, g	0 0	Taylor, g	1 1
		J. Johnson, g	0 0

### TEAM STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
55th	4	0	1.000
1082nd	3	1	.750
Medics	2	2	.500
448th	2	2	.500
322nd	1	3	.250
1088th	0	4	.000

Lt. (jg) Joe Hunt, national tennis singles champion, is ranked first in the United States Lawn Tennis Association rating of American tennis stars, released recently, succeeding Ens. Ted Schroeder, national champion last year. Runner-up to Hunt is another serviceman, Coastguardsman Jack Kramer of East Los Angeles, Cal., while Cpl. Frank Parker of Los Angeles is ranked eighth.

Oh Man! Change your oil, get your brakes relined and pull out yur hanky, because PT starts again next week in full swing!

This TS fact was announced yestiddy by Capt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of SF, as he sat behind his desk wearing a grim smile of pleasure. This flu vacation hasn't made anyone any harder physically.



PT. HARRY GEORGE SHENANDO PER. REPL. DEPOT, PA.

"That's what I love about you honey; you're such a darn swell cook."



## Class 44-C Completes Basic Flying Training at Strother

Aviation Cadet Class 44-C, the largest ever to be graduated at Strother Field is this week completing its basic flying training.

Representing all sections of the country, members of the class are looking forward to their advanced schooling upon completion of which they will receive their silver wings and commissions as second lieutenants in the army air forces.

Advanced training will take place for these cadets in the state of Texas. Many will go to the Blacklands Army Air Field at Waco, Tex., and Pampa Army Air Field at Pampa, Tex., for twin engine training. The others will receive further training in single engine planes at Aloe Field, Victoria, Texas.

The graduation dance of Class 44-C was held Wednesday night of this week at the officer's club on Strother Field. The post orchestra played for the occasion.

Guests of the cadets came from Winfield and Arkansas City by special transportation. Wives of post officers were hostesses at the dance. Many executive officers and flight officers and their wives were special guests for the affair.

The informal music hour given at the post theatre will have the following program 1200 Tuesday and 1400 Saturday:

1. Two arias by Lily Pons—from the Magic Flute and the Marriage of Figaro.
2. The Sorcerer's Apprentice by Dukas.
3. Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony.

Come if you can—it's informal.

## Free Coffee and Cookies Each Friday Nite

Beginning this evening there will be weekly "GI Parties" held in the enlisted men's service club. No, junior, you do not have to scrub the floors and wash the windows like in your barrack! This series of parties will offer free coffee and cookies and will take place following your barrack duty.

Mrs. Bernheisel, club hostess, announced today that enlisted men may "come as they are," remember it's informal. So, stagger up to the club after your chores are completed tonight and have a good time—all free.

The wives or girl friends of enlisted men are cordially invited to visit the club during each week. Mrs. Bernheisel has the authority to sign passes admitting guests to the field and service club. There is a record player available for dancing each evening in addition to post orchestra music on Tuesday evenings.

Among the future programs being planned in the club is a musical program scheduled for next Wednesday.

## RED CROSS CANTEEN TO HONOR 30 STROTHER EM AT DINNER

Thirty enlisted men from Strother Field, in recognition of valued service given the Sumner county scrap metal committee and the Red Cross canteen unit at Wellington, will be guests of the canteen for dinner the evening of January 11 at Wellington. They will be accompanied by three officers: Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer; Major Samuel S. Wolf, quartermaster; Lt. Hugh Fewell, motor transportation officer.

The soldiers were drivers of 30 trucks sent by Strother Field to pick up scrap metal in Sumner county on December 19. In collaboration, soldiers and drivers of civilian trucks picked up 185½ tons of scrap metal from farmers, junk dealers and other sources in Sumner county on that day. So successful was the campaign and so great was the impetus given the scrap metal drive on that day that the contributions have since been increased to an estimated 225 tons, according to word received from A. W. Boyer, commercial representative of the War Production Board, who assisted in the drive. Proceeds from the sale of the metal were given to the Wellington Red Cross canteen for its very active program.

C. L. Webber of Wellington, who served as chairman of the drive, was lavish in his praise of the soldiers' efforts.

"We honestly believe it would

## PT Classes Are Again Cancelled

The most popular officers at Strother Field this week are Col. J. F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Field, and Major J. W. Erickson, post surgeon.

Upon recommendation of Major Erickson, Col. Carroll issued an order canceling physical training classes for an indefinite period, in line with the flu prevention program at the field.

A telegram received from Randolph Field by Capt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director, warmed the hearts and in fact the complete anatomy of all men in the 1082nd Maintenance Squadron. This group will have no PT classes during the two months of January and February. Duties on the line and weather conditions at this time of year are the reasons given by Capt. Stoner.

When PT classes are resumed for all other enlisted men, cadets and officers, honors for being the "most unpopular" officer on the field will go to Capt. Stoner, who desires it clearly understood at this time that he is not the one who will give the word "go."

## Five Smiths Now at Strother Field

Persons calling Lt. Smith at Strother Field must be more explicit. Within the past few days two more Smiths have checked in at Strother Field to swell to five names a list of Lieutenants Smith.

Latest arrival of the Smith lieutenants is Karl B., a first looney from Otego, N. Y., who has been assigned as assistant post chaplain. He came to Strother Field last week.

The other four Lieutenants Smith are all flying officers, all second lieutenants. Newcomer of this flying quartet is Edward E. Smith of Houston, Texas, who came to Strother Field on December 15. He was celebrating his 21st birthday anniversary the day the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor, so that makes him 23 now and the senior member of the Smith lieutenant fliers at Strother Field. However, in seniority, 2nd Lt. Edward E. takes a back seat when the new assistant post chaplain is considered; he is 32 years old. Youngest of the lot is 2nd Lt. Rex B. Smith of Angleton, Texas, who next month will observe his twenty-first anniversary.

Besides being oldest of the five, Lt. Karl B. at 5 ft. 11½ in. and 180 pounds is a full inch taller than the tallest of the four Smith fliers and outweighs the other four Lieutenants Smith from 20 to 30 pounds.

Two of the five live in Illinois, two in Texas. Richard W. is from Chicago and Kenneth L. from Alvin, Ill. Rex B. is of Angletown and Edward E. of Houston.

## Handball Courts Added To Athletic Equipment

Yessah, handball is to be added to the long list of sports available to officers, cadets and EM the day the two new four-walled regulation size courts being built just in back of the post gym are finished. In spite of the murky weather, the construction of the courts, which began over a week ago, is well on its way, the floors being nearly completed.

The building housing the courts will annex the main gymnasium, and players will be able to enter the courts thru doors on the gym stage, without ever going outside. Equipment for the sport is now being purchased altho gloves are difficult to procure thru sporting goods agencies.

## New Ass't. Chaplain Arrives For Duty

1st Lt. Karl B. Smith is now SF's assistant Chaplain, a recent addition to the chapel staff.

Chaplain Smith hails from Otego, N. Y. He attended Unadilla high school, and received his bachelor's in education at the Oneonta State Teachers' College, also in New York.

Commissioned October of '43, the Lt. attended the Chaplains' school at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., before being transferred to CFTC, and then to Strother Field. He arrived for duty here on December 30th. Welcome to our fair city, Chaplain!

## Brig. Gen. Strother Visits in Winfield

Brig. Gen. Dean C. Strother, after spending 18 months as commanding general of the Thirteenth Air Force Fighter Command in the South Pacific, recently returned to this country and has been visiting with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Strother of Winfield. He arrived by army bomber at Strother Field last week, coming here from Texas. Col. J. F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Field and members of his staff greeted the general upon his arrival. Gen. Strother is a brother of the late Capt. Don Strother for whom this base is named.

The general is a pilot who not only commands an entire fighter unit but one who goes on bombing missions himself and is ready to take on any Jap that might cross his path.

On one of his trips with the men he commands, Strother was forced to make a night landing at sea over Guadalcanal while that island was being "softened up."

"We carried out our mission, but on the return trip we saw we didn't have enough gasoline to make our base. Fortunately our landing was made near an island."

The plane sank 30 seconds after it hit the water, according to Gen. Strother. The general and nine others were aboard and paddled the life rafts to the island and to safety the next day.

General Strother at the age of 35 is the second youngest general in the army.—Winfield Courier.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

It was a chilly day to pose for a group picture as evidenced by icicles hanging from the station hospital roof, but staff members gathered, sans overcoats, for the occasion.

Shown front row, left to right are: Capt. Charles W. McMillin, 1st Lt. Robert E. Koch, Major Aaron A. Sprong, Major John W. Erickson, Capt. Cyril E. Drysdale, Capt. John E. Wensley, and Capt. Bernard H. Bloom. Second row: 2nd Lt. Ida Brugnetti, 2nd Lt. Ida Stratemann, 2nd Lt. Maria A. Carvajal, 1st Lt. Gertrude E. Ryan, 2nd Lt. Dorothy D. Eddy, 2nd Lt. Grace E. Wojciehowski and 2nd Lt. Elfronsia F. Terek. Third row: 1st Lt. Ben R. Deskin, Capt. Raymond Chamberlain, Capt. Wilbur G. Whiteneck, Capt. Earl McPhaill and 1st Lt. John Dobrojevic. Fourth row: Capt. Frank N. Gluhm, 2nd Lt. Robert E. Grubb, 1st Lt. William A. Wishart, 1st Lt. Kenneth L. Win'ters and 2nd Lt. Nevin J. Rodes.

# Speaking of-Gals

The following was written by "Veteran of Two Wars" to the Public Letter Box of the Detroit (Michigan) News.

## "THE GALS" DISAPPOINT THIS WAR VETERAN

To the Editor:

So the WAC recruiting drive is 53,000 behind schedule. So the drive for WAVES is lagging about 44,000. So what? So the January draft call for men is to be 350,000, the highest since last June. It seems the gals are not interested.

They can put it down in their histories that the biggest washout of the war was the gals. They can also put it down that if we have another war, it will be universal conscription to include the dames.

Look at them today! Whose kids are running wild?—the gals!

Who can't get home to fix up a meal for the old man because she's trying to break even at a bingo game?—the gals.

Who takes up most of the room in the afternoon cocktail joints and the beer parlors?—the same.

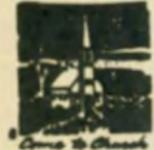
Who gives you the flip talk in the stores because she knows the boss can't hire competent help?—the gals. Who's the biggest absentee headache in the shops?—the gals.

The government wants 300,000 of them for the army to release that many men for combat. So it puts on an enlistment drive that not only appeals to the gals but gets down on its knees and begs.

Who responds? The gals. How many of them? Sixty thousands.

Was there ever a race as spoiled as this generation of gals? The woman pays. That's a laugh. She's sitting on top of the world, with a hair drier on her empty head and her face in a glamor magazine. For all she has been given, did anyone ever give so little?

300,000 patriots needed, and 60,000 respond. The color of the uniform doesn't go with the hair, or the cap is wrong. Stand back, gals, the war may yet be won in spite of you.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

### "THE WAY OF VICTORY"

The Post Chaplain having been on the Field for the last two months of the old year wishes to express his thanks for the spirit of cooperation that has been so abundantly shown by all. But now that we are entering the New Year he wishes to express his sincere appreciation for the actual cooperation he has been assured of getting from now on out.

It is a genuine pleasure to know that we have here on Strother Field so many officers in places of leadership, and of all faiths, who are aware of the importance of spiritual things. It is this kind of leadership throughout the Air Corps, Armies, and Navies of the United Nations that has kept the light of faith and hope burning during the dark hours that have been ours. It is that type of leadership, walking unashamedly and unafraid in the calm assurance that they are within the will of God that has won and is winning for us on the many battlefields of the world, and it is that kind of leadership that will win for us here on this Field.

In awareness of the reality of God, His interest in justice and righteousness, let us all, then, begin and carry through the New Year that spirit that will carry us from victory unto victory; let us so think and live that we need not be ashamed to be counted among those who are on God's side; let us seek and find the Source, the Book, the place and the hour of strength; let us be a people whom God can honor and use in making a better world in which to live and rear our children. Finally, let us make this Field a vital unit in the onward march for victory,—in the full sense of the word.



### THIS WEEK ABROAD WE SEE

British and American bombers have been steadily softening up the west coast of France . . . soon—soon, they say, D day will come . . . with Generals "Ike" Eisenhower and "God Almighty" Montgomery leading the putsch . . . in the East, the giant air-sea fist of the allies is slowly strangling Rabaul . . . In Italy the men of the US 5th and GB 8th press wearily onward uphill thru mud to strike at the battle-wise Germans . . . In Russia, Gorodok has fallen . . . Vitebsk is next . . . when it falls, the key to Nazi positions goes also, and a withdrawal to Poland will be likely . . . the Scharnhorst went searching for prey in the Arctic Sea, and found only a battle and death instead . . . scratch a big one . . . Vichy France has ants in her plants . . . as sabotage continues, Laval is named number one rat, and all the other rodents scurrying for cover before the invasion comes . . . Der Foocy and head-hunter Himmler tried to put on a sports show in Norway . . . after threatening, broken bones, and cajoling the quislings, he got some 3rd rate men to put on a 5th rate carnival.

### WE SEE AT HOME THIS WEEK

The War Dept is now in the railroad business again . . . FDR wishes the newsmen to drop the Dem slogan "New Deal" . . . the 1944 tax bill (which makes you glad you're not a civilian) has finally reached the Senate floor . . . a revolution in Bolivia has brought a little "good neighbor trouble" to the US . . . Gen Holcomb, former CO of the Marine Corps will retire a full general—the first in the history of the corps . . . Lt. Gen. Andrew McNaughton, the man who built Canada's fighting army, has retired because of illness . . . Gene Krupa is back with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra . . . Charley Chaplin has got another "protégé" and will make a comedy called "Mrs. Bluebeard," or something.



Q. Does a three-day pass count against my furlough time?

A. No. Passes up to 72 hours are not entered on your service record and do not count against your furlough time.

Q. Is an enlisted man permitted to marry while stationed in foreign theaters of operation?

A. Not without the permission of his commanding officer.

## Member Class 44-C Formerly with Beechcraft

Not far from the two towns in which he attended high school and pursued his civilian occupation, Marvin L. Klein of South Maple St., Peabody, Kans., has been learning to be a pilot of Uncle Sam's fleet fighter craft. Klein is a member of Class 44-C now completing training at Strother Field.

Before he entered aircraft training last February, Cadet Klein was a clerk in the education department of the Beech Aircraft Corporation of Wichita. His duties included promotion of such courses as blueprint reading, sheet metal work and aeronautical terminology—courses which he says have come in mighty handy as supplementary work in his training as a pilot. Klein's father works on the final assembly line at Beech at the present time.

## Ye Liftings

Two little jorks were walking along the street together. All of a sudden they glommed little Phyliss who lives up in the next block.

"Some tomata, eh Jack?" asked jork number one.

"Naw, her neck's dirty," retorted jork number two.

"Her does?" brought back number one, licking his lips.

Rookie Jack: I'm sorry I didn't salute you sir, but I didn't see you.

Shaveytail: Thasalright fellow; at first I thought you were mad at me.

Granny was knitting. Her soft white hair glistened in the warm firelight, and her old rocker creaked as she slowly moved to and fro, her head bent towards her work. Little Toots who had just come in, went over to Granny's chair and asked her politely, "What are you knitting for, Granny?"

"Oh, just for the hell of it," she replied as she lifted her head and blew a puff of cigarette smoke into the air.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 8 Jan. 1944

HOLIDAY INN

(Revival)

Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire  
Sports Parade

Sunday and Monday, 9-10 Jan.

LOST ANGEL

Margaret O'Brien, James Craig  
News of the Day  
This is America

Tuesday, 11 January

Double Feature

SHE'S FOR ME

Grace McDonald, David Bruce  
WHISPERING FOOTSTEPS  
Rita Quigley, John Hubbard

Wed. and Thurs., 12-13 Jan.

DESTINATION TOKIO

John Ridgely, Allen Hale  
Cary Grant, John Garfield  
News of the Day

Friday, 14 Jan.

TARZAN'S DESERT MYSTERY  
Passing Parade—Color Cartoon  
Screen Snapshots

## Two Air-Wac Recruits Are Sworn in at Strother Field

Miss Josephene E. Clark of Nickerson and Miss B. Florine Harris of 337 North Seneca, Wichita, were recently sworn into the Women's Army Corps at Strother Field, by Lt. Geraldine Levy. Both were sworn in as Air-Wacs.

For Miss Clark her induction was her second into the Women's Army Corps. On Dec. 29, 1942, she took her first oath. Subsequently, when the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps became the Women's Army Corps she withdrew to care for her mother who was ill. That responsibility taken care of, she immediately began arrangements to re-enter service with the armed forces, arrangements which bore fruit at Strother Field.

Not only does Miss Clark believe in the Women's Army Corps for herself but for her sister, Marian, who now is a Wac serving at Camp McCoy, Wis.

Miss Harris is a graduate of Beloit high school and for a year after finishing her schooling worked in the paint shop of Cessna aircraft at Wichita. Then she became a Wichita city bus driver on the College Hill route.

## NIGHT

By John A. DeLootch, Jr.  
Pvt., Medical Det.

The night so still, yet is singing.  
The night so still, yet is bringing  
Forth a thrilling symphony,  
That bestirs the soul and heart in me.

My heart inflamed, yet withstanding.  
My heart inflamed, it's demanding.  
"Come, my dear and explore with me  
This enchanting night of secrecy."

The night so still, yet is inviting.  
The night so still, yet is exciting.  
While bewitched by this memory,  
There's a strange delight that comes to me.

The winds were calm, yet were shifting.  
The winds were calm, yet were lifting  
Me from my mystic scenery  
Up into the eternity.

The stars, yet bright, then were beaming.  
The stars, yet bright, then were gleaming.  
I thrilled to this discovery,  
The stars, violets of real beauty.

I'm recalling (it's besetting)  
I'm recalling and regretting  
The night I searched the mystery  
And the heaven's glory fled from me.

Heaven's jewels then were fleeting.  
Heaven's jewels were retreating,  
Racing hellward to the sea,  
Leaving traces of its luxury.

My soul disturbed by a pounding.  
My soul disturbed by a sounding,  
Taunting, dreich, earthy misery,  
Of a faint familiar quality.

My head so still, yet is reeling.  
My head so still, yet revealing,  
I awoke to the destiny  
Of the church bell's echoing plea.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark. City and Winfield)

- Sat.—Win.—Dance—Door prize  
Ark.—Informal dancing
- Sun.—Win.—Can you guess it? Call  
Ark.—Bingo—Free call
- Mon.—Win.—Kitchen party—Games  
Ark.—Bride and game night
- Tues.—Win.—Do-as-you-please—Dance  
Ark.—Do-as-you-please night
- Wed.—Win.—Informal dance  
Ark.—Snack bar party
- Thurs.—Win.—Bride party—Record voice  
Ark.—GI and GSO ping pong
- Fri.—Win.—Ping pong, badminton  
Ark.—Married couples party  
for GIs and wives

## What's new in your home town?

Brockway, Pa. (CNS) — Three hunters shot a bear and—thinking him dead—threw him into the back seat of their car. However, the bear soon revived, whereupon the three hunters lowered the present world's record for getting out of a car. Once outside they shot the bear again, with the following results: The bear was killed, the rear tire and gas tank of the auto were ruined by bullets, the insurance company refused to pay damages and the three hunters were arrested on a charge of killing a bear out of season.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (CNS) — Mark Thrash, Civil War veteran and the oldest pensioner on the payroll of the Federal government, died at his home here at the age of 122. Thrash, born in slavery in 1820, fought for the South in the Civil War, outlived five wives and 11 of his 29 children. He married his fifth wife when he was 102.

Chicago (CNS) — Mike Micelli, 40, was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge after his wife Mary, 27, had testified in Domestic Relations Court that he sold her to a friend for \$25. She lived with the friend for awhile, Mrs. Micelli said, and then returned to her husband.

Deer Isle, Me. (CNS)—Herman S. Conary, 74, and his wife, 76, died within 10 minutes of each other here on the eve of their 56th wedding anniversary.

Hillsboro, Ill. (CNS)—Four men and a dog went hunting 'coons the other day. After several hours of hunting had produced no traces of a 'coon, the dog suddenly turned on the hunters and chased them up a tree, where they remained until dawn when the dog, tired of it all, walked away.

## G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

1. A new Nazi rocket glider that carries a bomb and is steered to crash into ships and planes by radio control recently was used against an Allied convoy in the Atlantic—

A—Successfully B—Unsuccessfully  
2. The celebration in the National Capital on Dec. 17 of the 40th anniversary of the first successful flight of a heavier-than-air machine was marked by the announcement that the original airplane, now in the British Museum in London, would be returned to America after the war to be "enshrined" in the Smithsonian Institution in—

A—Washington B—St. Louis  
3. The P47 Thunderbolt fighter of the United States Army Air Forces is equipped to carry a single bomb which weighs—

A—500 pounds B—1,000 pounds

Answers: 1—B; 2—A; 3—A.

Sgt. Broskowiak's New Year resolution is not to make any resolutions.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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STROTHER FIELD, KANSAS

T. S. CLUB

★ THIS MAN, \_\_\_\_\_, is authorized

★ to use this "T. S." ticket when necessary, \_\_\_\_\_

★ NOTE

★ Star equals \_\_\_\_\_ Signature.

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THE TS SLIP AND HOW TO USE IT

Way, way, back in the history of the Army, probably during colonial times, some slight little Pfc was blubbering in his jeans about a raw deal he got, maybe being restricted to the camp or something while the other joes went off to town to grog up. A big burly Sgt (even in those days they were the same) came along, heard his tale of woe, and then patted him on the shoulder with the remark, "T—oo S—ad, chummie." Instantly the custom of TS sprang into usage among Army men, until we find it today, a veritable GI institution.

**TS SLIP NOW REAL**

The TS slip has been more or less a figure of speech at SF until last week when because of an incident in the Repro center, it took shape. It seems a buck Sgt had pressed Cpl. Frazee at a moment when he was PO for some work, and Frazee explained the flood of work in heated terms. "That's tough," replied the Sgt, "Maybe yu betta have yur TS slip ready the nex time I cum aroun'." So the SF Ink Spots, Cpls David A. Frazee, Vernon P. Hearn, and William A. James, got together and drew up the plan for a TS slip.

**HOW AND WHERE TO USE IT**

The TS slip is one thing which can never be overdone. The more often you use it, the more effective it is. Whenever you get PO or have a raw deal, run up to your non-com, your top-kick, your CO or the Chaplain, and have him punch out a portion. As your cards gradually accumulate, and you reach the coveted 1000-punched-card-class, you approach the ultimate in all TSers. Tie your thousand latrine passes together, submit them to the Prairie Flier for verification, and you may come in and cry on the Ed's shoulder for half an hour. At least there's something worth working for; cut it out and begin.

Two Kansas Citians In Class 44-C

Two young Kansas Citians are among the Eager Beavers in the basic flying training graduating class, 44-C, at Strother Field. They are: Thomas Conway Leary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James Leary of 6508 Jefferson Ave., Kansas City, Mo., and Carl Porter Hensley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hensley of route 5, North Kansas City.

Before he entered the Army, Hensley was employed in the city collection department of the Commerce Trust Company. Leary was a student in the University of Missouri when he volunteered for air crew training. With completion of basic flying training at this station they will be but nine short weeks away from their first primary goal,—silver pilot's wings and officers commissions.

Highway Patrolman Member Class 44-C

Aviation Cadet Richard L. Simpson of route 2, El Cajon, Calif., who a few months ago was patrolling the famous General Grant National Park highway at the entrance of Sequoia National Forest and the high Sierras, is now ending his basic flying training as a member of Class 44-C at Strother Field.

Cadet Simpson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Simpson of route 2, El Cajon, and is married to the former Mary Jane Glass of Visalia, Calif. She has been residing at Winfield during the time he has been stationed at Strother Field.

322nd News

Paramount interest in the 322nd Squadron this last week has been about the "Sweetheart" Contest. The 322 mess hall droned with discussion as to who was to be the "Sweetheart." Various cliques and syndicates discussed pro and con the characteristics and traits of the various contestants. Men tried to persuade other men as to the definiteness of their choices. At press time no announcement has been made as to the winner of the contest. It was decided that the votes locked in the heart shaped chest be opened at the Service Club Thursday evening, Jan. 6. The commanding officer, Lt. Wm. J. Logan, officiated at the ceremonies. The affair was formal and the Post Orchestra furnished the music. Everything in regard to the refreshments was on the house. Visitors from Wichita, Wellington, Independence, Ponca City, Okla., Newkirk, Okla., along with friends from Winfield and Ark. City attended.

Did a Christmas show Sunday night and the audience gave me a silent night.

To be happily married you should have a keen sense of humor. The more you humor them, the more they like it.

Sgt. Walker believes nothing can be more frequent than an occasional drink.

SF Complete Wac Recruiting Station

Heretofore SF had to send WAC recruits to Wichita for their mental exams, but now, under a change of system, Strother has become a full-fledged WAC recruiting depot.

Today, a young lady anxious to serve her country in the armed forces may come to the field in the morning, take her mental, physical, have an interview, and be in the Army before she leaves in the evening. She is held on reserve status until called into active service and basic training. Facilities have been provided for those ladies who come in from out of town to remain with the Wac officers overnight on the field, in case their examination bridge two days.

2nd Lt. Geraldine Levy, officer in charge of the recruiting program at SF, announced that of the women enlisting at this station, quite a number of them are former WAACs, who found it hard to be out of the Army, and wanted to be readmitted to service.

Personnel Leaves For Wac Recruiting

Capt. Robert E. Lynch, Jr., Public Relations officer at Strother Field, S/Sgt. Arthur H. Fink and Cpl. Oscar F. Cassibry left Winfield this morning on detached service to resume their Air Wac recruiting duties in the Sixth Service Command.

Captain Lynch and S/Sgt. Fink will be situated at Headquarters of the Sixth Service Command in Chicago, from where Captain Lynch will supervise Wac recruiting for the state of Illinois.

Cpl. Cassibry will Wac recruit in Milwaukee, Wis. The three returned the early part of December from Wac recruiting in the state of Michigan.

Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Bootlegging is back for a return engagement but the old white mule ain't what it used to be . . . to corn a phrase. The bootleggers are now offering a new fall line of whiskies of the latest cut. To revise an oldie . . . putting the cart before the horse . . . put the quart before the hearse.

Sgt. Craft says, "I've been drinking wine to cure my insomnia. It doesn't make me sleep but I'm satisfied to stay awake."

This is the season for fishing thru the ice. I have indulged in a bit of it . . . but, for cherries.

Major R. J. Hutton, To Wright Field

Major Russell J. H. Hutton, post intelligence officer of Strother Field, begins the new year at a new station, with new duties—at present undisclosed.

Coming to Strother November 1, 1942, when the field was still under the charge of the engineers constructing it, Major Hutton is being transferred to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, after spending 14 months in this part of South Central Kansas.

The major, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., has been stationed at two air fields in Texas prior to his transfer to Strother Field. He was commissioned in April of 1942, leaving the vice-presidency of a finance and accounting business with offices in Buffalo and New York City.

The major has made his home in Winfield, Kansas, while stationed here. With him have been Mrs. Hutton and their daughter, Dorothy Isobel.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

Members of the Dental staff at Strother station hospital are shown in the picture above. Left to right are: 1st Lt. Ben R. Deskin, Capt. Raymond Chamberlain, Capt. Wilbur G. Whiteneck, Capt. Earl McPhaill and 1st Lt. John Dobrojevic.

Heather Angel Sends Wire to SF 'Generals'

"GREATLY REGRET TOM CONWAY AND I WERE UNABLE TO KEEP SCHEDULED APPEARANCE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS STOP HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL ANOTHER TIME STOP PLEASE CONVEY MY BEST WISHES TO ALL THE BOYS STOP"

Signed: HEATHER ANGEL.

The above wire was received by the Special Service Department of Strother Field Monday of this week. Miss Angel, well-known actress and Conway, featured in the Falcon series of motion pictures, were scheduled to appear at Strother Field in person last week. Delayed elsewhere on their tour of army camps by inclement weather, it was necessary that the two movie stars return to Los Angeles, Calif., cutting short their tour. Here is hoping they may return our way sometime soon.

377th Sub-Depot Becomes Part of Central Flying Training Command

In line with a changeover effective on New Year's day throughout the Central Flying Training Command, headquarters at Randolph Field, Texas, the 377th Sub-Depot of the Air Service Command serving Strother Field has been absorbed and has become a part of the Central Flying Training Command.

At a meeting of all Sub-Depot employees at Strother Field Monday afternoon, Lt. Col. J. L. Beatty, executive officer, acting in the place of Col. Joseph F. Carroll who was unable to fill the appointment, explained the new setup which will in no way affect the working conditions, pay, privileges or procedures of the civilians.

Principal reason for the change which affects all stations in the Central Flying Training Command is unity of command. Through its provisions, Colonel Carroll becomes the commander of the Sub-Depot military personnel and through him all orders will pass from the Central Flying Training Command to those who direct the repair and maintenance of planes at Strother Field.

Though definite instructions have not yet been received, it is expected that all military personnel now assigned to the 377th Sub-Depot will continue in their present duties. However, the officers of the

Sub-Depot, heretofore assigned to the Air Service Command and working out of the Oklahoma City Air Depot at Tinker Field, have now become a part of the Strother Field base personnel and no longer comprise a unit of the Air Service Command. They are: Major Roy B. Mosher, commanding officer; 1st Lt. George C. Kelly, supply officer; 2nd Lt. Marion F. Clark, maintenance officer; 2nd Lt. Robert A. Browning, Jr., assistant maintenance officer; 1st Lt. Howard L. Hawley, officer in charge of signal section.

Rumors circulated that personnel changes and reorganization of the Sub-Depots of the Central Flying Training Command are to be expected are without foundation, according to word received from headquarters at Randolph Field Monday.

"These rumors have no foundation and must be immediately discounted as no changes in personnel or procedure are contemplated," the telegram stated.

Male Call



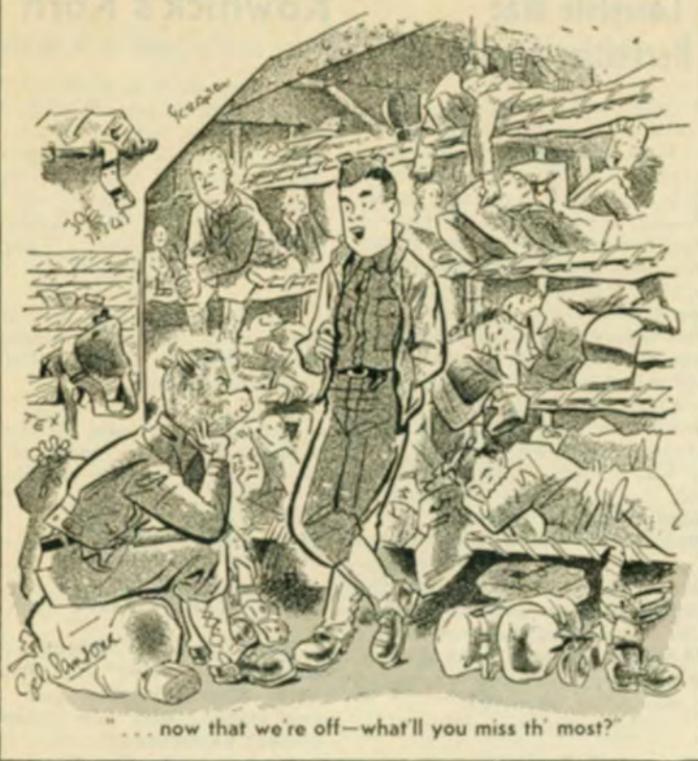
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### Lt. Harmon Proves Value of PT

Ft. Worth, Texas, Jan. 3.—When it happened to Lieutenant Tom Harmon the second time, Army Air Forces Trainees couldn't miss the point.

Once in South America, again in China, physical conditioning—the rugged "all out" kind that student pilots, bombardiers, navigators, gunners and technicians are getting throughout the AAF Training Command's nationwide network of flying and technical schools—had pulled the former Michigan all-American through again. Many a trainee saw the lesson and took it to heart.

Forced to bail out of a bomber over Guinea last April, Lieut. Harmon fought his way through jungles and swamps for a week, came out alive to fight again as a lightning pilot in North Africa, then China. He said his physical condition had saved him.

Downed in a recent air attack on Yangtze River port, on Oct. 30, he has turned up again.

His faith in peak physical condition had paid dividends again. The men who were his AAF physical training instructors say that as an aviation cadet and flier Lieutenant Harmon plunged with all his energy into the physical program. A headline gridiron career had given him strength and stamina, and it had also taught him the value of staying in top form.

Back in the summer of 1942, Lieutenant Harmon was a cadet in basic training at Gardner Field, California.

"His class in physical training," reports Lieutenant Donald D. George, who directs physical training there, "included vigorous calisthenics, distance running, track and field events, swimming, softball, basketball and touch football," and provided each trainee with the reserve of energy and stamina "above the immediate needs of routine flying training," which later would prove vital in combat action.

While he was at Oxnard, California, for his primary training, Cadet Harmon wrote a magazine article on the values of the Training Command's conditioning program. "He lived up to the words he wrote by keeping himself in peak physical condition at all times," said Lieutenant Richard E. LaFranchi, who was his physical training instructor at the post. "Had he not done this, the chances are that he would not have been with us today."

Physical training as the AAF Training Command administers it, is designed to do more than just develop muscles. It prepares ground and air combat crewmen for the tough conditions of combat zones and makes them ready to drop a wrench and grab a gun if necessary.

### All-Stars Lose to Geuda Springs, 22-21

The Strother Field All-Star basketball team met and was defeated by the Geuda Springs, Kans., team last Thursday night in a hard-fought game that ended 22 to 21 in favor of the visitors.

Strother led 5 to 3 in the 1st quarter, held the two point lead at the half when the score was 13 to 11. In the third stanza the Geuda Springs quintet took the lead by one point, 16 to 15, and when the game ended the visitors still held only a one point lead.

Vance and Ferrell shared scoring honors with six points each for the Strother team. Work, Geuda Springs forward, led his teammates in scoring with 9 points.

Strother		Geuda Springs	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Brej	0 1	Work	4 1
Murbrook	1 0	Swain	1 1
Vance	3 0	Spray	0 0
Cagle	1 1	Rutter	3 2
Nicholas	0 1	Ost'ndr	1 0
Ferrell	2 2	P. Bahruth	0 0
Selvidge	0 0	R. Bahruth	0 0
Smith	1 0	Peters	0 0
Dalak	0 0		
Bova	0 0		
	8 5		9 4

### 55th Defeats Cadets In Challenge Game

On 3 Jan., '44 at the post gym in a challenge game of rough and fast play, the 55th BFT Group, holding first place in the squadron league, defeated cadet class 44-C by a hard-won score of 45 to 33.

The game was going to the Cadets in the first quarter at a score of 11 to 5, but the men of the 55th raised the tally to 17-14 in their favor in the second. Stretching their lead to 14 points in the third period for a score of 36-22, and holding the Cadets to 11 points while they gained an additional nine, they produced the final total of 45 to 33.

The game was about the fastest bit of cagery so far this winter, both teams out for the kill, and fighting with spirit. Top score man of the evening was McIlrath of the Cadets, who sank seven buckets for his 14 points, and following him were demon-Vance (55) with 13 digits, Brej and Dalak (both 55th) with ten marks each, and Kieffers (44-C) with 3 buckets anda coupla tosses for 8 pernts.

About seventy-five service men were on the sidelines during the speedy play, composing a sizeable gallery for cheers and groans. The ref for the eve was Lidsky of the PT department (and of the 55th); his handywork: out on four personal fouls—Kieffers of 44-C and Stiles of the 55th.

Cadets—44-C		55th BFT G.	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Schamunk, f	0 0	Brej, f	5 0
Kieffers, f	3 2	Vance, f	5 3
McIlrath, f	7 0	Robertson, f	0 0
Golinaki, f	0 0	Miller, c	1 0
Levine, f	0 0	Lawrence, c	1 0
Lundgren, c	2 2	Dalak, g	4 2
Bucknan, c	0 0	Stiles, g	1 2
Maddock, g	0 1	Woodward, g	1 0
Guthrie, g	1 0	Ferrell, g	1 0
McChigors, g	0 0		
Lillie, g	1 0		



# SPORTS



## sport slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

Forty-three major league players have been inducted into the armed forces since the close of the baseball season last October.

Hardest hit in the draft were the St. Louis Cardinals, National League champions, who lost Walker Cooper, their great catcher; Outfielder Harry Walker, Second Baseman Lou Klien and Johnny Hopp, versatile utility player.

The world champion New York Yankees lost Spud Chandler, their most valuable player and Charlie Keller, veteran outfielder who was frozen to his defense job in Baltimore. In addition, two other stars, Bill Dickey and Joe Gordon, have indicated that they may not play next year.

Among the other players inducted were Luke Appling of the Chicago White Sox; Dick Wakefield and Tommy Bridges of Detroit; Mickey Witek of the New York Giants; Kirby Higbee of Brooklyn, and Hi Bithorn of the Chicago Cubs.

Pvt. Mike De Cosmo, the former lightweight fighter, has the biggest pair of feet of any man his size at Camp Stewart, Ga. He's only five feet five but he wears size 12 kicks.

Lt. Bob Saggau, fleet-footed back on one of Elmer Layden's teams at Notre Dame, has received the Air Medal for heroism in a dive-bombing mission in the South Pacific area.

Connie Mack, Jr., 31-year-old son of the 81-year-old owner and manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, passed his physical the other day at the New Cumberland (Pa.) reception center.

The University of Iowa will perpetuate the memory of Ens. Nile Kinnick, All American quarterback in 1939 who died last June when his Navy fighter plane crashed at sea, with the annual award of a gold medallion to the student judged most like him.

### 5TH ROUND RESULTS

322nd—37		1088th—15	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Estell, f	4 2	Pennell, f	0 1
Smith, f	0 0	Seely, f	3 0
Green, c	11 3	Blackburn, c	2 0
Terry, g	1 0	James, f	1 0
Reid, g	0 0	Schinzler, g	0 0
		Maxwell, g	1 0
		Johnson, g	0 0

Medics—33		44th—25	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Cagle, f	10 0	Biederman, f	2 0
Lander, f	0 0	Selvidge, f	1 0
Shoemaker, g	1 0	Reid, f	4 1
Nicholas, g	4 0	Dodds, f	1 0
Childers, g	1 1	Lucke, c	0 0
Haungs, g	0 0	Halverson, g	0 0
		Bova, g	3 0

55th—40		1082nd—22	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Brej, f	4 1	Ubersax, f	0 0
Wittman, f	0 2	Rupp, g	2 1
Stiles, c	1 0	Beckett, f	1 0
Miller, g	0 0	Murbrook, f	0 2
Vance, g	10 0	Shintaffe, f	0 0
Dalak, g	1 3	Childs, c	2 0
Woodward, g	1 0	Stebur, g	2 1
		Smith, g	0 0
		Baudanza, g	0 0

### SQUADRON BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
55th	5	0	1.000
1082nd	3	2	.600
Medics	3	2	.600
448th	2	3	.400
322nd	2	3	.400
1088th	0	5	.000

First Game of Second Round Robin Play Thursday, Jan. 6th:  
448th vs. 55th 1900  
1088th vs. Medics 2000  
1082nd vs. 322nd 2100  
Second Game of Second Round Robin Play Tuesday, Jan. 11th:  
55th vs. 322nd 1900  
1082nd vs. Medics 2000  
448th vs. 1088th 2100

A woman sneaking out of a store with a silver fox scarf was approached by a store detective who pointed and asked, "Pardon me, Madam, but is that tail hanging from your coat your own?"

## Victory Number Five for The 55th Sqd. League Team

The Headquarters and Headquarters 55th Flying Training Group basketball team completed the first round-robin play among squadron league teams with a perfect record, five games won and none lost. Their latest victory took place Tuesday night when the 1082nd Maintenance Squadron team lost to them by a score of 22 to 40.

### Green, 322nd Center, Cops Scoring Honors

First round-robin played in the squadron basketball league ended Tuesday night with the Headquarters and Headquarters 55th Flying Training Group team leading with five victories and no losses to its credit. One game scored in the winning column was the forfeiture by the hard-luck 1088th Guard Squadron quintet.

Greatest number of points made by any player taking part in all five games was totaled by Green, 322nd Service Squadron center who scored 59 points for an average of 11 4-5 points per game. He had 25 field goals and 9 free throws.

Cagle, Medics forward, played in only three games but hit the basket for 25 field goals and 5 free throws to total 55 points. He averaged 18 1-3 points per game.

Estell, 322nd forward, totaled 50 points for third place. He sunk 22 baskets and 6 free throws for his average of 10 points per game.

Reed, 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron forward, took fourth place with 43 points. He made 21 field goals and 1 free throw. His average was 8 3-5 points per game.

Ferrell, 55th guard, appeared in only three games but scored 16 field goals and 2 free throws to cop sixth place honors with 34 points. His average was 11 1-3 points per game.

Vance, 55th forward, took fifth place honors with 39 points. He made 19 field goals and 1 free throw, averaging 9 3-4 points in each of the four games participated in.

Brej, 55th forward, scored 15 field goals and 2 free throws for a total of 32 points to end up in 7th place. He played in four games for an average of 8 points.

Murbrook, 1082nd Maintenance Squadron center, scored 31 points for 8th place. He made 13 field goals and 5 free throws for an average of 6 1-5 points in each of the five games played.

Selvidge, 448th Guard took 9th

Vance, 55th guard put on the heat to score 10 baskets, leading his team to victory. Stebar, 1082nd guard, scored 3 baskets and 1 free throw to lead his team in scoring.

The 55th team lead in each quarter to never be in danger of losing the game.

The 322nd Service Squadron team took on the 1088th Guard Squadron team which it handed a 37 to 15 defeat. Green, 322nd center, hit 11 baskets and 3 free throws for a total of 25 points, enough to defeat the 1088th single-handed. Seely, 1088th forward, was high man with 3 goals for his team.

The Medics defeated the 448th team by a score of 33 to 25 in the final 5th round game. Cagle, Medics forward, hit 10 baskets to lead his team in scoring. Reid, 448th forward, totaled 9 points to lead his teammates. At the half the Medics lead 13 to 12 points in what appeared to be a close game. During the third quarter however, they piled up a lead of six points, 23 to 17 and led throughout the rest of the game.

place with a total of 30 points. He made 14 field goals and 2 free throws to average 6 points per game.

Nicholas, Medics center, and Stebar, 1082nd guard, tied for tenth place with 27 points each. Nicholas shot 10 field goals and 7 free throws and Stebar hit for 11 baskets and 5 free tosses. Their average was 5 2-5 points per game.

The 55th team scored the most points made by any one team—139. This is an average of 34 3-4 points made in each of 4 games played.

In second place is the 322nd with 134 points for an average of 26 4-5 points per game.

In third place is the Medics with an average score of 24 4-5 points per game for a total of 124.

Tied for fourth place are the 448th and 1082nd teams. Each had 119 points for an average of 23 4-5 points per game.

In sixth place is the 1088th team which played in only four games with the same players seldom seeing action more than once. They made 57 points for an average of 13 3-4 points per game.

## SAAFSNAPS

By Sgt. Bill Morey



Hmmm! New tires, the lucky devil.



### Ark City Lass Is 322nd Queen

In an impressive ceremony held last Thursday evening in the enlisted men's service club, Miss Helen Marie Drumgould of Arkansas City was announced as winner of the 322nd Service Squadron "Sweetheart Contest."

On the stage of the club, decorated with an attractive heart-shaped background, the contest winner and her two attendants, Miss Mayella Franklin of Winfield, and Miss Gwindolyn McKinney of Ponca City, Okla., were introduced to the audience. 1st Lt. William J. Logan, commanding officer of the squadron, was master-of-ceremonies, assisted by 2nd Lt. James S. Long, adjutant, and 2nd Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, photographic officer. The queen was presented with a silver novelty bracelet and the attendants were presented army air corps pins.

Following the ceremony the queen and her attendants walked through an aisle of fifty soldiers and their partners to the north entrance of the club as the post orchestra began playing "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi." At this time partners forming the aisle began dancing activities with a waltz.

Miss McKinney, contest runner-up, was named squadron "Dream Girl," and Miss Franklin was named "The Girl a Soldier Would Go AWOL For."

There were guests from Washington, D. C., Chicago, Ill., Detroit, Mich., Wichita, Wellington, Kans., and Ponca City, Newkirk, Okla.

Members of the party committee wish to extend thanks for making the affair a success to CWO Baker and T/Sgt. Calhoun and members of the post orchestra.



2ND LT. BEATRICE T. BROUDY

Assistant Special Service Officer at Strother Field is 2nd Lt. Beatrice T. Broudy. The fourth WAC officer assigned to this field, Lt. Broudy arrived Dec. 10th, to assume her new duties. Her home is in New York.

### Weekly Game Night in Service Club

Monday evenings each week will be known as game night in the enlisted men's service club, according to announcement made this week by Mrs. Bernheisel, club hostess.

There will be no need of bringing your B-B rifle or elephant gun—just have a sharp edge on your wits. There will be chess, checkers, chinese checkers, Bingo, darts, ping-pong, bridge and quiz games. You can take your choice in which to participate, so plan now to visit the club next Monday evening.

The first game night was held last Monday, and even with short notice to the enlisted men the attendance was very good and from reports everyone had a lot of fun.

Prizes will be awarded each week to the winners of Bingo, so get ready for the weekly corn-planting. A "good crop" pays dividends. Bingo games will start at 8:15 promptly.

**WANT TO TAKE PART IN A CAMP PLAY?**  
Plans are now being made for the presentation of a show composed of SF talent. Anyone interested in taking part is requested to phone 297 for details.

### SF Private Now Flight Officer; Second to Col. Carroll in Flying Hours

Joe C. Davis of Bethel, Kansas, who came to Strother Field on November 17 with enough logged flying hours to rank him second only to the command pilot, Col. Joseph F. Carroll, now wears the silver pilot's wings and bears the appointment of flight officer. Davis' appointment arrived during last week-end from Headquarters of the Central Flying Training Command at Randolph Field.

Six months too old to enter training as an aviation cadet and already holding a commercial aviation ticket permitting him to fly anything from a glider to a four-engined bomber, Davis quit his job as test pilot on B-24 Liberators and entered Uncle Sam's army at Fort Worth, Texas, drafted thru his local board No. 5 at Kansas City, Kans. On September 17, 1942, he was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas, for his basic training, and then, that the Army Air Forces might quickly utilize his civilian experience, was ordered to report immediately to Randolph Field for a 30-day airplane instructors' course.

From Randolph Field, Pvt. Joe Davis came to Strother Field last November 17, and since that time Pvt. Davis and Post Operations at Strother Field have been expecting

momentarily his flight officer appointment. In the interim, having been authorized as a service pilot, Pvt. Davis began teaching cadets how to fly the first military aircraft in which they had instruction after leaving behind the civilian ships of primary school.

Flight Officer Davis began flying as a hobby in 1936 and 1937 when he slipped off from his general merchandising business in Bethel to take flying lessons at the municipal airport in Kansas City, Kansas. He secured his aviation commercial license in 1939, and became an instrument instructor and contact instructor at the Spartan School of Aeronautics there. Eight months later he went to Kirksville, Mo., where for three months he was chief instrument instructor for the Dorrance Flying Service. From Kirksville he went to Fort Worth for 15 months' service as instrument instructor for American Fliers. For the six months before he entered the Army Air Forces, Davis was test pilot for Consolidated Vultee at Fort Worth, testing out the big B-24 Liberators.

Flight Officer Davis is married and is the father of a nine months' old son, Robert Omer. The family resides at 420 North Fourth Ave., Arkansas City.

### "Around The Corner," USO-Camp Show, Will Visit Strother Field Next Week

A blue ribbon event in entertainment will occur in the post theater at Strother Field next Wednesday evening when the new USO-Camp Shows production "Around the Corner" will be presented in two performances, 1830 and 2000.

Songs, dances, farce and thrills make this an outstanding show according to reports. Three of the acts have had international reputations and in addition there are clever newcomers to Broadway who have, in a short time, earned the praise of seasoned New York critics. Following are the acts composing the show:

#### Cadet Class 44-E Arrives for Basic

New cadet arrivals at SF are the men of Class 44-E, who began their training this week in the third step forward toward getting their silver wings.

Arriving from the primary schools of Parks Air College in East St. Louis, Ill., School of Aeronautics in Sikeston, Mo., and Chickasha, Oklahoma, after whipping around in PTs, these lads are ready for basic and BT-13-As.

Their first four days will be solely orientation, checking out equipment, and preparation for flying. The first group should have begun flying on Thursday. These men will replace the fellows of 44-C who left last week for advanced.

Yorke and Tracy present hoke comedy at its zaniest. Bert Yorke has played in Europe, South Africa, the Orient and Canada as well as the largest vaudeville circuits in the United States. With his present partner, Ellen Tracy, he just finished a number of engagements in Chicago and Boston.

The Three Galli Sisters look alike and all are talented. They have appeared on the Eddie Cantor radio program, Fred Allen NBC hookup, have appeared in two motion pictures, "Love Affair," with Irene Dunne and "Down in Arkansas" with the Weaver Brothers, Jan Savitt's orchestra and in theaters and clubs over the country.

Eddie Manson, harmonica player, has appeared in many theaters in the west, played most vaudeville houses in the east, featured on NBC and CBS coast to coast

broadcasts, starred at many top-flight clubs and hotels. His repertoire runs the gamut from Bach to Boggie Woogie.

Barbara Champeon is a toe and acrobatic dancer who does several outstanding numbers including a flip-flop into a split. She has appeared in engagements in Boston, Lowell and Lawrence, Mass.

Hap Hazard & Co. will present a novel balancing, juggling and comedy act, assisted by Mary Hart. This team has played every big-time theater in the United States and Europe and many hotels and clubs.

Also on the program will be Konradi Leitner, hypnotist and Marjorie Manson, pianist and musical conductor of the show.

### Come-As-You-Are GI Party Is Success

Last Friday night the service club initiated a new feature: the after GIing come-as-you-are-party, and according to the attendance, and the amount of cookies and coffee consumed, it was a complete success.

This is to be a regular service club event, chums, so each Friday night after you throw your mop in the rack, put the old GI buckets out in back, instead of hitting the sack, haul your old carcass over to the club, and fill up on food, fun, and shooting the breeze. Don't bother to rush to the shower and shave, or shinola, just come in your fatigues, class As or what ever yuh have on (shower-suits excepted).

Waiting for you will be hot java, cookies, and apples; soft chairs; music on the radio or juke box; and newly-purchased games galore. Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, club hostess, invites all you generals to "Come on ovah, and enjoy the fun!"

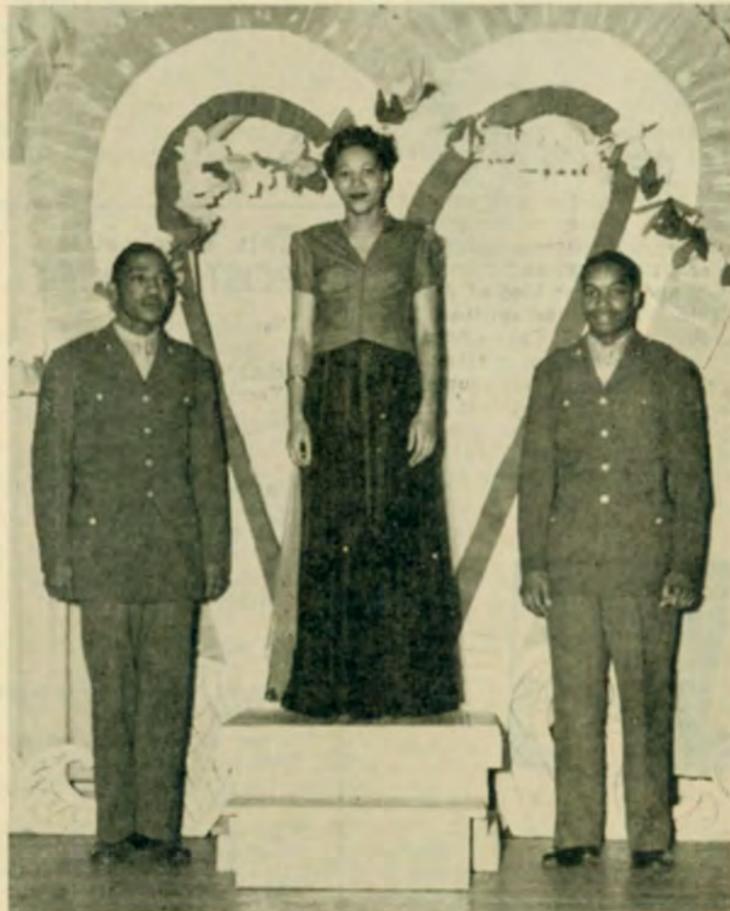
### QM Building New Car Wash Facilities

A new wash shed for trucks and cars of the SF motor pool is being built at the north-center side of the pool, which will replace and cover the old open windswept wash-stand.

The wooden building housing the vehicles as they pass thru to be washed will be 25 by 30 feet, and will have two stalls and regular "production line" methods just like in the old auto wash-palaces.

New feature of this setup is the Kerrick steam cleaner, which should greatly speed up the process of getting mud and grease off SF cars. Now the men who work the shifts from 0600 to 2400 will be protected from the cold, and the danger of ice forming on important and delicate auto parts will be removed.

Captain Charles H. Frederick, former CO of the 448th BHQ and AB Squadron, returned from Winter General Hospital in Topeka, Kans., to resume his duties at SF. His new assignment is the CO's chair at the 55th BFT Group.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

"Sweetheart of the 322nd Service Squadron," was the title bestowed on Miss Helen Marie Drumgould of Arkansas City, during the ceremonies held in connection with the squadron's weekly party in the enlisted men's service club last Thursday evening. Shown above is the winner with Sgt. Robert H. Green, left, and Sgt. Alonzo Q. Reed, right.

### Plenty of Bread For SF Doughboys

"There is no shortage of bread at Strother Field, everyone can have as much bread as can be eaten—but one slice at a time," announced T/Sgt. Pennington, Mess Sergeant of the enlisted men's 1000 man-mess.

"This thing of leaving slices of bread on the tables or on the floor means unnecessary waste and the 'one slice at a time' setup was decided upon until such time that carelessness in leaving bread around ceases."

### Tough Guy Bogart Blitzed in Algiers

Algiers (CNS) — Shortly after screen tough guy Humphrey Bogart arrived here to entertain troops an Arab street urchin called him a "blankety-blank gangster," a native woman mowed him down with an imaginary machine gun and the U. S. Army lost all his luggage.

"I better get my mob," said Bogart, "to straighten this out."

Epitaph on old maid's tombstone: "Who says you can't take it with you."

# Speaking of--Memories

The battle of Germany has begun and the Army Air Forces are poised in Sicily and in England for the invasion of Hitler's captive Europe. Fortress and Liberator crews; fighter pilots in Lightnings and Thunderbolts and Mustangs already have set the iron drum of doomsday throbbing in German cities and German fields.

They are the first American invaders. Let me name a few of them. There is a Tandowski who remembers Warsaw and a Vanderclute who had relatives in Rotterdam. Young Epstein mans a turret gun; Sansone is a bombardier; Delbos flies a P-47.

The screams of tortured Jews in Bremen; the boasting of Il Duce from that notorious balcony in Rome; the pitiless tramp of Nazi boots through the avenues of Prague—have they been forgotten?

Shoot straight, Jewish boy in your turret; aim well, young son of Italy; fight hard, brave Czech. You are Americans now. Democracy has trained you and armed you, angry invaders. You fly wing to wing with a Delacroix, a Svengros, a Larsen, a Smith, a Murphy and a Pavlov. They have memories too.

Mussolini called democracy a stinking corpse and Hitler said it was an idiotic dream. But boys from plain American families have mastered the proud masters of Nazi Europe!

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory."



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

A good soldier? Certainly! We all want to be good soldiers. In fact we can go one better than that and state dogmatically that, we MUST be good soldiers. Not a single man in the service of the United States can afford to be anything less, for the destiny of our nation, humanly speaking, is in the molding. The life and work of every soldier, no matter how great or how small his task may be, leaves its impress on the mold. Therefore, we need to take into consideration every aspect of our lives and make sure that we have achieved the best—in each.

It is only natural that the Chaplain's unit seeks to impress upon you the need of making provisions for your spiritual life and to developing it to the full. We are convinced that no man can be a real success unless he does. But then you expect the Chaplain to be like that. So let us ask some of the outstanding people of our day and see whether they agree.

Queen Elizabeth,—"I would like to add with my fullest conviction that it is on the strength of our spiritual life that the right rebuilding of our national life depends. In these last tragic years many have found in religion the source and mainspring of courage and selflessness that they need."

Franklin D. Roosevelt,—"I hope there will be a quickening of the spirit of religion. In the days of trial which will separate us from victory; in the years of momentous decisions which will fix the duration and character of the peace, we must avail ourselves to the full of our spiritual heritage."

Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army,—"It is morale—and I mean spiritual morale—which wins the victory in the ultimate, and that type of morale can only come out of the religious nature of a soldier who knows God and who has the spirit of religious fervor in his soul. I count heavily on that type of man and on that kind of Army."

Leaders everywhere recognize the value of a strong spiritual life. Will you let us help you to be the best soldier possible? Take advantage of the scheduled services at the Chapel on Sunday and during the week. When you need help of any kind, come to our offices. Avail yourself of the literature in the vestibule. Use the Chapel at any hour for prayer and meditation. If you have talent, volunteer your aid to us in building our program. Above all things, do not let your program ever become so full that you cannot find a few moments out of each day to spend with your God.



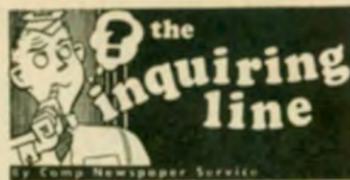
### THIS WEEK ABROAD WE SEE

The painters and decorators are almost finished with the offices of the Invasion Staff (headed by Gen. "Ike" Eisenhower) somewhere in England. Berlin is still catching hell. Last week she caught 7200 tons of it. Gen. "Hap" Arnold says, "We are going to finish the job," and he means finish. Reports have it the Berliners are cavedwellers now. On the Eastern Front the Russ have broken thru the northern Nazi line and the Vitebsk-Mogilev lines are being engulfed. It's a black, black hour for the Wehrmacht, 'cause they're being pushed out of Russia. In the south the smashing Russ scouting forces are already in Poland. Von Manstein is making his last stand. In Italia mud is still the impediment of the advance. Ortona, formerly a pretty mountainside villa, was a deathbed for many Goimans. On the sea you can scratch three swastika destroyers.

I WAS BROWN-NOSING DOWN at the mess-hall the other day when T/Sgt. Pennington, the man who is waiting for Sgts to get on KP so he can show them his bag of tricks, called me into his office. After exchanging sweet salutations, we got to chinning about what's doing at the steam pagoda.

He told me with tears streaming down his face that the fellows were botching (botching is griping with a bite) about the food again. He explained that the menus were made up in DC, and that it wasn't his fault the food wasn't always steak and spuds. He said he was doing his best to balance these bean dinners the army schedules every so often, and that all he could do was to supplement them with extras he had. He pointed out two instances where he had added extras to the menu of a dull meal, and I had to admit he was trying.

When I left, I told him it was TS that the guys didn't understand his problem, and that most of them would go on botching anyway, not giving a damn whether or not he was trying to do them right. I was kinda sore he didn't promise me a soft job on KP for writing something about the mess-hall, but I told myself that was my TS.



Q. Is it true that the Army Specialized Training Program is being discontinued?

A. No. The War Department has denied persistent rumors that the ASTP is "in the process of liquidation." It is true, however, that the program is being somewhat reduced. There are now about 140,000 soldiers in the ASTP and more than 2,000 have already been graduated and assigned to their new duties. By springtime, ASTP students will be graduated at a rate of more than 10,000 a month.

## Service Club Has Full Program

With the addition of "game night" and the GI "Friday come-as-you-are-party," the SF service club nears having a full weekly calendar. Next week the only really open evenings will be Saturday and Sunday, and if things continue the way they're going, the club will probably be going full blast every day in the week.

New feature this coming week will be a 40-minute classical music program given by Southwestern College students on Wednesday at 8:15 o'clock. This is how the schedule stacks up:

- Friday . . . GI party
  - Saturday . . . Open night
  - Sunday . . . Open night
  - Monday . . . Game Night
  - Tuesday . . . Dance
  - Wednesday . . . Music Program
  - Thursday . . . 322nd Dance
- Mrs. Bernheisel, hostess, invites all of you joes to drop around and join in on the fun.

She hangs out in the better places . . . she oughta get a tighter dress.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

- Saturday, 15 Jan., 1944  
THE GHOST SHIP  
Richard Dix, Edith Barrett  
Technicolor Featurette  
Merrie Melodies  
Sportsscopes
- Sunday and Monday, 16-17 Jan.  
JACK LONDON  
Michael O'Shea  
Susan Hayward  
News of the Day  
Melody Master Bands
- Tuesday, 18 Jan.  
Double Feature  
THE CRIME DOCTOR'S STRANGEST CASE  
Warner Baxter, Rose Hobart  
THE SULTAN'S DAUGHTER  
Ann Corio, Charles Butterworth
- Wed. and Thurs. 19-20 Jan.  
HIGHER AND HIGHER  
Frank Sinatra, Michele Morgan  
Jack Haley  
News of the Day  
Walt Disney Cartoon
- Friday and Saturday, 21-22 Jan.  
NO TIME FOR LOVE  
Claudette Colbert  
Fred McMurray  
Color Cartoon  
Army-Navy Screen Mag. No. 17

## USO ACTIVITIES

- (Eats every night at Ark. City and Winfield)
- Sat. Win. Carnival dance. Show Ark. Chili supper 6:30. Dance 8
  - Sun. Win. Games. Hit Parade sing Ark. Bingo. Quiz program
  - Mon. Win. Kitchen party. Ping pong Ark. Game night
  - Tues. Win. Do as you please. Games Ark. Strother Field dance
  - Wed. Win. Anniversary dance. Band Ark. Snack bar party
  - Thurs. Win. Bridge. Hamburger party Ark. Ping pong. GI & GSO
  - Fri. Win. 2:30 Wives party Ping pong. Badminton Ark. Married couples night

## SF Music Hour Changes Schedule

The Strother Field music hour, new weekly feature added for the lovers of good music, which is slowly gaining popularity, is changing its schedule. Under the old time setup, a number of men who wanted to hear the programs could not because it occurred during their working hours.

Now, instead of being at 1400 on Tuesday, the program is given at 1700, and the Saturday musical will be shifted to Sunday at 1600 immediately following the Sunday matinee. The selections chosen for this week are:

1. Overture to Der Fiedermaus by Johann Straus
2. La Donna E Mobile sung by Enrico Caruso
3. Brahms 1st symphony in C minor.

These musical programmes are both free and informal; if you would like to come, drop around.

## Ye Liftings

A loud piercing shriek defeaned everyone in the crowded elevator. All eyes were fastened on the fat lady. She in turn, glared down over her left shoulder at a little boy. All eyes were on the boy.

"I did it," he said with defiance. "It stuck in my face and I bit it."

What Pvt. Fuddyyduddy doesn't like is that luscious blonde in Ark City who whispers sweet nothing-doings in his ear.

"Tighter!" she begged. He did. "Oh, much tighter!" she exclaimed. "Oh fugoshakes!" he shouted, "I'll be glad when girdles come back!"

## Have You Read

Any Book you haven't read is a New Book!

### FICTION

- Bridge of San Luis Rey by Thornton Wilder
- Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
- Giants in the Earth by O. E. Rolvaag
- Kristin Lavransdatter by Sigrid Undset
- Magic Mountain by Thomas Mann
- Of Time and the River by Thomas Wolfe
- Romantic Comedians by Ellen Glasgow

### NON-FICTION

- Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens
- Collected Poems of Robert Frost
- Epic of America by James Truslow Adams
- Microbe Hunters by Paul De Kruif
- North of the Orient by Anne Morrow Lindbergh
- Seven Pillars of Wisdom by T. E. Lawrence
- Strange Interlude, a play by Eugene O'Neill

Selected from list-in "The Best Books of the Decade 1926-1935" by Asa Don Dickinson, which is also in your post library.

## What's new in your home town?

Atlanta, Ga. (CNS) — A man tore up to a crowded hoisery counter in a downtown department store and hollered "Give me two dozen of those nylon stockings that just came in." The clerk looked at him blankly. "In that box!" shouted the man, pointing at a crate in the corner. Before the clerk could reply, dozens of female hands ripped open the crate, which was empty. "Joke!" said the stranger, walking away.

Boston (CNS)—The police here were seeking two thieves. One of them stole a hearse and the other stole a harp.

Chicago (CNS)—Victor, a funny monkey, picked the lock on his cage at the University of Illinois Medical School, stuffed a sink drain with carrots, covered them with paper and weighter the paper down with a steel scraper. Then he turned on the water, scampered back to his cage and sat there smiling. Occupants of the floor below got mighty wet that night.

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—To prevent the spread of colds, killjoy Francis Fronczak, health commissioner, suggested that "No Kissing" signs be suspended from holiday mistletoe all over Buffalo.

Denver, Col. (CNS) — Alarmed by stories of night-time attacks by men, women here are carrying around concealed weapons at night. One told police she had a tear-gas gun. Another carried a blackjack, a third a jack-knife. One simply whetted her butter knife to a dagger-edge and sheathed it in her stocking.

Detroit (CNS) — Mail carrier Joseph Chichowski pleaded guilty of disposing of his mail load by dumping it into an ash can. "It got too heavy to carry," he explained.

Elberton, Ga. (CNS)—Beset by manpower problems, barber Paul Webb has put his 11-year-old son to work lathering faces in his barber shop. The customers were afraid at first but now prefer the kid's razor technique.

## G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

1. The American general who has been named to lead the invasion of Western Europe is—  
A—MacArthur B—Eisenhower
2. Following the conferences held at Cairo and Teheran one of the United States military leaders, Gen. George C. Marshall, made a world-wide tour of inspection of fighting fronts. He is the U. S.—  
A—Chief of Staff B—Adjutant General
3. The estate of the late Edsel Ford, who died last May and who was the only son of Henry Ford, has been revealed as totaling—  
A—\$99,000,000 B—\$66,000,000

Answers: 1-B; 2-A; 3-B.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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### War Bond Figures For Dec. Released

War Bond purchases by officer personnel of Strother Field for the month of December show 98.5% participation and 14.2% of their payroll going into bonds, Lt. Frank M. Mathews, War Bond and Insurance officer announced this week. "Of the entire officer personnel there are now only three persons not participating. This is one less than during the month of November," said Lt. Mathews.

Enlisted men have a personnel participation of 86% and 10% payroll for December.

Cadets show only 66% personnel participation with 7.9% payroll. "These figures certainly lower the entire military percentage for the field, and unjustifiably so. With higher pay than that received by most enlisted men, the cadets should have an enviable participation and payroll percentage," commented Lt. Mathews.

### Contributions to Fund Pay Dividends

When making your small donation to the Welfare and Recreation Fund each month do you stop to realize the benefits to be derived by you and every other enlisted man on the field?

Purpose of the fund is to provide "means for contributing to the welfare, comfort, pleasure, contentment, and the mental and physical improvement of the members of the command to which the fund pertains."

Your contribution may seem very small for all the things made possible by the fund, but by you and all other EM donating, these and other important things have been made possible:

Furnishing the post gymnasium with athletic equipment, supply day rooms and the library with books, magazines, and other reading matter, maintain the enlisted men's service club, the post chapel, to buy music for the band, to publish the Prairie Flier, to provide transportation to bring girls from surrounding towns for the dances on the field.

This is not done alone on money contributed by you men. Funds also come from PX profits, which include the store, coffee room, clothing shop, beer room, bowling alleys, barber shop and civilian messhall; post-theater profits, and from the Strother Field baseball team which contributed a sizeable amount this summer.

As Special Service Officer, Major Julian W. Boxley is custodian of the fund. Once every month the Fund's council meets to pass on proposed means of spending the money and to hear new ideas. This council is made up of a non-commissioned officer from each organization.

Once a month, or oftener if desired, the council book of the Fund, where every item of income or outgo is listed, is checked by the administrative inspector's office.

It makes no difference where you spend your money on the field, you get it back—with interest.

### Kownick's Korn

By Sgt. Harold A. Kownick

First a man gets stuck on a girl. . . Then he gets stuck with her. . . Then he's stuck. Ah, well, the feelings mucilage!

She's the kind of a girl that men forget . . . their wives for.

Staff Sergeant Bob Chatelain is an accounting expert. No matter where he'd been he could always give a good account of himself.

Know a restaurant that's partially solved the food problem. They are making mock bacon by simply painting stripes on potato chips. It's just like bacon . . . except for the taste.

Saw a woman who looked as if she's found the fountain of youth . . . and then went into the place next door—to speak easy.

I figure it does one good to get acquainted with oneself, but the trouble is you meet so many strange people that way.

What a year 1944 is going to be for Sgt. Heney. He just got his Esquire calendar.

### Member of Fourth Estate Now a Cadet

His pencil laid aside and "30" attached to his news writing until the war's over, Dallas C. Higbee, former desk man for the Charleston, W. Va., Gazette, in combat training at Strother Field as a member of Class 44-D is preparing to help cover personally, in the capacity of flier and not newspaperman, the biggest story of all times—a global war.

Higbee is a talented and experienced newspaperman. Immediately after he received his degree in journalism from Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia, in 1939, he went to work in Huntington on the Sunday staff of the Herald Advertiser as feature writer and desk man. From there he went to the Logan, W. Va., Banner, as sports and general news reporter, then returned to the Herald Dispatch for another period. His next job was the important one of desk man and assistant news editor on the big state paper, the Charleston Gazette, a position he resigned to seek what he deemed an even more important assignment—to the Army Air Forces.

### Two Examples of Army Friendship

The current of brotherly affection that always flows warm and deep in men of the armed forces bubbled into the open in at least two instances at Strother Field recently to cheer an aviation cadet and an enlisted man.

The cadet walked into his barracks and found an envelope lying on his bunk. But letters were about the farthest from his mind then, for his wife lay seriously ill in a civilian hospital. Coupled with anxiety over her condition was the worry as to how he should meet the hospital and doctor bill. Engrossed in his immediate personal problems, the cadet slowly picked up the envelope and tore it open. From it fell nearly \$90, the sym-



Contestants in the "Sweetheart of the 322nd Service Squadron" contest, the commanding officers and non-commissioned officers of the organization, pose for a group picture following contest ceremonies held last Thursday evening in the enlisted men's service club.

From left to right: 1st Lt. William J. Logan, commanding officer; 2nd Lt. James S. Long, adjutant; Miss Gwindolyn McKinney, Ponca City, Okla., second place winner; Miss Helen Marie Drumgould, Arkansas City, named squadron "Sweetheart"; Miss Mayella Franklin, Winfield, third place winner; S/Sgt. Berry L. Branch and 1st Sgt. James A. Washington.

(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

### Nine New Officers Arrive at Strother

Nine new officers—an intelligence officer and eight flying instructors—have reported here.

The new intelligence officer is 1st Lt. William Conant, who came from Altus, Okla., where he was engaged in similar work. His home is in San Antonio, Texas.

The new night instructors are: 1st Lt. Ira A. Swope of Killeen, Texas; 1st Lt. John L. Sublett of El Paso, Texas; 1st Lt. Robert T. Locke of Ukiah, Calif.; 2nd Lt. Horace R. Byrd of Longview, Texas; 2nd Lt. Hal W. Townsend of El Paso, Texas; 2nd Lt. William E. Wendling of Indianapolis, Ind.; 2nd Lt. Ivan F. Kuharic of South Bend, Ind.; 2nd Lt. John R. Thompson of Youngstown, Ohio; 2nd Lt. Harold D. Slay of Houston, Texas.

### Army Friendship

thetic gifts of fellow cadets who chose to remain anonymous.

Emergency necessitated calling a Strother Field enlisted man home. Already troubled by losses suffered from a fire which ravaged the house in which he and his wife were residing, the soldier felt more keenly than ever the disappointment that at a time when he needed the comforting presence of his wife, for financial reasons she could not accompany him home. But he failed to reckon the compassion of his fellow soldiers at Strother Field, who provided nearly \$40 that she might accompany him on his distressing mission. They, too, chose to remain unnamed.



T/5 VIRGINIA KILGORE

Fort Knox, Ky.—A picture in YANK is the only introduction a girl needs to members of the Armed Forces.

T/5 Virginia Kilgore of the 1550th Service Unit, WAC Section, Fort Knox, Kentucky, accidentally discovered the drawing power of the soldier magazine when a picture of her was published in the November 12 edition of YANK, The Army Weekly.

Within a week of the publication mail call at the WAC Company became a chore for Virginia, and every day added to the pile of letters that arrived from soldiers all over the United States.

Cpl. Kilgore is a native of St. Paul, Virginia, and when the picture was made by a YANK photographer, was the baker for the WAC Section. Since that time she has been transferred to the Special Service Office where she is working as a bookkeeper.

### Former Star Gazer Is Member of 44-D

The star gazing he has been doing in civilian life as a member of the American Association of Variable Star Observers stands George G. Hart of Class 44-D at Strother Field in good stead to reap a rich dividend in military experience when it comes time for him to study celestial navigation as a part of his air crew training in the Army Air Forces.

Cadet Hart is one of 150 persons scattered over the world who are members of the American Association of Variable Observers. These 150 persons, through their own interest in astronomy, watch the variable stars—stars that change in degree of brightness—record their findings and file regular and detailed reports with the astronomy department at Harvard university for such use as may be of scientific value.

Astronomy has long been a deep interest of Hart and he began his study of the stars when a mere youngster. He read and studied astronomy and star-observed at every possible opportunity. Before he entered the University of Rochester, N. Y., in 1941 to begin active preparation to become a full-fledged astronomer.

Hart is the 20-year-old son of Major and Mrs. George H. Hart of 1376 Crittenden Road, Henrietta, N. Y., who temporarily are residing in Prospect Park, Pennsylvania, at the outskirts of Philadelphia. Major Hart, in active status in the infantry reserve, is the liaison authority between civilian defense and the army.

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### Things Are Not Always As They Seem



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● Officers' Locker  
● Gets Linoleum

The officers' locker room in the post gymnasium has a "new" floor. During the suspension of PT activities because of the flu, the PT office thought it would be an excellent time to smooth up the place so while they were repairing the gym in general, a contractor from Winfield came in and laid linoleum on the locker room.

The greeny-marble effect of the new inlaid stuff makes a pleasant atmosphere, and at the same time eliminates the disadvantages of a wooden floor. With the recent paint job and all, the officers' locker looks like a sharp outfit.

93 More GIs Quality

Ninety-three enlisted men recently qualified in pistol, revolver, .45 cal. firing at Strother Field. Of this group four qualified as experts. This select group is comprised of Pfc. John M. Baker, Pfc. John H. Pierce, Pvt. Robert L. Kennedy and Pvt. O. M. Quattlebaum.

Following are the names of enlisted men who qualified in the sharpshooter and marksman classification:

- PISTOL SHARPSHOOTER (Dismounted)**  
S-Sgt. Charles W. Burts, Sgt. William J. Busch, Sgt. William A. Hillman, Cpl. Charles V. Jones, T-5 Donald E. Kenney, Pfc. Robert E. Ebert, Pvt. Joseph C. Davis, Cpl. Francis H. Bonneau, Cpl. Arnie L. Cauthen, Cpl. William L. Kreis, Pfc. Roy W. Fredericksen, Pfc. William G. Nold, Pfc. Howard J. Tarnish, Jr., Pfc. Elton D. Kelley, T-Sgt. Frank (nm) Krider, Jr., S-Sgt. Adolfo (nm) Gaul and Cpl. C. B. Hardy, Jr.
- PISTOL MARKSMAN (Dismounted)**  
S-Sgt. William J. Werner, Sgt. Earl Q. Stinnett, Cpl. Albert D. Vance, Pvt. Wayne E. Baird, S-Sgt. Keith J. Vegors, Sgt. Willis G. Barnett, Sgt. Clifford B. Cunningham, Sgt. Clyde V. DeVillier, Sgt. Willard F. Dickson, Sgt. Leslie C. Ellard, Sgt. Raymond W. Habluetzel, Sgt. George M. Hartman, Sgt. Charles A. Hetrick, Jr., Sgt. Clarence J. McAdams, Cpl. Paul G. Becker, Cpl. Frank F. Fenwick, Cpl. Almon B. Godfrey, Cpl. Joseph V. Orlowski, Cpl. Robert R. Tooley, Pfc. Edward L. Beckett, Pfc. Zack D. Carnes, Jr., Pfc. Stanley R. Calvert, Pfc. Fremont D. Flory, Pfc. Cecil A. Harrell, Pfc. Gies (nm) Heller, Pfc. Clyde A. Kane, Pfc. George A. Mulbrook, Pfc. William R. Freeman, Pfc. Raymond J. Compas, Pvt. Charles G. Capozio, Pvt. George W. Eddleman, Jr., Pvt. John V. McDonald, Pvt. Eugene W. Wray, Pvt. Samuel D. Walls, S-Sgt. Emil J. Dalak, S-Sgt. Albert W. Worthy, Jr., Sgt. Lloyd W. Craft, Sgt. Hollis L. Ivy, Sgt. Clarence G. Robertson, Cpl. John L. Acord, Cpl. Elvis F. Jaster, T-Sgt. Herbert W. Pennington, S-Sgt. Guadalupe (nm) Adame, S-Sgt. Harold O. Halverson, S-Sgt. Fayette L. Thompson, III., S-Sgt. Starr L. Smith, Jr., S-Sgt. Julian J. Webb, S-Sgt. Frank R. Myers, Cgt. Larry K. Whitworth, Sgt. David S. Stavinsky, Cpl. Charles R. Lucke, Cpl. Kenneth I. Teeters, Cpl. Virgil L. Huhn, Cpl. Oscar F. Cassidy, Jr., Cpl. Elmer L. Smith, Cpl. Mitchell J. Osfar, Cpl. Robert E. Maze, Cpl. Frederick E. Zitslaff, Cpl. Max A. Brown, Pfc. Edward W. Burnett, Pfc. R. L. Phillips, Pfc. Vernon A. Rosenblum, Pfc. James H. Patrick, Pfc. Louie W. Denison, Pfc. Paul (nm) Conn, Jr., Pvt. Charles J. Archambeau, Pvt. Johnson J. Scott, Pvt. Thomas (nm) Parrish, Pvt. Russell T. Thompson, Pfc. James V. Martin, Pvt. Charles S. Ellis, Pvt. Lou E. Vandeventer.

Baer Brothers May Appear Here

Two world-famous heavyweight boxers, one a former titleholder, the other a contender, may appear in exhibition bouts at Strother Field sometime during the month of March, according to word received by Capt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of Strother Field.

The Baer brothers, Max and Buddy, are now in the armed service and making personal appearances at military installations over the country.

The manly art of self-defense is something we all should know about, but there is little question that weight of 200-and-some pounds on a six-foot-several-inch frame helps a hell of a lot!

Anyway, we feather and lightweights will be on hand to see the big boys when they give their exhibition here.

p. s. So you think Max is a big man? Have you ever seen Buddy in a ring? Believe us, there ain't nothin' bigger.

Pins at Fifty Paces!

448TH BASE HDQTS. & AIR BASE SQD. AAF PILOT SCHOOL (BASIC) STROTHER FIELD  
Office of the Squadron Commander RWS-jdg  
Winfield, Kansas  
11 January 1944

In reply refer to:  
S-Sgt. Kuhn  
SUBJECT: Challenge to Personnel Bowling Team.

TO: Lt. Ondreas, Strother Field, Winfield, Kansas.

1. We the members of the Orderly Room Bowling Team do think it fitting and to uphold our prestige to challenge the Personnel (Wolf Pack) Bowling Team to come out of their lair to bowl us on any night meeting with your approval.

2. (CENSORED)  
3. A reply by endorsement should be made without delay if interested. Of course we realize that the men on your team are quite old and can't make it all the time, but in this special case we will permit them to bring their crutches.

4. G.I. transportation will be arranged from Post Hq to the bowling alley if inclement weather prevails.

ROY W. SILLINGS  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Commanding.

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1st Ind.  
Hq, Strother Field, Winfield, Kansas,  
11 January 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, 448th B Hq & AB Sq, Strother Field, Winfield, Kansas

1. The Wolf Pack champions of the 2nd half in the 448th Bowling League and favorites to win the championship of the league naturally accept the challenge of the Orderly Room to a bowling match on any terms that our lowly opponent may care to submit.

2. The Wolf Pack will not be able to hold the contest for several weeks due to the fact our Star Bowler will be on furlough and our pace setter and anchor man will be temporarily hospitalized. Also the terrific pace that has led the Wolf Pack to the top of the league has incurred a moribund attitude and a mental and physical degeneration verging upon a state of great fatigue.

3. (CENSORED)

4. Your generous offer of "G.I." transportation is refused as the Wolf Pack will travel by B-44 to the game.

JOHN W. ONDEAS  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Personnel O, Mil.

THURSDAY, 6 JANUARY GAMES

322nd-22		1082nd-34	
Johnson, N., f	2 0	Rupp, g	3 0
Estell, f	2 1	Murbrook, g	8 1
Green, c	4 1	Beckett, f	2 1
Terry, g	1 0	Mazzuca, f	0 0
Reed, g	0 0	Childs, c	1 1
Johnson, J., g	1 0	Stebar, f	0 0
		Shintaffe, g	0 0
		Smith, g	0 1
		Uebersax, g	1 0
		Young, g	0 0

Quarter scores:  
1082nd 5-18-27-34  
322nd 6-10-16-22

Medics-46		1088th-21	
Cagle, f	14 0	Blackburn, f	4 0
Shoemaker, f	2 0	Seeley, f	5 0
Onuklewich, f	0 0	Swords, f	1 0
Nicholas, c	2 0	Quattlebaum, g	0 0
Childers, g	4 0	Schindler, g	0 0
Landers, g	0 0	Menden, g	0 0
Haunes, g	1 0	Pennel, g	0 1

Quarter scores:  
Medics 8-12-24-46  
1088th 3-7-11-21

55th-40		448th-13	
Brej, f	5 0	Selvidge, f	1 2
Witteaman, f	1 4	Biederman, f	1 0
Stiles, f	0 0	Lucke, c	1 1
Miller, g	1 1	Reid, g	1 0
Woodward, g	0 0	Halverson, g	0 0
Vance, f	6 1	Dodds, g	0 1
Dalak, g	1 4	Bova, g	0 1
Robinson, c	1 0		

Quarter scores:  
55th 8-19-30-40  
448th 5-7-10-13

TUESDAY, 11 JANUARY GAMES

322nd-22		55th-47	
Johnson, N., f	0 0	Brej, f	11 2
Estell, f	3 2	Stiles, g	0 0
Smith, g	0 1	Falke, c	0 0
Green, c	6 0	Woodward, c	0 0
Wright, g	0 0	Vance, f	7 0
Terry, g	0 1	Witteaman, g	3 1
Reid, g	0 0	Dalak, g	0 0
		Lawrence, g	0 0
		Robertson, g	0 0

Quarter scores:  
55th 8-22-36-47  
322nd 9-14-17-22

Medics-22		1082nd-17	
Cagle, f	6 0	Murbrook, f	3 0
Shoemaker, f	0 0	Beckett, f	0 0
Nicholas, c	2 0	Young, f	0 0
Childers, g	1 0	Childs, c	1 0
Haunes, g	1 2	Rupp, g	1 0
Landers, g	0 0	Smith, g	2 1

Quarter scores:  
Medics 2-0-15-22  
1082nd 4-6-11-17

1088th-28		448th-32	
Menden, f	0 0	Selvidge, g	4 0
Curtis, f	2 1	Dodds, f	2 0
Blackburn, c	4 0	Reid, f	2 1
Maxwell, g	3 0	Halverson, c	1 0
Seeley, f	2 1	Bova, g	2 1
Schindler, g	2 0	Davis, g	1 0
Swords, g	0 0		

Quarter scores:  
448th 8-14-24-32  
1088th 2-8-16-28

THIRD ROUND GAMES

of Second Round-Robin Play  
THURSDAY, JAN. 13th  
1088th vs. 1082nd—1900  
322nd vs. 448th—2000  
Medics vs. 55th—2100

FOURTH ROUND GAMES

of Second Round-Robin Play  
TUESDAY, JAN. 18th  
55th vs. 1088th—1900  
448th vs. 1082nd—2000  
Medics vs. 322nd—2100

sport slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

Lt. Joe Hunt, on leave from the Navy, added the Southern California midwinter tennis championship to his court laurels the other day. Hunt, who won the national singles championship last summer, defeated Bob Falkenburg of Hollywood, national junior titleholder, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, to take the coast crown.

Sgt. Joe Sage, 25-year-old New York municipal golf champion, who had been missing in action since Nov. 5 when a Flying Fortress on which he was bombardier was shot down in action, is a prisoner of war in Germany, his parents have been notified.

Fred Apostoli, BM1c, was named boxer of the year in the 19th annual rankings of *The Ring* magazine, published by boxing expert Nat Fleischer in New York. Apostoli, the California bell hop who once held the world's middleweight crown, won the mythical title for his meritorious action in combat against the Japs. Last year the nod went to Marine Sgt. Barney Ross, hero of Guadalcanal.

Seven Proves Lucky Number For 55th Basketball Team

"Beat the 55th" has become the by-word of enlisted men and officers representing other squadrons of Strother Field, but this smooth performing crew of basketeers continued on its victory march last Thursday and Tuesday of this week with two more wins making their standing now read seven games won and none lost in league play.

Beginning second round-robin play last Thursday night, the 55th handed the 448th team a 40 to 13 beating. Vance, 55th forward, dropped in 6 field goals and one free throw to lead his team. Close on his heels was Brej, forward, who totaled 10 points. Selvidge, 448th forward, was high for his team with 4 points.

Strother All-Starmen Massacre Winfield 51-17

The Strother Field All-Star basketball team handed the Winfield All-Stars a crushing defeat last Friday night when the two teams met in the post gym. In a runaway victory, the post team tripled the score on Winfield, the game ending 51 to 17 for the airmen. In the first quarter Strother led by 14 points, increased it to 20 points by the half. The third quarter saw the local aggregation leading by 29 points and when the final whistle blew the lead had been increased to 34 points.

Vance, Strother forward, hit for 7 baskets and one free throw to lead his team. Broadie, Winfield center, was high man with 6 points for his team.

Strother-51		Win. All-Stars-17	
Brej, f	5 1	Jack, f	1 1
Reed, f	2 0	Falke, f	1 2
Vance, f	7 1	Broadie, c	2 0
Bova, f	2 0	Johnson, g	0 0
Smith, c	2 0	Waddell, g	0 0
Murbrook, c	2 0	Snodgrass, g	1 0
Nicholas, g	0 0	Schafer, g	1 0
Lucke, g	1 0		
Dalak, g	3 1		
Stebar, g	0 0		

Quarter scores:  
Strother Field 16-28-39-51  
Winfield All-Stars 2-8-10-17

SQUADRON BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
55th	7	0	1.000
Medics	5	2	.715
1082nd	5	3	.570
448th	3	4	.428
322nd	2	5	.285
1088th	0	7	.000

1st Lt. E. E. Hall, Former Adjutant, Is Now Post Operations Officer

Three more names were added to the list of flying instructors at Strother Field last week, when Lt. E. E. Hall, Pvt. Thomas F. Cottar, Jr., and Pvt. Charles B. Brannen received their ratings as service pilots. Lt. Hall, formerly the post adjutant, has been named as post operations officer while Pvt. Cottar and Pvt. Brannen have begun their first instruction of cadets at Strother Field.

A man who in civilian life had considerable flying training and was himself a specialist may under certain conditions utilize that flying training by becoming a service pilot, qualified to fly military aircraft anywhere except in combat. Though he has not completed the three stages of flight instruction required by the army of each of its aviation cadets, his civilian training has been such as to compensate for that training. Before a service pilot is permitted to fly a different type of military aircraft he must thoroughly demonstrate to operational officers his ability to do so. Subsequently, by meeting certain other requirements he may become a pilot.

Pvt. Cottar is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Cottar of 613 1/2 East Ninth Ave., Dallas, Texas. After he received his license to teach flying, he was a flying instructor for more than one year in an army primary school at Coleman, Texas. He was inducted into the army on Feb. 11, 1943, and after basic training and several months as an enlisted man at Texas and Florida bases, he entered cadet training. He was taking his required college course at Oklahoma A. & M. college at Stillwater when he was ordered to report to Central Instructors' School. He has more than 1,300 hours' flying time to his credit.

The new service pilots are three of four graduated by the Central Instructors' School at Randolph Field last December 15. Immediately thereafter they came to Strother Field to assume their new duties. Lt. Hall already is well known in this community. A former resident of Abilene, Texas, he came to Strother Field in November, 1942, to fill the responsible work of assistant adjutant and later of adjutant. He left that post on November 11 for a month's work at the Central Instructors' School at Randolph Field.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

Capt. Cyril E. Drysdale examines ANC 2nd. Lt. Ida Stratemann's right wrist which was broken as the result of a fall on a highly waxed floor in the station hospital. It happened last Thursday—the 13th!

### "Thaw" Coming Next Month

February is a wonderful month. On the 22nd comes the birthday of George Washington. The 14th is St. Valentine Day (it's leap year too!). The 12th is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and on the 2nd comes Groundhog Day.

There is another day in February, 1944, that enlisted men of Strother Field will be sure to remember for a long, long time and that is the very first day of the month—the end of the three-month "winter freeze" on promotions.

Recommendations submitted to headquarters previous to present time, are being discarded and new ones must be sent in. Strother Field squadrons and departments have been notified as to allotment of grades.

### Rumors Pertaining to Strother Field Are Unfounded, Says CO

Rumors being spread in Cowley county to the effect that Strother Field is to be placed on a "stand-by" basis or inactivated in the near future are entirely unfounded, according to Col. Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer.

Misconstruction of published articles and printed opinions of columnists is credited with giving rise to the speculations that Strother Field's big training program will be curtailed or halted altogether.

"There is no indication whatsoever that Strother Field is to be closed or changed in any manner," Colonel Carroll declared. "The training program for the two classes of aviation cadets now on this field continues without interruption or change, and no orders have been received for deviation in the program for classes which will follow.

### Member of ANC Breaks Into Print

Publicity about women in the army is mostly confined to members of the Women's Army Corps—either those who have been in service or have recently enlisted.

Not with the intention of seeking publicity for herself or other members of the Army Nurse Corps, 2nd. Lt. Ida Stratemann of the Strother Field station hospital has broken into print as well as breaking her wrist—the latter on the 13th of all days!

Walking across one of the hospital room floors newly laid with linoleum and highly polished by ambitious enlisted personnel, Lt. Stratemann slipped and made a one-point landing on her arm, the fall resulting in a broken wrist.

Shucks, the PF would have gladly given the ANC free publicity—getting it the hard way wasn't necessary!

"Though it is felt that no person would knowingly hamper the efforts of this field to bring the war to a quick and successful conclusion, nevertheless such idle stories create uncertainties as to job security and jeopardize efficient operation. The continued best efforts of all persons connected in any way with Strother Field are necessary.

"It is hoped that the people of Cowley county who have been so faithful in their support of Strother Field and its part in achieving victory will help stop these unfounded reports," Colonel Carroll said.

### CONCERT PROGRAM

The programme for the regular SF music hour for the week beginning 1-23-44 is as follows:

1. Beethoven's Egmont Overture.
2. Brandenburg Concerto Number 2 by J. S. Bach.
3. Saint-Saens' Rondo and Capriccio with Jascha Heifitz.
4. Daphnis and Chloe by Ravel.

This is an informal get-together (free) in the post theatre on Sunday at 1600 hour following the matinee; and on Tuesday evening at 1700 hour. Come on ovah!

### President's Ball Dance Parties At Post and Ark City

Officers of Strother Field are to have their own President's Ball celebration Saturday evening, January 29th, the affair to be held in the officers' club on the field.

Proceeds of the dance, minus orchestra expense, will be turned over to the Cowley county President's Ball committee.

Tickets for the dance will sell for \$1 per couple. According to arrangements only 200 tickets will be sold. Officers will have first opportunity to buy for themselves and partners and then in case all tickets have not been sold the remaining ones may be purchased by officers who desire to have civilian guests attend the party. The post orchestra will play for the officers dance.

#### Two Events Planned at Ark City

In Arkansas City on the evening of Jan. 29th a dance for enlisted men of Strother Field will be held in the auditorium-gymnasium. Proceeds will go to the local and national infantile paralysis funds. Charlie Groat and his orchestra from Eldorado, Kans., will furnish music for the event scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. Admittance price will be 50c per couple. Talent from Strother Field will present an intermission musical program.

The President's Ball for Strother Field officers, cadets and Arkansas Citizens will be held in the Osage hotel on Saturday, Feb. 5th. The post orchestra will play for dancing and entertainment will be presented by SF talent during the evening.

There will be bridge and card games for those attending the affair who do not desire to dance. Sponsors of this event will be members of the Alpha Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. This activity will take place on the mezzanine of the Osage Hotel. Proceeds of this event will also go to local and national infantile paralysis funds.

Major Dale E. Dunn, director of flying at Strother Field, left last week-end for Bryan, Tex., where he will attend the AAF instructor school for instrument pilots. Major Dunn will be away from SF for four weeks.

Major O. R. Smoot, Supply and Maintenance Officer of Strother Field, will leave January 23rd for Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., where he will attend the staff and command school for a period of nine weeks.



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### 2ND. LT. LAVINA C. GARRITY

The primary duty of 2nd. Lt. Lavina C. Garrity, one of Strother Field's four Wac officers, is that of assistant Personnel officer. Her additional duty is serving as assistant classification officer.

Lt. Garrity is a native of Chicago, Ill.

### War Bonds Available for Cash At Base Finance Office

By special arrangement with the Federal Reserve in Kansas City, the SF Finance Office has now become a full-fledged bonds-for-cash depot, finance officer 1st. Lt. Alexander D. Lieb announced recently.

Earlier than last week the Fin O was not in the Bond business, and most of the civilians and soldiers on duty were not able to speed into town in time to catch the banks or PO open, thus preventing them from converting their extra sheckels into fighting Bonds. However, thru a new WD regulation change, Bonds need not be bought thru Coffeyville as formerly done, and an immediate transaction in cash may be effected. This process will in no way affect the regular allotment plan of Bond distribution, nor is it related to it.

So if you want a fast over-the-counter cash deal in \$25-\$50 or \$100 War Bonds, bring your moola (no personal checks, no stamp books—just legal tender) over to Lt. Lieb's cash-house and pour your gold into the common pool to smash the Axis.

A five-letter word for sabotage is waste. Do not waste.

Met a girl who makes her living in pictures—sells about a thousand post cards a week.

Numerous calls were received by the Special Service office on Wednesday in regard to a new GI Garden Club.

Knowing nothing of such an organization, a reporter went out in search of a story on the club. He only took one step from the SS office when sighted was a group of PT instructors on their knees gently wrapping what looked like small plants.

The reporter dashed up to the group—hardly waiting to smell the fragrance of baby Chrysan—Crysanti—Chyisan—oh, just daisies.

Peeking beneath the paper wrappings all one could see was wooden stakes! The PT huskies hastened to explain that the stakes were being wrapped to protect their white paint while the asphalt walk was being sprayed with a tar covering.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

Two former classmates in the University of Colorado now are classmates—and buddies—in a bigger school, the Army Air Forces school for aviation cadets. They are John V. Schoolland and Floyd Emerson Radloff, both of Boulder, Colo., now in the final weeks of their basic flying training at Strother Field, Kansas.

### Lt. Col. Norman Borden Is New Maintenance Officer

Lt. Col. Norman E. Borden, new Director of Supply and Maintenance, has been around. He knows his job and he knows men, and he has plenty of experience in the Army and around airplanes to go on.

Altho he has spent the last 13 years in Texas, Col. Borden was born in Lowell, Mass., and moved to Vermont with his parents when he was very young. He began school in Norwich, continuing up thru college both in Norwich and at New York University, where he received his bachelor's in science and aeronautical engineering, and in addition, an ROTC reserve commission.

Immediately upon graduation from college, Col. Borden applied for aviation cadet training. Soon appointed, he underwent the rugged course at Randolph and Kelly, and received his silver wings in 1931, and spent two years in the Air Corps on active duty at Mitchell Field. Then for one year lapse he worked with the CCC, returning to Army flying for one more year in 1935.

Between '35 and '40 he worked as a designer for Douglas Aircraft and a commercial photog in Houston, Texas. He returned to the Army in 1940, was first stationed at Randolph as Sq CO and Engineering officer; then Lubbock AAF as base tech inspector and D of M; then South Plains near Lubbock (Glider) where he was D of M. and finally at SF where he also became Director of Maintenance.

# Speaking of--Flyers

They were a rollicking, frolicking crew . . . our flyers in peace time. In ships of commerce or in military planes they knew the joy of flight, the high-hearted pursuit of distant horizons. Their singing propellers whisked the blue cap off old Diamond Head as they lifted a hand in salute to Hawaii's golden morning.

Pearl Harbor and Hickman Field and Wheeler Field were happy stations on a friendly path. The birds of Midway, Wake and Guam fluttered skyward to greet them. Their planes cast small flickering shadows across palm trees and sand, and they left those islands in a blaze of sunshine.

And then, at last, in another twilight, our flyers would see the Mariveles hills rise up from the Pacific like a great heap of red and purple stones. This was the East, this was Manila. They smiled to think of it . . . for Corregidor was an impregnable fortress then and Bataan but the name of a province. And as they looked back in memory upon those bright new roads which ran from Coco Solo to Dutch Harbor, from San Francisco to Manila, our flyers laughed . . . as American pioneers have always laughed.

Now . . . the humorless men of Nippon and the faceless dolts of Nazi Germany have changed that laughter. The jest has turned bloody, the laugh is grim. Our enemies do not like the sound of it. They shall relish it less when Tokyo is a hell of panic-stricken apes . . . and when the Nazi's fine Valhalla is a ruin of bricks and mortar dust.

Men of the Air Forces, strike hard, strike swiftly. The world is waiting for you to win back again your lost peace . . . your lost joy . . . your lost laughter. For that old, warm gleeful shout will ring across this earth until the last slave in the deepest dungeon hears it . . . and looks up . . . and knows that even he may learn to laugh once more.—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory."



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

### "FOR HONOUR AND FOR HER"

The 19th day of January is the birthday of that great Christian gentleman, General Robert E. Lee. He was recognized as such by both friend and foe. He was Christian in thought and deed. He kept himself clean in heart and mind and sought to encourage it in others. This is illustrated in the following incident: A young officer of his command rushed into a group where the General was and said, "Fellows I heard a 'corking' good story. If there are no ladies present, I'll tell it." General Lee quickly reminded him "that there were some gentlemen present." Needless to say, the story was not told.

God's word says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

As Martin Luther said, "We can't keep birds from flying over our heads, but we can keep them from building nests in our hair." We can't keep from seeing and hearing a great deal of filth, but we can withhold our invitations,—applause, and smiles of approval, from such purveyors of filth to come and vomit on us.

Men, let's keep ourselves clean! For—

Somewhere, a woman, thrusting fear away, Faces the future bravely for your sake; Toils on from dawn till dark: from day to day; Fights back her tears, nor heeds the bitter ache; She loves you, trusts you, breathe: in prayer your name; Sell not her faith in you, by sin or shame.	When death itself confronts you, grim and stern; But let her image all your rever- ence claim, When base temptations scorch you with their flame.
Somewhere a woman—mother, sweetheart, wife— Waits betwixt hopes and fears for your return; Her kiss, her words, will cheer you in the strife,	Somewhere a woman watches— filled with pride; Shrined in her heart, you share a place with none. She toils, she waits, she prays, till side by side You stand together when the battle's done. O keep for her dear sakes a stain- less name. Bring back to her a manhood free from shame."

—Margaret Scruton.



**THIS WEEK ABROAD WE SEE**  
The Poles have refused Russia's offer of the Curzon Line in their boundary dispute . . . while the Red Army moves swiftly toward Poland, Rumania, and the rest of the Baltics . . . Tito and his partisans are in for some rough weather . . . Nazi armor is determined to eliminate them before the big Allied offensive . . . Gen. Eisenhower arrived in London to begin work on a certain guy we know . . . the putsch of the 5th Army under Gen. Clark resulted in the capture of Mt. Trocchio, key to Cassino, which is a big milestone on the way to Roma . . . it was taken with cold red steel . . . in the far eastern theatre Gen. Mac's vets took Cape Gloucester . . . Whotinhell is going on down in South America? . . . the nations of the Americas have realized the danger and have formed a bloc against Argentina and Bolivia . . . knowing that Nasties are at work down there, we should remember that the only blocs they understand are filled with TNT.

**AT HOME THIS WEEK WE HEAR**  
Lend-Leaser Stettinius has written a book on L-L, predicting that it will be a good foundation for trade after the war . . . the US Communistic Party took a fade out last week . . . hmmm . . . the Repub Convent will probably be in Cheecawgo, Ill., on June 26th or thereabouts . . . have youse kids read about the 134 million "Canol" fizzle? . . . Vicissitudes:—Mrs. Herbert Hoover is dead at 68 . . . and so is a courageous journalist—John Wesley Dafeo, the William Allen White of Canada.



Q. If a soldier is convicted of desertion, does his family allowance stop?

A. Yes, indeed. Family allowance payments cease at the end of the month in which notice is received by the Office of Dependency Benefits of the soldier's conviction of desertion. Payments also stop after the soldier has been absent without leave for three months. If he is later restored to duty, his family allowances may be reinstated.

Q. My brother is overseas and wants mail. How many V-Mail letters am I permitted to send him a month?

A. Once again there is no limit placed on the number of V-Mail letters you can send to service men. However, you can't send your brother any packages unless he sends you a written request for the contents and even then you can't send more than one package a week.

## Five Officers Receive Promotions

Promotion of one first lieutenant to the rank of captain and four second lieutenants to the rank of first lieutenant was announced this week, effective as of January 17th.

1st Lt. Isidore Brown, S4, is Strother Field's new captain. First lieutenants are Richard B. Barnett, tactical officer, Frank Burns, Frank W. Donaldson and Jack C. Boyles, flying instructors.

Detroit (CNS) — Five brothers named Fuhrer petitioned the Federal court for a change "because of the inconveniences suffered due to the designation as Fuhrer of that ignominious character, Shickelgruber or Hitler."

Evansville, Ind. (CNS)—A 130-pound man was arrested here recently on a charge of stealing an 800-pound piano.

Helena, Mont. (CNS)—W. Rush Burroughs, who estimates that he has walked a distance equal to four times around the world during his 41 years as a mailman, quit recently to take a new job. Now he's a door-to-door salesman.

One pound of salvaged fat will produce enough glycerine to manufacture 1/2 pound of dynamite.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 22 Jan.  
NO TIME FOR LOVE  
Claudette Colbert  
Fred McMurray  
Color Cartoon  
Army-Navy Screen Mag. No. 17

Sunday and Monday, 23-24 Jan.  
AROUND THE WORLD  
Kay Kyser, Joan Davis  
News of the Day  
Color Cartoon  
Sports Review

Tuesday, 25 Jan.  
SWING FEVER  
Kay Kyser, Marilyn Maxwell  
World of Sports  
Merrie Melodies  
Magic Carpet

Wed. and Thurs., 26-27 Jan.  
CRY HAVOC  
Margaret Sullivan  
Ann Sothern, Joan Blondell  
News of the Day  
Merrie Melodies

Friday, 28 Jan.  
GUNG HO  
Randolph Scott  
Grace McDonald  
Community Sing  
March of Time

## This Week . . . What's new in your home town?

— — — — the GIs at SF have a variety of tom-foolery and fun to fill the vacant spots in their weekly schedule. We have—

- SATURDAY**  
USO—Ark City—Formal Dance..Band  
Winfield—Formal Dance..Band  
SERVICE CLUB—Open night
- SUNDAY**  
USO—Ark City—Bingo..Singing  
Winfield—Truth or Consequences  
SERVICE CLUB—Do-as-you-please
- MONDAY**  
USO—Ark City—Bridge lessons  
Winfield—Kitchen party..Games  
SERVICE CLUB—Game night..Bingo
- TUESDAY**  
USO—Ark City—Do-as-you-please  
Winfield—Do-as-you-please  
SERVICE CLUB—Dance..SF band
- WEDNESDAY**  
USO—Ark City—Snack bar party  
Winfield—Anniversary dance  
SERVICE CLUB—E.M.—Civilian workers party.
- THURSDAY**  
USO—Ark City—Ping pong tourney  
Winfield—Bridge party..Games  
SERVICE CLUB—32nd dance
- FRIDAY**  
USO—Ark City—Married couples night  
Winfield—Game night..Shuffle board  
SERVICE CLUB—1430 GI wives' party  
GI party..Coffee, cookies

— — — — and don't forget the theatre, bowling alleys, athletic games, or the card tussle in the day room. If all of these bore yuh, there's always Wichita. Do it up brown, chum!

Honolulu (CNS)—A 32-year-old woman, quarreling with her husband, threatened to jump from a second story window in their home. "Go ahead and jump," said hubby. She did and broke a leg. "I didn't think she'd do it," her husband said.

## Have You Read—

In *Preview of History*, Raymond Gram Swing, the author presents what he calls "a public diary o' broadcasts and speeches." Compiled from material from many of his broadcasts and augmented with new material, *Preview of History* presents a running account of the events of the war. By way of introduction, he has written a detailed discussion of a post-war world based on his own exceptional facilities for gathering information.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

One of America's top-ranking news analysts and radio commentators, Swing needs no introduction to the American public. He was named outstanding radio commentator in 1942 in the four most important awards (*World Telegram*, *Motion Picture Daily*, *Radio Daily* and *The National Women's Council in Radio*). His prophetic broadcast after Munich in October 1938 remains today as probably the most remarkable piece of news forecast of modern times.

Miss Beatrice Parker, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Major W. Parker of Coldwater, Kans., and S/Sgt. Robert J. Chatelain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Chatelain of Finlay, Ohio, were married last Sunday afternoon in the Methodist church at Coldwater.

Attendants were Miss Adaline Parker, the bride's sister, of Ashland, and S/Sgt. George I. Brickley of Winfield.

The groom is a member of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron at Strother Field.

Bel Air Md. (CNS)—A fellow bought what he thought was a menthol stick in a drug store to relieve his chapped lips. Later—in a restaurant—he noticed he was receiving a good deal of attention every time he dabbed his lips with the stick. He looked in a mirror and discovered he had been using lipstick.

Belgrade, Neb. (CNS) — Mrs. Adelia Ward called the plumber when the drain pipe clogged. The plumber removed 60 garter and bull snakes from the pipe.

Bridgeport, Conn. (CNS)—Mrs. Arpad Kansco was seeking a divorce on the grounds that her husband was living with another woman. "Have you any children?" asked the judge. "Yes," admitted Mrs. Kansco, "seventeen."

Chicago (CNS)—Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stewart made sure that there would be no slip-up in the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Ens. Roy Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, both ordained ministers, performed the nuptials themselves.

## Former Lawyer Takes Basic Here

His civilian occupation unique among cadets now training at Strother Field, Kansas, William Forest Braziel of Class 44-D is training for a new type of battle—a battle in which the globe supplants the courtroom as the setting and bullets replace arguments. Back home in Savannah, Ga., Braziel is associate member of the biggest law firm in the South—Conneratt-Hunter-Cubbedge of Savannah, a firm that specialized in admiralty law (law of the sea) as well as handles the regular corporation, probate and civil law practices.

Sports fans of the South have been familiar with Braziel's name and boxing skill for many years. In '931, as a 15-year-old flyweight weighing 110 pounds he won the regional Golden Gloves tournament. He was no "respector of persons" in the ring, and often just for the heck of it mixed with older boxers who weighed up to 145 pounds when no competition of his own class was available. At 117 pounds and as captain of the team, he won his laurels in a bout with a 135-pounder.

Braziel is a son of Mrs. C. L. Braziel of 12 East 41st St., Savannah. He was an aggressive worker in the Savannah Junior Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Savannah Camera club, with which he followed his absorbing hobby—photography—from the focusing of the lens through the dark and wash rooms onto the display walls of photographic exhibits.

Last night Cpl. Wilson had a night-mare and dreamed he was being gagged with a pillow. And all day long he felt down in the mouth.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

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If Aviation Cadet Irvin Louis Obermark of Class 44-D at Strother Field takes his combat training a little more seriously these days than heretofore, it's because he has something extra to fight for — a fair-haired baby boy who arrived at St. Mary's hospital in Winfield three weeks ago. Because he's such a tiny mite (five pounds, six ounces) young Irvin Obermark, Jr., is being kept in the hospital 'til he gets a little bigger boost on some such route as his football playing dad traveled.

Cadet and Mrs. Obermark's peacetime address is St. Louis, Mo. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Obermark of 3116 Whittier Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Obermark's name is a familiar one on the sports pages of St. Louis and Missouri. As a left guard on the Beaumont high school football team in St. Louis, he won a place on the all-state high school football team in 1939. Three years later as a sophomore in Washington university, he turned the trick again, that time winning a berth on the all-Missouri Valley Conference team.

### From Same Town Both Meet In Army

Though they live in Boulder, Colo., and were in the University of Colorado together, Aviation Cadets John V. Radloff and Floyd E. Schoolland, members of cadet Class 44-D, did not meet until they were sent to the Army Air Forces college training detachment at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich. Since then their courses through classification center, pre-flight, primary and basic schools have been identical.

Schoolland, 20, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Schoolland of 525 Geneva Ave., and when he volunteered for air crew training was a mechanical engineering student in the University of Colorado, and a carrier for the Boulder Daily Camera. After he helps win the war as a combat pilot, Schoolland hopes to combine civilian and military training in fitting him for his chosen work—that of a flying meteorologist.

Radloff, 20, son of Mrs. Charlotte J. Radloff of 1212 Pine St., Boulder, left his classroom preparation as a chemical engineer to enter air crew training. He was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and an active participant in intra-mural football and swimming events at Colorado U.

### SF Huskies Swoon as Sinatra Squeals

Last night (Oh, What a Beautiful Evening!) Frank bow-tie-I-make-'em-cry Sinatra came to the post theatre in his first cinematic attraction—Higher and Higher."

A special platoon of guards were posted inside and outside the theatre to handle the crowd which started forming and foaming about 0300 the day before the show. At six o'clock, the line extended to the outskirts of Ponca City, and the Highway Department of the State of Kansas was complaining that the men had blocked many cow paths, and damaged milk production.

#### Theatre Is Drool Pool

Inside the theatre ten extra balconies were built to handle the overflow crowd, who looked like anchovies in a tin and the medical OD was on hand with a crew of 65 men to handle swooners, nail biters, and women who threw fits. They used approximately 150 cases of smelling salts and Chanel. A special Special Service crew was on hand with mops and special pneumatic pumps to handle the drool.

#### People Go Arfy-Farfy (Nuts)

When Frankie would speak, the patrons would merely coo and look at each other with calf-like glances reminding one of how you look after vomiting a meal. When he sang the women sailed around in the air on their broomsticks and men clasped hands, jumped up and down, and uttered gargled girlish squeals of ecstasy.

T/Sgt. Robert Bravo, ass't manager of the theatre, said almost all of his men were on the way to recovery. The medical OD reported many cases of dislocated pelvis, infected hangnails, and bitten lips.

### 20-Year Old Kansan Sworn Into Women's Army Corps At Strother

To take her deceased husband's place in the armed forces, petite Betty Carney Good of Peabody, Kansas, joined the Women's Army Corps this week, taking at Strother Field the pledge to "bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever . . ."

#### Hedberg Leaves

Walter Hedberg, American Red Cross field director at Strother Field since Dec. 7, 1942, has been transferred to St. Louis, Mo., where he has been assigned to the claims division of the midwestern office.

Eldon Parker, field supervisor of the area office, American Red Cross, St. Louis, Mo., assumed Mr. Hedberg's duties at this field until his successor arrives the last of this week.

Both Schoolland and Radloff are anxious to complete their training and get into the "big push." They don't care whether it is to the European war theater or the Pacific isles that they are sent. As Radloff puts it:

"We want to be anywhere but here, and I've nothing against Strother Field or the United States, either. I think you know what I mean."

Waste aids our enemies.

### Army 'Takes Over' Paper Route--What Next?

Add to the achievements of Lt. Col. Jasos L. Beatty, station executive officer at Strother Field, the arts of newspaper carrying.

When his son, Jimmie Dean, a Winfield newsboy, was detained in another town while on a basketball trip last week and subscribers wanted their evening papers, Lt. Col. Beatty stepped into the breach. He hunted up Jimmie Dean's subscription list, consulted a map of the route to be covered, checked out the papers from the office, and started out on his first—and what his family believes probably will be his only—rounds as a carrier boy.

But darkness had intervened, the colonel didn't know house numbers or just where to put the paper so certain customers' requests would be fulfilled, so he adopted what seemed a simpler policy; he went after Jimmie Dean. Under J. D.'s skilled direction, Lt. Col. Beatty later delivered to Winfield subscribers the day's news "at home and abroad."

Miss Ruth Emily Jones of Wichita, Kans., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dorman, Wakeeney, Kans., became the bride of Pvt. Edwin K. Avery, 448th Base Hdqts. and Air Base Sqdn., in a ceremony performed in the post chapel Tuesday evening of this week. Chaplain Russell L. Young officiated.

The bride has been employed in the final assembly plant of the Beech Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kans. Avery, whose home is in Idaho Springs, Colo., is a member of the SF photo lab staff. The couple will make their home in Winfield after Feb. 15th.



"I want to become an army photographer," were the words spoken by Betty Carney Good of Peabody, Kans., who joined the Women's Army Corps last week. Following her being sworn into service at Strother Field, Mrs. Good visited the photo lab where she posed with an army camera for the above picture. (Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

### Elect Members For A E R Board

At a meeting last week the new executive board and relief committee for the SF Army Emergency Relief were elected. Members of the board are:

Col. Joseph F. Carroll, president; Mrs. James R. Williams, vice president; 2nd. Lt. Frank M. Mathews, secretary; 1st. Lt. Alexander D. Lieb, treasurer; and Chaplain Russell L. Young and 2nd. Lt. Beatrice T. Broudy, members. The additional members of the council are: M/Sgt. Joseph S. Hladek, Mrs. Jolly Adkins, Mrs. Merle W. Allen, T/Sgt. Claude A. Alexander, Mrs. George I. Brickley, Mrs. Isadore A. Brown; and the squadron representatives: S/Sgt. Henry W. Ward, 322nd; M/Sgt. William A. Taylor, Medics; S/Sgt. Donald R. Grimes, 55th; and T/Sgt. Eugene C. Miller, QMC.

The relief committee, all important functioning body of the AER, is composed of Mrs. Pearl McPhail and Mrs. James R. Williams (chairman) of Winfield, Mrs. Frank Gluhm, Mrs. John W. Erickson and Mrs. Roy B. Mosher of Ark City. This committee has charge of all matters pertaining to relief. It investigates all cases of Air Force families needing aid and deciding how assistance shall be effected.

Educating yourself to eat a variety of foods for your health is an important part of your training.

Take all you want, but eat all you take.

### Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

"He sure looks snappy with those two bars on his shoulder."

"Yes, much snappier than when he was a civilian and had two shoulders on the bar!"

Stopped for a snack—is the food good at that joint? Why, they sell hamburger—with built in bicarbonate!

Met a girl who was two-thirds married. She was willing and so was her mother.

Cpl. Sekers knows a girl who couldn't swim a stroke but she knew all the dives.

Had a new OPA Cocktail—one sip and you hit the ceiling.

### 44D Cadet Killed When Plane Crashes Following Collision

Aviation Cadet William E. Rowland of 5515 Redford Road, Washington, D. C., was killed shortly before midnight Tuesday night when his plane crashed following a mid-air collision over Strother Field, Col. Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer, announced.

The cadet who was piloting the other plane landed without injury after the two basic trainers collided on a routine training flight at this basic flying school.

A board of qualified AAF officers has been appointed to determine the exact cause in detail.

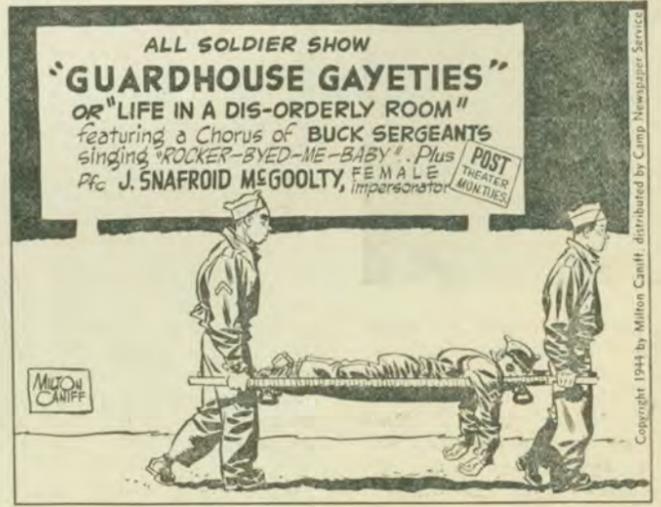
### Male Call



### Briefs For Mission



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"... I've lived here a long time, soldier—but I've never heard of that custom before!"

### Athletes in Service Discussed by YANK

New York—Sports fans will find plenty of material for latrine forums and barracks controversy in YANK's Jan. 28 issue which hits the PX stand today, Jan. 21. Sgt. Dan Polier, sports editor for YANK has opened up a wide field for discussion by reviewing the records of top athletes in the service and questioning how many will be able to maintain their status in post-war sports.

Pointing out the ages of such GIs as Sgt. Joe Louis, Cpl. Billy Conn and Sgt. Joe Di Maggio, YANK hazards a guess on the chances of each man to resume his championship form in the athletic world after another year or two in uniform. The conclusions drawn by Sgt. Polier are both challenging and instuctive.

Having lost First Baseman Elbie Fletcher to the Navy, the Pittsburgh Pirates recently completed a deal with the Philadelphia Phillies whereby they secured the services of a 4F initial sacker. He is smooth-fielding Babe Dahlgren rejected for service because of a sinus condition. The Pirates sent Babe Phelps, veteran catcher, and cash to the Phils for Dahlgren.

### Is This Lace?



Sgt. Littleton Rogers, of Bergstrom Field, Tex., thinks that Cleo Cheshire, University of Texas co-ed, looks like Lace, curvaceous heroine of Milton Caniff's "Male Call." Cleo doesn't always dress like this, says Rogers. This picture was taken while she was entertaining soldiers.

### SQUADRON BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
55th	8	0	1.000
Medics	6	3	.666
1082nd	6	3	.666
448th	3	6	.333
322nd	3	6	.333
1088th	0	8	.000

### SF All Stars Defeat Geuda

The Strother All-Stars defeated the Geuda Springs team by a score of 55 to 24 in a game played last Friday at Geuda. Brej, Strother forward, made 12 field goals and 3 free tosses for 27 points to lead in scoring. Rutter, Geuda center, made 10 points. The two teams met earlier this season and the Strother team lost by one point at that time.

SF-55		Geuda Springs-24			
Brej, f	12	3	Swaim, f	2	1
Vance, f	3	1	Peters, f	0	0
Reed, f	2	0	Work, V., f	2	0
Nicholas, c	1	0	Spray, f	0	0
Bova, c	0	0	Rutter, c	4	2
Smith, g	3	1	Swaim, c	0	0
Murbrook, g	2	0	Ostrander, g	1	2
Dalak, g	2	0	Bahruth, P., g	0	1
Stebar, g	0	0	Bahruth, I., g	0	0
Quarter scores:					
SF	8-25-41-55				
Geuda Springs	5-12-22-24				

### 44-D Cadets Form Basketball League

A cadet league of basketball teams representing class 44-D began play Monday evening in the post gymnasium in the first of weekly contests. There are four teams in two flights and the games played this week were between teams of "B" flight.

Squadron 1 of this flight defeated squadron 2 by a score of 47 to 15. Keiffer of squadron 1 was high man with six field goals.

Squadron 3 of B flight defeated the student officer team of the same flight by a score of 33 to 23. Sanderson, guard on Squadron 3 team was high man with 8 field goals and one free throw.

Next Monday evening the four teams representing flight A will play in two games.

Sqd. 1. B Flt.—47		Sqd. 2. B Flt.—15			
McGee, f	1	1	Heintz, f	0	0
Walker, f	1	0	Georgeff, f	3	0
Viets, f	5	0	Fodermaier, c	2	0
Sheely, f	3	0	Hass, g	1	1
Moses, c	5	0	Heismann, g	1	0
Keiffer, g	6	0			
Keppell, g	2	0			
Haukey, g	0	0			

Sqd. 3. B Flt.—33		Student Offic.—23			
Wohlers, f	1	1	Wetham, f	3	0
MacLaren, f	3	0	Ware, f	3	0
Wise, c	1	0	Allen, f	1	0
White, c	0	0	Copus, c	0	0
Sanderson, g	8	1	Barnett, c	2	0
Sutter, g	2	1	Whittington, g	1	1
		Gits, g		1	0

Capt. Hank Greenberg, the Detroit Tigers' great slugger, recently completed a 15-month tour of duty at the headquarters of Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount's AAF Training Command in Texas and has been given a new training assignment.

Make every second count. Do not take more than you can eat.



# SPORTS



### 8TH ROUND GAMES

1088th-29		1082nd-36			
Curtis, g	1	1	Mazzuca, f	3	0
Blackburn, c	4	1	Rupp, f	1	0
Seely, f	5	0	Beckett, f	2	0
Swords, g	0	0	Murbrook, f	6	1
Schinzler, g	2	0	Shintaffe, c	0	0
Meeks, g	0	0	Childs, c	4	1
Maxwell, f	0	3	Stebar, g	0	0
		Baudanza, g		1	0

Quarter scores:

1082nd	7-24-34-36
1088th	5-9-14-29

322nd-28		448th-15			
Smith, f	1	0	Selvidge, f	2	0
Estell, f	5	0	Reid, f	1	1
Green, c	5	3	Davis, g	0	2
Wright, f	0	0	Biederman, g	0	0
Johnson, g	1	1	Bova, g	2	0
Terry, g	0	0	Halverson, c	1	0

Quarter scores:

322nd	4-10-20-28
448th	2-6-11-15

Medics-20		55th-30			
Cagle, f	0	2	Brej, f	4	1
Nicholas, c	0	2	Wittman, f	1	0
Shoemaker, g	0	0	Stiles, g	0	1
Haungs, g	1	3	Vance, c	5	1
Landers, f	0	2	Dalak, g	1	5
Onukiewich, c	0	0	Lawrence, f	0	0
Childers, g	4	1	Robinson, f	0	0

Quarter scores:

55th	9-16-20-30
Medics	4-9-14-20

### 9TH ROUND GAMES

1082nd-43		448th-32			
Rupp, f	2	2	Davis, g	5	0
Murbrook, f	4	0	Busch, g	0	0
Beckett, f	0	0	Reid, f	3	0
Childs, c	4	0	Halverson, c	0	0
Smith, g	9	0	Bova, g	3	0
Steuber, g	1	1	Selvidge, f	1	0
		Biederman, g		4	0

Quarter scores:

1082nd	4-11-28-43
448th	10-22-28-32

322nd-24		Medics-36			
Smith, f	0	0	Cagle, f	8	1
Estell, f	3	0	Dickos, f	0	0
N. Johnson, f	3	0	Nicholas, c	1	2
Green, c	4	1	Childers, g	2	1
Wright, g	0	3	Shoemaker, g	2	1
Terry, g	0	0	Landers, g	2	1
Reed, g	0	0	Tomasino, g	0	0

Quarter scores:

Medics	6-22-27-36
322nd	2-5-18-24

## 55th Continues In Squadron Basketball League Lead with Win

### 1082 nd Wins Thriller From 448th After Trailing 22 to 11 At Half Mark

In 8th and 9th round basketball games played last Thursday and Tuesday of this week, the 55th team remained in top position. Last Thursday the Medics were defeated by the red-hots 30 to 20. Vance, playing center for the 55th, was high point man with 5 field goals and one free throw for 11 points. Childers, Medics guard, totaled 9 points to lead his team. The ninth round game for the 55th and the 1088th guard squadron outfit was postponed, but with 8 games won, the 55th remains in the league lead.

In another 8th round game the 1082nd quintet defeated the 1088th team by a score of 36 to 29. Murbrook, 1082nd forward, made 13 points to lead his outfit. Seeley, guard squadron forward, hit for 5 baskets and 10 points to lead his team in scoring.

The 322nd service squadron defeated the 448th team in the final 8th round game by a score of 28 to 15. Green, center on the 322nd team, totaled 13 points with 5 field goals and 3 free tosses. Selvidge, 448th forward and Bova, 448th guard, tied with 2 goals each to divide scoring honors.

In the two games played in the 9th round the 448th lost another game this time to the 1082nd by a score of 43 to 32 and the Medics defeated the 322nd team 36 to 24.

The 448th led the 1082nd in the first quarter 10 to 4 and 22 to 11 at the half. Then the tide turned with the 1082nd scoring 17 points to their opponents 6 points to tie the game at 28 all in the 3rd quarter. In the final stanza the 1082nd scored 15 more points for their total of 43 while the 448th made only 4 points to total 32 points. Smith, 1082nd guard, made 9 baskets for 18 points to lead his outfit. Davis, 448th guard, hit for 5 field goals to lead his team.

In the Medics defeat of the 322nd team, Cagle, forward, made 8 field goals and one free throw for 17 points. Green, 322nd center hit 4 field goals and 1 free throw to total 9 points in leading his teammates in scoring.

### Challenge Match Is Bowling Thriller

Victor in all three games, the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron Orderly Room and Supply bowling team defeated the Wolf Pack (Hdqt. Personnel) team in a challenge bowling match last week by 123 pins.

Ingram of the O & S team was high man with a total of 532. Kuhn of the Wolf Pack led his team with 461 pins.

In the first game the O & S group were off to a good start with 65 more pins than their opponents totaled. This lead was increased to 110 pins with the second game lead of 45 pins. In the final stanza the Wolf Pack held their opponents to only a 13 point lead, but the rally was too late and their total of 2103 pins fell 123 short of even tying the Orderly & Supply boys.

There is, however, one consolation for the losing team, all members belong to the 448th squadron, so the defeat should not have had too much sting to it. For tears shed by the losers a crying towel was presented them by the O & S hotshots.

WOLF PACK	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Kuhn	209	136	116	461
Cowling	148	133	162	443
Webb	142	133	117	392
Dodds	127	177	126	430
Chatelain	118	132	127	377
Total	744	711	648	2103

ORD. & SUPPLY	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Ingram	177	200	155	532
Toombs	123	152	113	388
Lindstrom	144	143	103	390
Gansen	171	127	131	429
Straub	194	134	159	487
Total	809	756	661	2226



A brand new "crying towel" with the date 1944 imprinted on it was presented to S/Sgt. Ralph C. Kuhn of the "Wolf Pack" bowling team by Cpl. Joseph D. Gansen of the Ordnance Room and Supply team following the defeat of the former team in a challenge match played last week in the post bowling alleys.

S/Sgt. Kuhn is the only member of his team to appear in the picture, morally supported of course by 1st. Lt. John W. Ondreas. Personnel officer. Where the others went is not known—maybe they were hiding behind the "crying towel."

Shown standing in front, left to right, are: Pfc. Ted W. Ingram, 1st. Lt. Roy W. Sillings, CO of the 448th Squadron, Cpl. Joseph D. Gansen, S/Sgt. Ralph C. Kuhn and 1st. Lt. John W. Ondreas.

Standing in back are Cpl. L. J. Straub, Cpl. Joseph R. Toombs and Pfc. Roy E. Lindstrom.

(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

## sport slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

Johnny Rucker, New York Giants' outfielder, was telling a few baseball stories to GI patients at Finney General Hospital in Thomasville, Ga., when one of his listeners remarked that he had often watched Rucker play from the centerfield bleachers at the Polo Grounds in New York. "Really?" said Rucker. "I thought I recognized your voice."

Charlie Keller, New York Yankee outfielder, has been commissioned an ensign in the Maritime Service. Keller gave up his defense job in Baltimore to accept the commission.

### Twin Cities Bus Schedule

Leave Ark City	Leave PX	Leave Winfield	Leave PX
5:30 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	5:45 a.m.	6:10 a.m.
6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	12 Noon	11:30 a.m.	12 Noon
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
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		12:00 p.m.*	12:20 a.m.*
		1:00 a.m.*	1:20 a.m.*
		2:00 a.m.*	2:20 a.m.*

\* Saturday.  
† Sunday.  
‡ Not on Sunday.  
§ Not on Saturday.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

### ☆ Bird batter becomes basic birdman ☆

Ralph Eugene Tenney, who tucked away Texas and Southwestern United States intercollegiate badminton championships for the years 1941, 1942 and 1943, is nearing end of the basic phase of his Army flying training at Strother Field. He is a member of Class 44-D.

Tenney, a printer by trade and by heritage (his father, Arthur B. Tenney, is editor and publisher of the Stratford, Okla., Star) was a student in Abilene Christian college, Abilene, Texas, when he won the Texas amateur badminton championship in 1941, and successfully defended that title in 1942 and 1943. Paired with Robert Faver of Sweetwater, Texas, they added the Texas amateur doubles title the same three years. During the springs of 1941, 1942, and 1943, Tenney fought his way to

championship of the Southwestern United States Intercollegiate singles and with Faver won the doubles' titles the same years. Between 350 and 375 players were eliminated in competition.

In February, 1943, Tenney and Faver claimed new laurels, when Tenney won the singles and the team the doubles' championship in the Texas Open badminton tournament at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. More than four hundred players, including both amateurs and professionals, participated.

Tenney, who has eight medals and a dozen trophies for his badminton prowess, is after another kind of decoration — silver pilot's wings. They come with the second lieutenant's commission which will be granted him upon completion of nine weeks' advanced school.

### Birthday Ball Parties to Be Sat. & Mon.

Officers of Strother Field will have their own President's Ball celebration Saturday evening, January 29th, the affair to be held in the officers' club on the field. The post orchestra will play.

Proceeds of the dance, minus orchestra expense, will be turned over to the Cowley county President's Ball committee.

In Arkansas City tomorrow night, Jan. 29th, a dance for enlisted men of Strother Field will be held in the auditorium-gymnasium. Proceeds will go to the local and national infantile paralysis funds. Charlie Groat and his orchestra from Eldorado, Kans., will furnish music for the event scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. Admittance price will be 50c per couple. Arrangements have been made whereby tickets may be had for the dance and the 50c taken out of enlisted men's pay.

A President's Ball for Negro civilians of Arkansas City and vicinity and members of the 322nd Squadron at SF will be held next Monday night, Jan. 31st, in the skating rink at Ark City.

### 1088th Guardsmen Have both Holiday and Party

Last Tuesday evening, 24 January, 1944, the SF 1088th Guard Squadron had a long-needed night off, and threw a party to celebrate. It all took place in the Elks' Hall in Winfield, and about 2100 hour, the post orchestra began layin' down the jive.

At the intermission a buffet supper of cold cuts, trimmings and what-have-you was had to the tune of some squadron home talent, who made with the voice and the piano. Sgt. William Maxwell and his social committee saw to it that everyone had enough to eat and that no one got thirsty. Theirs is the credit for arranging a neat affair.

The Guards were especially grateful to the men of the 448th BHQ and AB Squadron who pulled guard duty that night, in order that all of the men might attend their first party in 15 months.

### PT Classes Resumed

Effective yesterday morning, PT classes for all EM except 1082nd squadron members were resumed. Well, it was great while it lasted!

### New ARC Director Was Buck Private

Strother Field men will soon become familiar with the name and energetic personality of Herbert A. Thomson, new field director for the American Red Cross. His experience in World War I, which makes him familiar with the problems of a soldier, coupled with his objective, expressed as the motto — "get the job done" — marks him as a man with whom soldiers may talk shoulder to shoulder.

#### Two Bronze Stars

Director Thomson was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., but when hardly a year old, he was taken by his parents to Chicago, Ill., where he was reared and schooled. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Army, and went overseas with the famed 33rd Illinois Division, where he saw action in two major engagements. When the war ceased, he remained abroad with the Army of Occupation for six months before returning home.

He began his civilian business career with a position at the Illinois Bell Telephone Co., but left

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Assistant supervisor of Supply at Strother Field is 2nd. Lt. Mary V. McCutcheon, one of the four Wac officers stationed at this base. Lt. McCutcheon's home is in Jasper, Alabama.

### Many Improvements in Year's Time Since Field Dedication

Last Monday, exactly one year after its dedication by Governor Andrew C. Schoepel of Kansas "To the victories of the future, the service of our country and the service of our allied nations across the seas," Strother Field authorities surveyed the field's steady expansion.

To handle the increased training program, expansions all along the line have been required and have been made in practically all departments directly concerned with flying training. This gradual but continued growth is responsible for the fact that officer personnel now at Strother Field is more than double that stationed here on dedication day.

### War Bond Rally, Feb. 6, Features Open House and Medal Presentation

Strother Field will hold a war bond party and open house Sunday, Feb. 6th in connection with the Fourth National War Bond Drive. The party will be on a big scale and the field is to be open to all visitors from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

A full review of all cadet members of classes 44-D and 44-E will take place at 1:30 p.m. A program of special entertainment for guests is scheduled from 2 until 3 p.m. At this time conducted tours of the field will be made for all interested guests. Main buildings on the field will be open at this time for inspection by visitors.

A war bond auction and sale of bonds through booths located in the sub-depot hangar will take place from 3 to 5 p.m.

Concluding event of the review will be the presentation of the air medal with two oak leaf clusters to Willis A. Clapper, rural Winfield, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Billy E. Clapper, wife of Sgt. Billy E. Clapper, reported missing in overseas action.

Col. Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Field, will present the award and 1st. Lt. George N. Rood, adjutant, will read the citation.

All military personnel of this field are asked to attend the program and assist in making the open house a complete success by their presence.

Two newly promoted officers are Robert C. Dench, flight commander, from first lieutenant to captain, and John F. Francella, post exchange officer, from second to first lieutenant. Capt. Dench is from South Orange, N. J., and 1st. Lt. Francella is from Downingtown, Pa.

Second only to the bustle of the flying line the past year has been the bustle at the engineering office where a large crew of workmen directed by the post engineer is busy every daylight minute on a program of expansion that has never yet reached the easing-up stage.

Latest assignment to the post engineer's staff is the removal of eight large buildings from the CCC camp at Beaver City, Nebraska, to Strother Field for various uses. These buildings will be converted into the following accommodations: structure for storing snow removal equipment; 1 repair shop; office addition to Post Operations; addition to Post Exchange; 20 x 100 ft. addition to Ground School; officer of the day room for cadets; three storage houses to be erected on west and north auxiliary fields; addition to station hospital operating room; addition to hospital.

Removal of the eight buildings from Beaver City and their conversion at Strother Field are but part of the work authorized here for the near future. New entrances to the Link Trainer buildings will be constructed, three airplane wash racks erected and a mail room for the cadet detachment built. An addition to the officers' mess hall, and fire house structures at the west and north auxiliary fields are on the engineers' calendar for "as soon as possible" along with leveling and graveling post parking areas.

At the present time, the engineering staff has its hands full and

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A number of Strother Field officers who have placed in various athletic events on the field during the past year were presented medals for their ability by Col. Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer, in the officers' club Monday evening of last week.

Those who received medals are shown standing behind Col. Carroll in the picture above. From left to right they are: Capt. Oren P. Stoner, athletic director of SF whose department purchased the medals for presentation to the winners: Capt. Allen R. Haveman, member of the south stage officers softball team, champions of the officers league. Capt. Haveman also won a medal for taking 3rd place in the officers golf tournament. Capt. Wilbur H. Carlisle (standing directly behind Col. Carroll) member of the south stage officers softball team; 2nd. Lt. Arnold W. Henke, member of the south stage officers softball team; 2nd. Lt. Billy N. Atteberry, member of the south stage officers softball team; 1st. Lt. Howard L. Hawley, winner of 2nd place in the officers golf tournament; 1st. L. George D. Allen, 2nd place winner in the officers physical fitness tests; 2nd. Lt. Glenn P. Otto, member of the south stage officers softball team; Capt. Robert E. Long, 3rd place winner in the officers badminton tournament; Capt. Richard S. Quisenberry, 2nd place winner in the officers ping-pong tournament, and Capt. Cyril E. Drysdale, 1st place winner in the officers badminton tournament.

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# Speaking of--Men

Friday, January —, 1944.

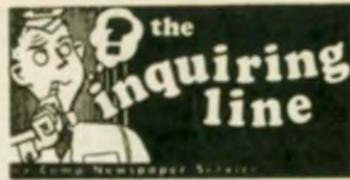
Dear Prunella,  
I just finished reading your letter, and I was horribly shocked to hear that you would even consider joining the WACs, WAVES or SPARS. I am mailing this letter in a sincere effort to prevent you from making a great mistake.

I thought you knew woman's place was in the home, dusting furniture and having babies. You know that you couldn't stand the cruel, rough life outside of the shelter of your kitchen. Don't start that "Woman's Equality" stuff all over again. The next thing you'll say is that you owe something to America, to freedom, or even "Humanity." You make me angry when you say you might go out and lower yourself by acting like those English and Russian peasant women. You wouldn't like to be like them; they're outside fighting in the mud—with guns, too—getting all dirty. That's one form of patriotism, I guess.

Just think—there you are, comfortable and happy, making a lot of money at your job, doing all the things you always wanted. Why you should get a crazy idea over a faddish uniform, I can't see. I always thought you were too smart to fall for that old recruiting bunk about the U. S. critically needing women. Pooh—nonsense!

You be wise and stay home where you belong. Go to teas with all of your girl friends, lounge in the beauty parlor, have your face and nails painted and act sophisticated. Don't bother about all of those silly Europeans, let them fight their own war. I want you to be a pretty creature, untouched by any reality, so be a good girl and forget this whim of yours. Don't drink too much beer and get too fat—I must rush off to the card game now. Goodbye—love—  
SGT. FREDDIE

P. S. I heard the war was almost over.



**Q.** When I entered the Army last year I took out \$10,000 insurance, naming my wife as beneficiary. Since then she divorced me and now I want to make the policy payable to my mother. Is it permissible to do this?

**A.** Yes, a service man may change his insurance beneficiary at any time without the knowledge or consent of the beneficiary.

**Q.** What is the base pay of an aviation cadet?

**A.** An aviation cadet gets \$75 a month and \$1 a day for subsistence during training. Upon the successful completion of his prescribed course of instruction he is commissioned a second lieutenant or appointed a flight officer.

**Q.** I recently graduated from OCS. As an enlisted man I contributed each month to my mother's support. Am I permitted to continue this policy now?

**A.** Yes, you may continue to aid your mother financially through a Class E allotment of pay. If, before you became an officer, your mother was receiving dependency benefits, these payments will stop now, since officers are not eligible for them. No one will stop you, however, from voluntarily sending your own money to her through a Class E allotment.

## Former Claims Adjuster Member Class 44-D

Harold H. Eifler, 25, claims adjuster for a Chicago bus line before he entered the Army Air Forces as an aviation cadet, is preparing at Strother Field to settle a few counts with the axis in the near future.

Cadet Eifler, whose home address is 7920 Indiana Ave., Chicago, is now in the upper class at this army basic flying school. Only a few weeks separate him from his graduation not only from Strother Field but graduation from advanced flying school, his silver pilot's wings and the coveted commission of a second lieutenant. His wife, the former Geraldine Coulson of Chicago, is staying in Winfield, Kansas, that she might be near him while he is training at Strother Field.

Minneapolis (CNS)—Charles M. Peterson fell on the sidewalk, injuring his hand, and he couldn't shave for a couple of weeks. Now he wants the city to pay for the barber bills he ran up during that period.

Kingfield, Me. (CNS) — Mrs. Arthur G. Woodward heard a crash of glass in the cellar. She investigated, found a racoon lapping up the remnants of a bottle of Scotch.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Sun.-Mon., 30-31 Jan.  
WHAT A WOMAN  
Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne  
News of the Day  
Army-Navy Screen Mag.  
Tuesday, 1 Feb.  
CROSS OF LORRAINE  
Pierre Aumont, Gene Kelley  
Peter Lorre  
Terry Tune — Pete Smith  
Wed. and Thurs., 2 and 3 Feb.  
ALI BABA AND THE 40 THIEVES  
Maria Montez, Jon Hall  
Andy Devine  
News of the Day—Bugs Bunny

Friday, 4 Feb.  
THE WOMAN OF THE TOWN  
Claire Trevor, Albert Deckker  
Barry Sullivan  
Noveltune—Vitaphone Varieay

## ● This Week . . . What's new in your home town?

— — — again there's plenty doing both on the Field and around the towns. After duty this week you have the following prospects for fun:

- FRIDAY**  
USO Win—Ping pong tourney. games  
Ark—Married couples' night  
Service Club—GI party, free food
- SATURDAY**  
USO Win—Patriotic dance  
Ark—Informal dancing  
Service Club—open night
- SUNDAY**  
USO Win—"our day"—phone call  
Ark—Bingo, telephone call  
Service Club—open night
- MONDAY**  
USO Win—Kitchen party, shuffleboard  
Ark—Bridge, beginners table  
Service Club—Game night, Bingo prizes
- TUESDAY**  
USO Win—Dance at SF  
Ark—Do-as-you-please  
Service Club—Dance
- WEDNESDAY**  
USO Win—Informal dance, Games  
Ark—Snack bar party  
Service Club—SWC girls' musicale
- THURSDAY**  
USO Win—Voice readings, Bridge  
Ark—Ping Pong tourney, GIs vs. GSOs  
Service Club—322nd party

— — — and again, there's the post theatre, the gym for sports, the library, the bowling alleys, and (of course!) Wichita and its bevy of beautiful dames. Make it solid, fellah!

## Have You Read—

- FICTION**  
The Apostle by Sholem Asch  
Chicken Every Sunday by Rosemary Taylor  
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
- NON-FICTION**  
Between Tears and Laughter by Lin Yutang  
Between the Thunder and the Sun by Vincent Sheean  
Dress Rehearsal by Quentin Reynolds  
Flight to England by L. A. R. Wylie  
My Family, Right or Wrong by John Philip Sousa, III  
Paratroops by F. O. Miksche  
Paris-underground by Etta Shiber  
The Pirate by S. N. Behrman  
Thirty Second Over Tokyo by Ted W. Lawson  
We Followed Our Hearts to Hollywood by Emily Kimbrough  
*They're New!*  
*They're in Your Post Library!*

## 322nd's Birthday Ball Is Big Success

The 322nd Aviation Squadron responded along with the rest of the nation in celebrating the President's birthday with a party in the service club last Thursday. The club was appropriately decorated in the red-white-and-blue color symbols of America. A short speech on the history and purpose of the President's Ball and the "March of Dimes" was given by S/Sgt. Henry W. Ward. Collecting contributions for the cause were Mrs. Berry Branch, Mrs. Helen Kemp, and Mrs. James Washington. A number of guests from surrounding towns were present for the festivities.

Lots of times a man who talks to himself never knows it . . . he thinks someone is listening.

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

### DO YOU EVER COMPLAIN AT YOUR LOT?

I know that the poem below was written primarily for civilians, but reading it did me good, so I am passing it on to you with the hope that it will help you as it did me.

#### WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?

What did you do today, my friend,  
From morning till the night?  
How many times did you complain  
That rationing is too tight?  
When are you going to start to do  
All of the things you say?  
A soldier would like to know, my friend,  
What did you do today?  
We met the enemy today  
And took the town by storm  
Happy reading it will make  
For you tomorrow morn.  
You'll read with satisfaction  
The brief communique,  
We fought, but are you fighting?  
What did you do today?  
My gunner died in my arms today  
I feel his warm blood yet:  
Your neighbor's dying boy gave out  
A scream I'll never forget.  
On my right a tank was hit,  
A flash and then a fire,  
The stench of burning flesh  
Still rises from the pyre.  
What did you do today, my friend,  
To help us with the task?  
Did you work longer and harder for less,  
Or is that too much to ask?  
What right have I to ask you this,  
You probably will say,  
Maybe now you'll understand,  
You see . . . I died today.

By Lt. Dean Shatlain, Tank Commander. (Written on the battlefield of Africa.) It is understood that Lt. Shatlain amputated his own foot with a jackknife and thought he was dying as he wrote this poem. He was rescued by Americans after two hours of hiding and is now recuperating in a hospital in England.



**THIS WEEK ABROAD WE SEE** . . . the Russo-Polish question is threatening to be a serious rift to Allied understanding . . . while the fighting Red Army is poised in the northern sector and will probably drive right thru to Warsaw . . . they say 20,000 tons more of TNT is needed to obliterate Berlin . . . more vicious fighting in minor campaigns in the far east . . . San Juan, Argentina, had an earthquake . . . toll: 3500 dead; 10,000 injured . . . the P-51-B, called Apache and Mustang is proving about the best all around fighter in England . . . it's been a quiet week . . . but we're still waiting for the invasion.

**AT HOME THIS WEEK WE HEAR** . . . National Service . . . the drafting of labor, is raising one nice little argument over the nation . . . the prohibitionists are at it again—trying to get a new law passed . . . why don't they all come to live in Kansas? . . . the chairman of the Democratic national committee for the 4th term is a newcomer: Bob Harrigan—another Farley . . . Sinatra now has a baby son.

**THE FOLKS WROTE YESTERDAY** . . . telling me an old buddy of mine had his guts blown out in Italy . . . I feel like hell . . . he was where the war was, and I'm sitting it out in Kansas . . . there's nothing I can do for him now . . . I can only put my dough in War Bonds and know I'm doing the best I can. How about you, chum?

### Contribute over 2,000 Volumes to SF Library

Among the little known and unusually large benefactors of Strother Field are the Wellington public library and the book lovers of Sumner and Harper counties, who through two Victory book campaigns and cash donations have added 2,137 books to the Strother Field library.

Details of the campaign have been handled by Mrs. Ruth Hepler, head of the Wellington public library, and a committee, members of which all live in Wellington. Using the slogan, "We want an up-to-date army; let's give it up-to-date books," the committee went to work.

As the two counties swung into their Victory book campaign, enthusiasm increased. When Strother Field was activated the committee asked the state Victory Book campaign committee permission to earmark all contributions to the Strother Field post library, since it was in "home" territory. That permission was readily secured and with the knowledge that they were helping equip a new base library in their own locality for use by boys like those from their own homes, the people of Sumner and Harper counties accelerated their Victory Book campaign.

About that time, several Wellington clubs staged what they called "A Book or A Buck" meetings, at which each person either presented a brand new book or gave \$1 toward the purchase of a new book for the Strother Field library. From this fund, after consulting the base library staff as to requested volumes, Mrs. Hepler purchased 51 book for the field library.

Not included in the statistics quoted above were numerous new books and boxes of magazines sent to the Strother Field hospital. The hospital holds special interest for Wellingtonians, for they provided cash to buy new furnishings for one of the larger, more completely equipped day rooms there.

### GIs and Boeingals Tea Dance Sunday

This coming Sunday, 30 January, 1944, the EM of SF will be hosts to a group of about 30 luscious gals from the Boeing plant in Wichita.

The main feature of the afternoon will be a tea dance from two until five o'clock in the service club. Following this, the girls will be EM guests at dinner in the 1000 man mess, and then at the post theatre for the first show.

Much time and care has gone into the arrangement of this affair chums, so drag your weary bones over to the club and bring your dancing shoes—let's dance!

One pound of Salvaged Fat will produce enough glycerine to manufacture 1/4 pound of dynamite.

### Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK  
Had a three-day pass last week and didn't know it. I've always used our milkman's squeaky shoes to wake me up in the morning.— How did I know he was only delivering every other day.

They sank one of the Axis leading battleships the other day — turned out to be the Japs — —a Scharnhorst of a different color.

A Nite Club Hearing:—A Loin Cloth—A Sarong with an inferiority complex.

Remember you're only young once—but it's enough if you work it right.

"Stay out of that dumb-waiter, Grandma, I'll never let you down."

The best way to save time is to use it.

### Group of Strother Field Enlisted Men 'Adopt' Children

Anyone making careless remarks about soldiers being hard-boiled individuals are liable to find a number of small fists swung chinward by small but fighting-mad boys and girls representing the Lutheran Children's Home of Winfield, Kansas.

If names of certain enlisted men of Strother Field were to appear in this story other fists would fly—straight into the face of the editor, accompanied by the remark, "What the hell? Can't a guy have a little fun with a swell bunch of kids without his name getting into print?" So, here is the story—a tribute to a fine group of men in uniform stationed at Strother Field.

For some time now, a group of enlisted men from this field have been entertaining weekly the children of the Lutheran Children's Home. Not all at once, but a different group weekly. The kids are taken out for dinner, to see motion pictures, or stay in the home to beat the soldiers in various games and to be assisted in their studies by the men.

On Christmas day the children were dinner guests of this group at Strother Field, an event the children will remember for a long, long time.

These children are not orphans in the ordinary sense of the word. They have a fine home and care and "dads" and "brothers" in uniform not only at this field but all over the world. This is the generation for which peace, democracy and decency must and will be won.



Where else but in the post gymnasium would you expect five of Strother Field's athletes to gather for a discussion of athletics in 1944? Shown, left to right, are: Sgt. R. Muchowich, badminton champion among enlisted men; Cpl. McMurray, runner-up; Pfc. Bernard Kelly, 1st place winner in the recent physical fitness tests; Pfc. Harold Hester, 3rd place winner in physical fitness tests, and Cpl. W. O. Reed, ping-pong champion among enlisted personnel. (Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

**INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY?**  
Any member of Strother Field military personnel interested in attending photography classes on the field phone 297, Special Service Dept.

### Have Field Day

A get acquainted party was the new event offered at the service club last Wednesday night, 26 January, 1944, when the civilian workers met the GIs in a smooth punch and cookie bout which lasted from 2000 hour on. Besides refreshments, there were games, dancing to the victrola, and bat the breeze sessions.

This type of party has been brewing for some time, and because of its success, it will most likely be repeated at some future date soon. Who knows? The thing may become a regular phenomenon in the service club.

### New ARC Director

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this soon to become a salesman with a national food-distributing firm. Altho not always with the same companies, he remained in this field until the call to serve came again in the second war in his lifetime.

**Three ARC Posts**  
Early in 1942, Mr. Thomson applied for service in the ARC. He was accepted soon after, and sent to Washington, D. C., for "basic" training. Upon completion of this, his first assignment was at good old Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he was ass't field director. After a few months, he, his wife and three sons, moved to another station—Camp Robinson, Ark., where he was promoted in rank to ass't field administrator. Last week he arrived at Strother, his third post.

In the short time he has been here, he has grown to admire the quick cooperation of the squadron officers by aiding the men in time of trouble. He is eager to maintain the standards set by Mr. Hedberg, former director, by giving all-out, 24-hour-a-day service, and doing the best possible job for the men at Strother Field.

### Twernt in Our History Books Thisaway, Podner!

The Sheppard Field, Texas, camp newspaper recently carried the following modest bit of U. S. history re-written by, needless to say, a Texan. Being a school teacher in the state should be a defensive job after all the young ones in the state are told this "history." Of course, if the teacher is a native Texan everything will be lovely!

1492—Columbus discovers America. Contrary to rumor, Columbus was not an Italian, but a Texan who was recognized as royalty in Queen Isabella's court. 1620—First Texan sets foot on Plymouth Rock. 1774—Texans organize Continental Congress. 1775—Texans, always enemies of tyranny, begin the American War of Independence. 1775—Paul Revere's ride. Paul Revere was not from Texas, but his horse was. Revere wouldn't have gone far without the horse. 1775—Valley Forge—one of the darkest moments in history, ranking next to the Alamo. 1776—Washington crosses the Delaware piloted by a Texan. 1776—Texans help Yankees draw up Declaration of Independence. 1812—British discover naval supremacy of Texans. 1845—The Union joins Texas. 1898—Texans win Spanish-American war. 1914—Texans complete Panama Canal. 1917—Texas declares war on Germany. 1918—Texans drive thru Argonne and win World War. 1929—Texan tries to warn world that Wall Street crash is imminent. 1941—U. S., caught with its pants down at Pearl Harbor, calls on Texas to stem the Jap tide. 1943—Texans fight Nazi tanks barehanded. 1943—Texas newspaper headlines invasion of Solomons island with: "Texans plant Lone Star flag on shores of Bougainville."

### New Busses Arrive For Use by Cadets

Three new International passenger buses assigned to Strother Field by the St. Louis, Ordnance Shop, St. Louis, Mo., arrived here this week.

Primary use of the buses will be in carrying cadets to and from the auxiliary fields and other flying training needs. In the past it has been necessary to use trucks for this purpose, a type of transportation that the cadets will no doubt be glad to give up for the roomy enclosed buses.

Each of the new army buses will seat 29 passengers while 40 can be carried in each vehicle at one time.

Save waste fats, and help grease the skids under the axis.

### Cadets of 44-E Have Tea Trot

Tea, cookies, refreshments and gay talk were the materials for the production of the 44-E tea dance given last Sunday, 23 January in the post gym. The post orchestra supplied the musical background while the gadgets and girls from Winfield and Ark City jived and jammed from 1600 to 1900.

Present and sponsoring the affair were Col. and Mrs. Carroll, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Beatty, and Majors Williams and Culbertson and their wives. Tacs and flying officers were also invited.

A five-letter word for sabotage is waste. Do not waste.

### Ma'e Call



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### Quarantine



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"Do whatever you like for the next hour, orderly."

### Two 44-D Cadets Smash PFR Record

The long-standing record of 2nd Lt. Leo E. Engels, flying officer formerly stationed here, was surpassed this week by two cadets of class 44-D, Wayne Smith and Ted Sutter, and almost tied by another, Bland H. Schwarting. Supermen have been trying since August to do Lt. Engels out of his title of the fittest man on the field, and it has taken them five months to do it. The comparative scores are:

Name	Sit-ups	Pull-ups	Shut-outs	Run	Pts.	PFR
Leo E. Engels	114	19	43	270	90	
Wayne Smith	114	24	44	273	90	
Ted Sutter	114	24	43	271	90	
Bland H. Schwarting	114	24	44	268	90	
John Hawn	114	22	49	256	85	
Stanley Maudlin	114	16	44	251	85	
Myron Weaver	114	20	47	250	85	
James H. Stone	114	19	49	250	85	
Royal Young	114	17	45	249	85	

### Many Improvements

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running over. Additional working facilities in the engineering department of the 377th Sub-Depot are just being completed. This was a contract job, supervised by the post engineer. A new heating plant is being installed in the Sub-Depot to heat three buildings and make available much-needed additional office space. A "walk-in" refrigerator is being built in the cadet mess and an addition to the post gymnasium put up. An addition to the hospital mess is in process of construction and repairs on the trusses of the big Sub-Depot hangar are being made at this time. At Field No. 5, new taxiways of light bar and rod steel landing mat are being laid by List & Clark of Kansas City, Mo., and on Strother Field itself a new permanent night lighting system is nearing completion.

Installation of a new 107 h. p. boiler and ventilator in the 1,000-man mess and the installation of new wash racks at the motor pool have been completed. These are the most recent projects of many improvements and additions completed during the year since Strother Field was dedicated. Among other construction projects completed have been the following: improvement of the sewage disposal plant; addition of the War Room to Post Operations; construction of a swimming pool and a bowling alley; consolidation of buildings for a Service Men's club; modification of an existing building for visiting officers' quarters, including a suite for visiting generals; insulation of Post Operations, finance, public relations and civilian personnel buildings as well as photographic laboratory; renovation of building for trial judge advocate's office and post courtroom; covering hospital floors with linoleum; construction and paving of streets and alleys.

Said the little kitten, "I'm going to watch the tennis match. Pa is in the racket."

### Two Cadet Teams Win Victories

"A" flight cadet basketball teams played two games in the post gym this week with squadron one defeating squadron two by a score of 36 to 21. Squadron 3 defeated the student officers of this flight by a score of 41 to 21.

During the next three weeks the winner of each flight will be determined and a playoff for the championship will conclude basketball activities for members of cadet class 44-D.

High scorers were Tenney of Sqd. one with 11 points, Ferency, Sqd. two, with 10 points, Whitley, Sqd. three, 12 points and Michels, student officers team with 10 points.

A Flight Sqd. 1-34		A Flight Sqd. 2-21			
Miller, f	1	0	Smith, f	0	0
Koerber, f	1	1	Gray, f	1	0
Stahl, f	2	2	Spencer, f	0	0
Tenney, c	4	3	Ferency, f	5	0
Donathes, c	0	0	Harrison, c	0	0
Strohl, g	2	0	Hart, g	2	2
Thompson, g	3	0	Fuchs, g	1	0
Knutson, g	2	0	Hasty, g	0	1
			Finlayson, g	0	0
			Durant, g	0	0

A Flight Sqd. 3-41		A Flight S. O.-21			
Whitley, f	5	2	Gita, f	0	2
Wittmer, f	1	0	Geuber, f	2	0
Weaver, f	1	0	Michels, f	3	4
North, c	1	0	Ware, f	0	0
Norby, c	4	0	Whittington, c	0	0
Holden, g	1	1	Wetham, g	0	0
Haymen, g	2	1	Barnett, g	2	1
Campbell, g	2	1	George, g	0	0
Cannerl, g	1	0	Myers, g	0	0

### sport slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

The New York football Giants have sent a full team into the service and it's a better team than the one that finished second for them in the Eastern division of the National football league last year.

Grid Giants in the service include: Jim Poole and Jim Lee Howell, ends; Johnny Mellus and Win Pedersen, tackles; Kayo Lunday and Ben Sohn, guards; Lou De Filippo and Chet Gladchuck, centers, and Nello Falaschi, Frank Reagan, Len Eshmont, George Franck, Howie Yeager and Marion Pugh, backs.

Returning to the ski jumps for the first time in two years, Sgt. Torger Tokle, the great Olympic ace, was outjumped for the first time on U. S. snow by Merrill Barber, of Vermont, at Bear Mountain, N. Y., recently. Tokle was on furlough from Camp Hale, Col., where he is a ski instructor.

Wally Kilrea, top-scoring ace of the Hershey (Pa.) Bears in the American Hockey League, and former Big League star, passed his GI physical at Harrisburg, Pa., recently. Although he's a native of Canada, Kilrea said he would not request transfer to the Canadian Army. On fact, he expressed a preference for the AAF.

Make every second count. Do not take more than you can eat.



# SPORTS



10TH-END OR 1ST HALF		1088th-11			
322nd-24		1088th-11			
Estell, f	2	2	Hubbard, f	3	1
Johnson, f	1	0	Maxwell, f	1	0
Smith, f	0	0	Johnson, f	0	0
Green, c	6	0	James, c	0	0
Terry, g	2	2	Meeks, c	0	0
Wright, g	0	0	Wise, g	1	0
			Menden, g	0	0
			Swords	0	0

55th-30		1082nd-21			
Brel, f	3	1	Rupp, f	1	0
Woodward, f	0	1	Shintaffer, f	0	0
Whitteman, f	2	0	Murbrook, f	1	0
Lawrence, f	0	0	Baudanza, f	1	1
Ferrell, c	0	0	Childe, c	0	1
Vance, g	8	1	Stebur, g	2	2
Dalak, g	0	1	Beckett, g	0	0
Stiles, g	0	0	Smith, g	3	1

Medics-38		448th-20			
Cagle, f	5	1	Reed, f	2	0
Shoemaker, f	4	0	Biederman, f	2	0
Nicholas, c	4	1	Selvidge, g	1	0
Childers, g	2	0	Bova, g	1	0
Dickos, g	2	2	Davis, g	2	0
			Teeters, g	2	0

11TH-1ST OF 2ND HALF		1082nd-47			
322nd-42		1082nd-47			
Estell, f	2	0	Beckett, f	1	0
Johnson, f	4	0	Childe, f	4	0
Green, c	7	2	Rupp, f	4	1
Smith, g	0	0	Smith, c	9	4
Reed, g	0	0	Stebur, g	6	2
Terry, g	5	3	Murbrook, g	5	0
Smith, g	0	0			

Medics-24		1088th-22			
Cagle, f	4	0	Maxwell, f	3	1
Shoemaker, f	2	0	Curtis, f	0	0
Landers, f	0	0	Hubbard, f	1	0
Nicholas, c	1	2	Swords, c	2	1
Childers, g	3	0	Wise, g	3	2
Dickos, g	1	0	Schinsler, g	0	0

55th-42		448th-36			
Vance, f	10	2	Reed, f	3	1
Whitteman, f	1	0	Biederman, f	3	3
Woodward, f	0	0	Teeters, f	2	4
Ferrell, c	0	0	Selvidge, c	4	0
Robinson, g	1	0	Davis, g	1	0
Stiles, g	1	0	Bova, g	3	0
Brel, g	6	2			
Miller, c	0	0			
Lawrence, g	0	0			

Sgt. Junkins' wife never interrupts him while he is talking. She waits until he wakes up in the morning.

## Cagle Cops Scoring Honors For First Half Basketball Play

Individual scoring honors in the squadron basketball league at the conclusion of the first half of season play goes to Cagle, forward star of the Medics team. His total of 125 points in 8 games for an average of 15½ points per game placed him ahead of all competition.

### Boeing Review Offers Smooth Entertainment

The Boeing Airplane Company of Wichita, Kans., is to present a revue in the post theater and at the post hospital Sunday, Jan. 30th, in which a number of professional entertainers will be featured.

In addition to the show troupe there will be thirty girl employees of Boeing acting as hostesses at the enlisted men's tea-dance scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Among the group of entertainers forming the revue will be Karen Goforth, tap and hula dancer; Frances Cooke and Helene Fuller, singing team; Geraldine Mapes, seven-year-old singer; Ernie Gerardi, accordion player who is a Decca recording artist; Buster Barnard, juggler, and Forrest Kuhns, magician.

The revue in the post theater will take place at 6:00 p.m. and the hospital entertainment is scheduled for Sunday afternoon. There will be no charge for the revue.

### Five New Looies Get the Up

Five promotions were made during the past week, all of them given 2nd. Lts. and flying instructors who are new arrivals at Strother. Along the list we find wearing silver bars: Charles Richardson of Brownsville, Tex., Oliver A. Pawlik of Wheaton, Ill., Carol J. Stiveson of Littleton, Colo., Merle K. Youst of Wichita, Kans., and James W. Reedy from Chicago, Ill.

Lt. Duko laughed at Lt. Bligh when he spoke to the waiter in French, but the laugh was on him when he told the waiter to give him the check.

## 55th Basketball Team Completes First Half of Season with No Losses

### Win First Game of Second Half Against 448th by Close Margin

The first half of squadron basketball play was completed Thursday evening of last week with the 55th team continuing its victory march with win number eight and no losses. In the two games not played, the 1088th quintet forfeited the first game scheduled with the league leaders and their second encounter has been postponed until the last of this week. 10th round victim of the 55th was the 1082nd team which tied the score at 21 all in the 3rd quarter, but failed to get another point and lost by a score of 30 to 21. Vance, 55th forward, made 17 points to lead his team. Smith, 1082nd guard, scored 7 points to top his outfit.

In another tenth round game the 322nd beat the 1082nd by a score of 26 to 11. Green, 322nd center, made 12 points and Hubbard, 1088th forward, scored 7 points. The Medics defeated the 448th by a score of 38 to 20. Cagle, Medics forward, scored 11 points while Reed and Biederman, 448th forwards, and Davis and Teeters, 448th guards, tied for scoring honors on their team with 4 points each.

First round games in second half play were all close affairs, one being a two period overtime game. The Medics edged out the 1088th outfit 24 to 22 after the score read 22 all at the end of regular game play. In the first overtime period neither team scored a single point. In the second extra time period Childers, Medics guard, stood back of court center and arched a high one at the basket. Yes, it swished through the basket beautifully, giving the Medics their margin of victory.

### SF All-Stars Trounce Kanotex

Strother Field All-Stars met the Kanotex refinery team from Ark City last Friday night in the post gym and defeated the visitors by a score of 46 to 23. Vance, SF forward, scored 19 points and Kerr, Kanotex forward, totaled 8 points to lead their teams in scoring.

Strother Field-46		Kanotex-23			
Brel, f	5	1	Kerr, f	4	0
Reed, f	2	0	Warren, f	0	0
Vance, f	9	1	Rogers, f	2	1
Nicholas, c	0	0	Longbone, f	0	0
Stebur, g	1	0	Thomas, c	1	0
Murbrook, g	0	0	Rutter, g	2	2
Smith, g	3	0	Green, g	0	1
Dalak, g	0	0	Hawkins, g	0	1
Ferrell, g	2	0			

Quarter scores: Strother Field 13-31-41-46; Kanotex 5-13-16-23

Team scoring standings:

Games	Name	Sqdn.	Pos.	Pts.	Pts. Avg.
8	Cagle	Medics	F	125	16
10	Green	322nd	C	114	11
8	Vance	55th	F	94	12
10	Estell	322nd	F	85	9
8	Brel	55th	F	82	10
10	Murbrook	1082nd	F	77	8
10	Reed	448th	F	63	6
10	Selvidge	448th	G	50	5
10	Nicholas	Medics	C	50	5
9	Childers	Medics	G	41	5
10	Childe	1082nd	C	40	4

Avg. Points

8 games	55th	256	32
10 games	1082nd	249	25
10 games	Medics	248	25
10 games	322nd	230	23
10 games	448th	211	21
8 games	1088th	155	17

### All Stars Schedule Four Cage Scrambles

The Strother Field All-Star basketball team has scheduled four games for the month of February.

The Ponca City Continental Oilers will play host to SF on Feb. 4th. A return game will be played at the post gym on Feb. 16th.

Feb. 11th the All-Stars will journey to the Chilocco Indian school for a game. On Feb. 25th the Indians will play the All-Stars here.

New York (CNS) — The board of directors of the New York Philharmonic society gave Conductor Arthur Rodzinski an unusual gift on his 50th birthday. It was a cow for his farm at Strockbridge, Mass.

### ...ss Breathless...



Don't breathe a word about it, but Hollywood's Marguerite Chapman has been chosen "Miss Breathless of 1943" and has a certificate to prove it. Why not the same title in 1944?



## OPEN HOUSE, WAR BOND RALLY, SUN., FEB. 6



Shown above is a B-24 Liberator plane that recently visited Strother Field. This type combat bomber will be on display during the open house and bond rally Sunday afternoon. (Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

### 177 PROMOTIONS FOR ENLISTED MEN ARE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

Tuesday of this week was a great day for one hundred and seventy-seven EM of Strother Field. Special orders announcing their promotion in grade made their appearance on the field during the afternoon of Feb. 1st, and the passing out of cigars during the rest of this week has been the pleasure of the fortunate souls listed below:

(Relieved from former technical grades and promoted to grades as shown.)

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Det Fin Dept.</b>                  |                        |
| To Staff Sergeant                     |                        |
| Will J. Riddick                       |                        |
| To Sergeant                           |                        |
| Steve L. Vaynes                       | Emmett W. Loughan      |
| To Corporal                           |                        |
| Donald E. Kenney                      | Wayland M. Boyer       |
| Harold W. Kranzusch                   |                        |
| <b>Det Med Dept.</b>                  |                        |
| To Staff Sergeant                     |                        |
| Albert E. Clark                       |                        |
| To Sergeant                           |                        |
| Woodrow Bateman                       | Robert B. Gangwere     |
| Edwin G. Haungs                       | Lawrence J. Lange      |
| Kenneth Quesenberry                   | Harold N. Shoemaker    |
| To Corporal                           |                        |
| Johnie L. C. Brunson                  | Casper W. Speir        |
| Dinos G. Dickos                       | Walter Clark           |
| J. B. Dodds                           | Lawrence I. Dillon     |
| Alfred R. Fagan                       | James A. Dorozinski    |
| John W. Hayes, Jr.                    | Antolin Fernandez, Jr. |
| Edwin E. Hundl                        | John G. Holcomb        |
| Harold J. C. Leffew                   | Carmelo S. LaMarca     |
| Gottlieb Moser                        | Celestin Leikam        |
| Andrew Onukiewech                     |                        |
| <b>Det 857 Sig Sv Co (Avn)</b>        |                        |
| To Corporal                           |                        |
| Kenneth W. Wycoff                     |                        |
| <b>Det 908 QM Co Avn (Serv)</b>       |                        |
| To Staff Sergeant                     |                        |
| George Fitzgerald                     |                        |
| To Corporal                           |                        |
| Birger E. Ringkall                    | Harry E. Auman         |
| <b>Det 19, 2052 Ord Co Avn (Serv)</b> |                        |
| To Sergeant                           |                        |
| Hilman B. Silliman                    |                        |
| 448 B Hq & AB Sq                      |                        |
| To Master Sergeant                    |                        |
| Edward J. Kreuiter                    |                        |
| To Technical Sergeant                 |                        |
| Guadalupe Adame                       |                        |
| To Staff Sergeant                     |                        |
| Herman C. Arnold                      | Ross V. Blackwell      |
| Norman G. Bonner                      | William J. Busch       |
| Max Huetter, Jr.                      |                        |
| To Sergeant                           |                        |
| Jacob F. Baldwin                      | Warren W. Weber        |
| Carl A. Denton                        | Hoyt D. Butner, Jr.    |
| William A. James                      | Virgil L. Huhn         |
| Robert W. Krenek                      | Byron W. Kauffman      |
| John J. McGlothlin                    | Nathan W. Lgssiter     |
| Kenneth E. Terry                      | Robert L. Newhouse     |
| James M. Waits, Jr.                   | Arver F. Urtel         |
| Ernest T. Watson                      |                        |
| <b>Hq &amp; Hq Sq, 55 BFT Gp</b>      |                        |
| To Technical Sergeant                 |                        |
| Albert W. Worthy, Jr.                 |                        |
| To Staff Sergeant                     |                        |
| Fred Cole                             | Roy W. Lawrence        |
| Lawrence R. Marie                     | William D. Martin      |



Miss Geraldine Mapes, 7-year-old singer, brought down the house with her rendition of "Pistol Pack-in' Mamma" during the Boeing Revue at the Post Theater last Sunday. She will appear at the bond rally this Sunday.

### 'Nuts to You,' Fake Password

Southwest Pacific (CNS) — A Marine private in a communications platoon was admonished for giving the day's password over a telephone line which might have been tapped by the enemy. The next day the private answered a call and when asked for the password, replied "nuts to you."

He was chagrined to discover that the voice on the other end belonged to a major who bawled him out for being disrespectful. That night, however, the Yank was vindicated. A Jap tried to worm through the American lines by using the password "nuts to you."

### Boeing Visits SF; Revue and Tea Dance Make for Sun. Fun

Last Sunday a group of Boeingsfolk from the plant in Wichita, Kansas, paid a visit to SF, and gave a sharp musical revue and participated in a tea dance at the service club.

The revue troupe, which offered singing, dancing and ledgerdemon in a trim and well-knit little show, played at 1430 hour at the hospital, and then at 1800 hour at the post theatre for the rest of the men. Each performance went over socko, and they shared the applause for the 1800 show with the men of the post orchestra, who were extra smooth that night.

The tea dance in the club proved an equal success with the GIs and gals swinging out full blast to the music of the juke. After the dance the men accompanied the Boeings down to Sgt. Pennington's crockery cave for supper.

Much thanks are due the Boeing people for their efforts, excellent entertainment, and morale-building beauties, and especially to Mr. Alan Watrous and Mr. Art Lokensgard for their initiative in arranging the entire affair.

The Strother Field musical organization, the 383rd Army Air Forces band, will no longer be known by that number designation. From now on the SF musical unit will be known as the 683rd Army band.

All bands are being separated from the arms and services and are being made separate units.

### Combat Aircraft on Display and Medal Presentation Are Features of War Bond Drive

Strother Field, in recognition of the Fourth War Loan drive, will hold open house next Sunday afternoon, February 6. All Southern Kansans and Northern Oklahomans are invited to attend an afternoon program combining the presentation of an Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters, a display of combat-type aircraft, a military review, a stage show and a huge war bond auction. The event is free to all comers and there is no obligation to purchase war bonds.

### 52 Enlisted Men of 448th Sqdn. Buy \$2,425 in Extra Bonds

In a gesture of helpfulness toward men wearing uniforms like their own but in the far-flung points of the globe, 52 enlisted men of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron at Strother Field Monday afternoon in formation marched to the finance office and purchased war bonds having a maturity value of \$2,425.

Though these 52 men are the only ones to go in formation to make their investments through the Fourth War loan drive by no means are they the only soldiers at Strother Field or of the squadron buying additional bonds at this time, according to Lt. Alexander Lieb, finance officer. Enlisted men, cadets and officer personnel in large numbers are responding to the government's call to buy "extra bonds" during the Fourth War loan drive.

Gates of Strother Field will be opened to visitors at 11 a. m. and from that time until the adjutant's call for the review at 1:30 p. m., cars will be parked and visitors will be permitted to walk about the field to see, with few exceptions, points of special, individual interest.

The hero to be honored is T/Sgt. Billie E. Clapper of Winfield, who was reported missing in action over Europe the evening of September 15. His wife and father, Willie A. Clapper, also of Winfield, will receive from Colonel Carroll, commanding officer of SF, the War Department's Air Medal and its two Oak Leaf Clusters, representing meritorious achievement by T/Sgt. Clapper in five separate combat missions over enemy-occupied Europe.

Personal and mechanical equipment for use by army air forces personnel in times of emergency in the jungle, desert, arctic or when forced down on the ocean will be on display Sunday.

The cadet review will be held on the ramp, near the big Sub-Depot hangar and will be climaxed by the presentation. The remain-

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CHL ART GATES  
KEESLER FIELD  
MISS

A meeting of military personnel interested in the formation of a photography class at Strother Field will be held in the enlisted men's service club at 1900 Monday evening, Feb. 7th. 2nd. Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, photographic officer of SF, will be in charge of the meeting.

# Speaking of--The ANC

Last Wednesday, 2 February 1944, the Army Nurse Corps had its 43rd birthday. The history of the corps is the story of the gallantry, courage and fortitude of the American woman.

Altho the ANC was not officially organized until 1901, their predecessors, the colonial women, mothers, wives and sisters of the men in the Continental Army, cared for the sick and wounded in hospitals. When military surgeons were first commissioned in 1847, they were allowed to appoint nurses and fix their compensation. 3214 of these appointees served during the Civil War together with numbers of unknown volunteers. Between 1865 and the start of the Spanish-American War, men did all of the nursing in the Army, but during that war contract nurses served with distinction in Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippine Islands and Hawaii. And in 1901, Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, appointed to the Surgeon General's staff, organized the Army Nurse Corps.

In World War I the Corps expanded from 403 to 21,480, 10,400 of these serving overseas in base, mobile, evacuation and convalescent stations. Many were decorated by the Allies, and they were often mentioned in dispatches for their coolness under fire.

In the present war, the ANC has grown from about 700 to 32,000 serving both at home and abroad, wherever Americans are fighting. More than ever before the Army Nurses are proving their strength, activity and resourcefulness by fighting side by side with our soldiers for a common cherished ideal in freedom. It is with just pride that the Nation honors their birthday.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

Because those who put faith and trust in Jesus Christ have always been a minority group, the average person takes it for granted that none of the world's really great are Christians. Just a short look into the lives of three of the best known, most respected, and most dynamic personalities in the world today should help to dispel such a false supposition.

On the ninth day of June, 1939, the King and Queen of England were visiting the President of the United States. "Chief Whitefeather," well known Indian singer, had been called to Washington by the Indian Bureau to help entertain the royal couple. With due respect he sang "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the King." Then he sang, "I'd Rather Have Jesus Than Silver or Gold."

When he had finished, knowing that Queen Elizabeth was a religious woman, he said, "Your Majesty, I would like to ask, do YOU know Jesus as your personal Saviour?"

The Queen looked at him for a moment, then replied: "Some people know ABOUT God, some know ABOUT Christ, but the Lord Jesus is the Possessor of my heart. My husband also is a believer."

Smilingly the King of England assented, "I'd rather have Jesus too."

General Chiang Kai-Shek, China's able leader, has affirmed his faith in Christ many times. In 1937, just after the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and China, he was suddenly arrested by a junior general and held captive. For a time it looked as though he might lose his life, but eventually the matter was amicably settled. Just after he was released from custody he made a speech in which he gave the following testimony:

"I have now been a Christian for nearly ten years, and during that time I have been a constant reader of the Bible. Never before has this sacred Book been so interesting to me as during my two weeks captivity in Sian. This unfortunate affair took place all of a sudden, and I found myself placed under detention without having a single earthly belonging. From my captors I asked but one thing, a copy of the Bible. In my solitude I had ample time for reading and meditation. The greatness and love of Christ burst upon me with new inspiration, increasing my strength to struggle against evil, to overcome temptation and to uphold righteousness."

Surely this clear testimony from three of the world's greatest people is well worth our deepest thought and consideration.



THE OTHER DAY I READ about the Jap atrocities against the helpless fighters left on Bataan. At first I was so stunned I couldn't think, I just read on. Then I was horrified—then burning mad.

Here's the Jap all over again, I thought. Here's Pearl Harbor, Hong Kong, Nanking and China repeating itself with the same sickening story of scientific brutality, and there will be more, you can depend on that. What are you going to do about it, I asked myself.

Every man must answer this for himself. Every person must decide how long it is going to take him to get so damn fighting mad he'll drive the Japs off the face of the earth, just like the Russians are the dirty Nazis back into that hole called Germany. Just how long is it before we Americans at home are going to realize the war can be lost tomorrow unless we're willing to match and be better than the toughened people of Japan? When are we going to stop thinking of our own silly pleasures and start thinking about winning the war? When are childish stay-at-home women going to realize that their own life's blood is being poured down Tojo's sewer over there, and get into uniform and help fight?

God knows, I said to myself. God knows whether the Americans whom I love will wake up and do something about the war. Maybe they're waiting for the day Tojo's men move into their home town to start fighting, start thinking, start living war, WAR, WAR.



Q. I'm a draftee. Next month, I will have completed three years in the army. Am I then entitled to longevity pay like Regular Army men?

A. Yes, selectees are entitled to longevity pay amounting to five per cent of their base pay upon completing of a full hitch of service just like everyone else in the Army. You're also entitled to wear a hash mark.

Q. My wife requires medical care but because her income has been reduced since my induction into the Army, she can no longer afford a doctor. Is there any organization that will help her out?

A. Of course there is. You tell your wife to get in touch with Army Emergency Relief in your home town.

## School Children Send Scrapbooks to GIs

Twelve bright-covered scrapbooks filled with jokes were received at the Strother Field base hospital Feb. 1—the handiwork of the boys and girls of Prairie Flower, District 107, and Plum Creek, District 38, rural schools of Eastern Cowley county.

Because they are of a size that is easily handled by a convalescent or a man still confined to his bed, and because of their refreshing subject matter, the scrapbooks were sent by the Red Cross field director, H. A. Thomson to the day rooms at the base hospital. Such gifts from boys and girls are especially enjoyed, particularly by the sick soldiers who seem to find in them a closer link with their little brothers and sisters or their sons and daughters at home.

That much thought and the confined efforts of the pupils of each school have gone into the books is evident from the finished products. Each bears an attractive cover featuring a significant design.

## Quartettes at Chapel

At the chapel Sunday evening, 6:45, two quartettes, a male and a girls' quartette from Wellington will give us an hour of good singing. These groups have been highly recommended by some who have heard them sing. Let's show them that Strother Field enjoys the best by giving them a big crowd. Come, and bring your buddies! The service will be over in time for you to attend the second show.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 5 Feb.  
THE LODGER  
Merle Oberon, Laird Cregar  
George Sanders  
Screen Snapshots  
Popular Science

Sun. & Mon., 6-7 Feb.  
THE SONG OF RUSSIA  
Robt. Taylor, Susan Peters  
Robert Benchley  
News of the Day

Tuesday, 8 Feb.  
Double Feature  
KLONDIKE KATE  
Ann Savage, Tom Neal  
CALLING DR. DEATH  
Lon Chaney, Jr.,  
Patricia Morison

Wed. & Thurs., 9-10 Feb.  
THE FIGHTING SEABEES  
John Wayne, Susan Hayward  
Dennis O'Keefe  
News of the Day

Fri. & Sat., 11-12 Feb.  
MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK  
Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken  
Brian Donlevy, Akin Tamiroff  
This Is America

# This Week... What's new in your home town?

the EM service club offers two new items on its program of activities. The first of these is the Photography Club meeting at 1900 hour on Monday, where all the fellows who are camera fans may get together and talk shop.

Second new feature is the Little Theatre Group, not yet organized, which is to meet on Wednesday at 7 o'clock. All those interested in the Theatre, plays, and especially those who have had similar experience in civilian life, are cordially invited to attend.

Next week's Wednesday musical program in the club will consist of a group of Ark City vocal talent sponsored by Mr. Hinchey, which has chosen a wide variety of popular selections. Last week's musicale was given by Misses Kathleen Tolle, soprano, Dorothy McConnell, violinist, and Doris Mossman, accompanist, all from Southwestern College in Winfield, who gave about eight selections ranging from part of a Bach concerto for the violin to "My Hero" from the popular operetta "Chocolate Soldier." The evening was a complete success.

This week's program is:

- Saturday—Open Night
- Sunday—Open Night
- Monday—Camera Club 1900; Bingo Games 2000
- Tuesday—Regular Dance
- Wednesday—Little Theatre Group Meeting 1900; Musicales from Ark City 2000
- Thursday—322nd Dance Party
- Friday—GI Party; Shoot the Breeze 2000

## No More \$3.75 Bond Allotments Accepted

All bond allotments of \$3.75 will be discontinued before July 31 and soldiers subscribing to that amount now will be encouraged to increase the allotment to \$6.25 or more, 2nd Lt. Frank M. Matthews, War Bond officer, has announced.

The discontinuance of \$3.75 allotments is in conformance with an adjutant general's office order. No new \$3.75 allotments will be started from now on, Lt. Mathews said.

No other allotment amounts will be affected by the change. Many soldiers already have increased their allotments.

Soldiers may report directly to the War Bond office to make the change.

## Ye Liftings

Sgt.: "What did you do last night?"  
Cpl.: "I had a date with Siamese twins."  
Sgt.: "Have a good time?"  
Cpl.: "Well, yes and no."

"Don't bother me. I'm writin' my brother."  
"What 'cha writin' so slow for?"  
"He can't read very fast."

"Little boy, why weren't you in school?"  
"Hell, lady, I ain't but three years old."

Storekeeper: "I want a girl who doesn't pet, smoke, drink, swear, or philander in any way."  
Pfc.: "What for?"

Boston (CNS)—Local police are seeking thieves who stole a hearse and a harp and then disappeared.

Chicago (CNS) — An original Dick Tracy brought a price that would make collectors of Rembrandt wince when comic strip art went on the block at a war bond sale. A picture of the jet-jawed comic strip detective, drawn by Chester Gould, Tracy's creator, brought a bond outlay of \$10,000.

East Haddam, Conn. (CNS)—A local housewife has managed to keep her new maid content by sitting up one night a week with the maid's baby.

El Paso, Tex. (CNS)—Martha Raye, large-mouthed movie comedienne, has filed suit for divorce against her third husband, Capt. Neal Lang, of the Army. She charges incompatibility.

Indiana, Pa. (CNS) — Harry Turner's auto was stolen. Later it was recovered by the police. It had a tank full of gasoline and there was a guitar on the front seat.

## 322nd News

The 322nd squadron was host to a dance in conjunction with the infantile paralysis March of Dimes last Monday night at the skating rink in Arkansas City. A great number of out of town guests were present.

The squadron party this week in the service club was centered around "Sadie Hawkins Day" from the comic strip "Lil Abner." The GIs were attired in fatigue clothing while the young ladies wore gingham. The highlight of the party was the selection of potential husbands by the girls. After the selection they were allowed to keep the "husbands" until after party.

The informal musical concert given every week in the post theatre, now just on Tuesdays at 1700 hour, will have the following program this coming week:

1. Dance of the Hours — Ponchielli.
  2. Symphony Number 5 in E Minor—Tchaikovsky.
- Everyone is invited to attend.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.....Win.....Leap Year Dance
- Ark.....Boxing Exhibition
- Sun.....Win.....Join, Guess & Listen
- Ark.....Bingo, Telephone Call
- Mon.....Win.....Kitchen Party..Games
- Ark.....Bridge Instruction
- Tues.....Win.....Informal Night
- Dance Instruction
- Ark.....Do-as-you-please
- Wed.....Win.....Special Dance—
- LeRoy Young's Band
- Ark.....Snack Bar Party
- Thurs.....Win.....Bridge, Voice Recording
- Ark.....Ping Pong Tournament
- for GIs and GSOs
- Fri.....Win.....Game Night
- 2:30 Wives' Party
- Ark.....Married Couples' Night
- all GIs and wives invited.

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Four former classmates at the University of Colorado are classmates at Strother Field, members of 44-D. In the picture above, left to right, they are: William B. Robb of Durango, Colo.; Herbert Raymond Willson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; John James Tobin of Fort Collins, Colo.; William C. Willard of Denver. They were in the university together, and all through cadet training they have been together.

### Open House

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der of the program is scheduled for inside the hangar. In the event of severe weather, the presentation ceremonies will be moved indoors in order that all may join in this impressive military occasion.

For the first time at Strother Field, combat-type military aircraft will be on display—the famous B-24 Liberator and the B-26 Marauder.

The stage show in the Strother Field Sub-Depot hangar will get under way at 2 p.m., and for an hour skilled jugglers, dancers and musicians, together with the popular Strother Field military band, will entertain the visitors. Much of the talent will come from Wichita, where the performers are recreational and entertainment performers for the three big defense plants—Boeing, Cessna and Beech.

The war bond auction starting at 3 p.m., will conclude the day's activities at Strother Field next Sunday. For this feature, scores of Cowley county business houses and individuals have contributed articles to be sold for war bonds. For those who do not wish to bid but who desire to invest, facilities will be arranged to handle war bond purchases, large or small.

Newest promotion among officer personnel of Strother Field is that of Capt. Robert I. Choate, director of flying who is now a major. The promotion became effective January 27th.

### Ark City Sorority to Sponsor Dance

The Beta Sigma Phi sorority chapter in Arkansas City is planning a special event for the entertainment of enlisted men of Strother Field for the night of February 12th at the Ark City USO.

The event, a formal dance, will be featured by a "night club" theme with a "torch" singer, a special "game" room for the entertainment of guests, the selection of a Beta Sigma Phi sweetheart by enlisted men, and a buffet supper served the soldiers, regular GSO girls and sorority guests.

A "King of Hearts" is to be chosen from the enlisted men guests and there is to be a special prize awarded the reigning couple. The prize is to be an evening of entertainment for the couple with all expenses paid by the sorority. This will include dinner and theater for the couple on some evening selected by them.

Paper hearts are to be issued to each soldier guest. They will be used as money in the "game" room and to buy dances. Pictures of sweetheart contest candidates including Misses Laverne Garrett, Lois Hetzel, Lela McNair, Hope Day and Patricia Mattimore will be on display in the USO.

Anything for a gag cracked the kidnaper, as he slapped the electrician's tape over his victim's mouth.

### Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Sgt. Hines said his uncle's face lit up when he smoked the pipe he sent him. His beard caught fire. Last year his uncle gave him a gold handled cane. The mark is still on his forehead.

S/Sgt. Walker bought his mischievous niece a doll for her birthday . . . one that will hit back.

Overheard at the greeting card counter:—"I'll take six of those cards that say, 'You're the only one I love.'"

The Mason-Dixon line. . . The difference between "youse guys" and "you all."

From the court reporter:—The state rests its case; she was only a memory on his lap and the only lapse in his memory.

### Red Cross Receives Unusual Requests

"My dog at home is accused of killing neighbors' chickens. Will the Red Cross in my town train the dog not to kill chickens — or could you get the dog sent to me here in camp for a mascot?"

"I ran up a \$224 long distance telephone bill last month, charges reversed to my girl. She can't pay it. I can't either. Will the Red Cross pay it?"

"I'm in New York on a 3-day pass from my camp. Two days are gone. I got a free plane ride east, but there aren't any planes going west. Will the Red Cross get me a 5-day extension and send money for train fare?"

The American Red Cross exists to serve the man behind the gun and his folks at home, but regulations do not permit complying with these and similar requests, Mr. Herbert A. Thomson, Red Cross field director at Strother Field, explained today, outlining the functions of his organization.

Mr. Thomson explained that much as he would like to accommodate the soldiers, he is not permitted to do so in many cases. Red Cross, he pointed out, operates on this post under a charter granted by congress, plus AR 850-75, plus post orders issued by the commandant. The opportunity to serve the soldier is solicited; but Red Cross is not empowered to act outside certain well defined limits.

### Non-Kansas GIs Are Exempt from Property Tax

Following a conference attended by Attorney General A. B. Mitchell, Army representatives, and J. D. Dye, attorney for the State Commission of Revenue and Taxation, the decision was announced last week that "Military personnel on duty in Kansas but normally residing in other states will not be subjected to personal property taxation. But Kansans in the armed services, if stationed within the state, will be required to list personal property as usual," according to the Topeka Daily Capital.

### SF to Have Hobby Exhibit

Sometime in the near future the military personnel of SF who have hobbies will have an exhibit on the field. Sponsored by the Special Service Office, this display will give the GIs and gals collecting anything from stamps to bottle caps, a chance to show their wares.

For purposes of classification, the hobbies have been divided into the following groups: photography, stamps and coins, miniature models and the like, scrapbooks of all sorts, and miscellaneous collections. All the men who are interested in showing their hobby will have ample time to send home for them. The date for the show will be fixed later.

### KORETZKY-LEEDS

Miss Miriam Koretzky of Chicago, Ill., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Koretzky of that city, will become the bride of T/Sgt. Julius I. Leeds in ceremonies taking place Sunday, Feb. 6th, in Chicago.

T/Sgt. Leeds, of the Strother Field finance office, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Leeds of Chicago. The couple will make their home in Winfield after Feb. 8th.

Word has been sent to the Prairie Flier from Chapter BO of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in Arkansas City extending courtesies to husbands, sons or brothers of P.E.O. members stationed at Strother Field. Mrs. Walter Ames and Mrs. L. E. Brenz may be contacted in AC.

### Announce Training Plans for Wacs at SF

Plans for the training of members of the Women's Army Corps assigned to the Army Air Forces in technical schools of the Army Air Forces Training Command have been received at Strother Field from the command headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas.

Women chosen for the courses will go to Chanute Field, Ill., or Lowry Field, Colo., for the same courses now given to enlisted men in certain specified subjects.

To attend the schools, Air Wacs must be recommended by their station commanding officers. This recommendation will be based upon experience, previous training, demonstrated ability or tests.

At Chanute Field courses open to selected Air Wacs will include operator and mechanic for celestial navigation trainers, which are devices to aid the teaching of navigation by sun and stars; control tower operator, cryptographer, parachute rigger, and weather observer and forecaster.

At Lowry Field, Colo., courses will be given for armorers, camera technicians, administrative and supply clerks, administrative inspectors' clerks, bombsight mechanics, photographers and photo lab technicians.

Ad in Western newspaper:—"You get the girl—we'll do the rest." That's hardly fair.

Washington is no place for a counterfeiter . . . it takes too long to pass a bill.

### Strafed at Pearl Harbor as Civilian, Cadet H. G. Morgan Wants to Return

"I think I have a personal strike at the Japs coming to me. In order that I might deliver that strike I came home from Pearl Harbor to train with the Army Air Forces and every day brings me nearer the time I can make that effort," Cadet Harry G. Morgan of Okawville, Ill., remarked to a Strother Field reporter this week. Morgan is a member of Class 44-D.

"I was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs hit and it hurts to one day see something that symbolizes peace and power and the next day see the same thing lying crushed and broken by war. That was the hardest thing for me to take."

Morgan had gone to Pearl Harbor about six weeks before the Jap attack as a civilian worker at the Pacific naval air base. He made his home with his sister and his brother-in-law, the latter a captain in the medical corps. When the raid started, the family was at home in Waikiki, but its members quickly scattered and it was two and one-half weeks before Morgan saw the others again.

Morgan's most vivid memory is of the scene of American sailors being pulled from water covered with burning oil. Were it within his power he'd award a high military medal to a civilian, who prevented from military service by physical handicap, served his country to an extent it is few men's privilege to serve. With his one good arm the man pulled dozens of men from the flaming water into his little boat, returning time and again for more as his boat was filled with the survivors of the bombings.

"I finished out the term of my contract there for civilian workers were much needed. When my contract was up, I came home to join the Army Air Forces.



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### Male Call

#### UNCLE SAM - hatter...

HIS VARIETY OF ISSUE HEADGEAR IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY THE WAYS G.I. JOE AND JOSEPHINE HAVE FOUND TO WEAR THEIR SHAP-PO

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by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

### Skimmer Primer

**POOPED DROOP**  
one thing about this lid—it was good to sit on during 10 minute breaks...

**CHINA-SIDE JOB—VERY MASKEE**... only seagoin' Gyrenes with hash to the elbow can do this justice...

**NAVY'S DISHPAN**... who wouldn't wear earphones? It gets lonely in there—you can pick up Bob Hope between Zeros...

**COAST GUARD IMMIGRATION RESTRICTOR**. Those guys are always going to the beach at the wrong time of year...

**THE GOOD OLD ALL-PURPOSE M-1 BUCKET**  
What your mom wouldn't give for a matched set of six of these to meet the cooking vessel shortage

**THE DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE** makes every Dogface look like he built the PANAMA CANAL—well, maybe a foxhole

No doubt about who's got responsibilities in the WAVES and SPARS

**REMEMBER?**

MILTON CANIFF

The A.A.F. "DONALD DUCK" on DISH-FACED jokers this is MUR-DER!



"If that's basic English he's teaching them, I'm 4-F!"

### Organize PT Class for Wac Officers

Strother Field Wac officers and members of the Army Nurse Corp stationed here have a muscle-building program lined up for them beginning next Monday.

This group will attend physical training classes three times each week in the future, from 11:40 until 12:40 p.m. Classes will be held in the post gym and officers and enlisted men will not be permitted in the building while classes are in progress, that is unless official business necessitates their being in the building. Is sports writing official business?

Oh yes, S/Sgt. Emil Dalak will be the PT instructor.

### SF All-Stars Trim Winfield, 64-16

The Strother Field All Stars journeyed to Winfield last week for a game with the Future Farmers of America team. The air corps boys amassed 64 points to their opponents 16 for a lop-sided victory. Vance, 448th forward, made 17 field goals and 1 free throw to total 35 points. Bonewell, FFA center, made 10 points to lead his team in scoring.

SF All-Stars—64		Winfield FFA—16	
Brej, f	11	Reynolds, f	0
Vance, f	17	B. Berrie, f	0
Smith, f	1	Blake, f	0
Murbrook, c	0	Bonewell, c	4
Steban, g	0	B. Berrie, g	1
Ferrell, g	0	Kinz, g	0
Nicholas, c	2	Heffron, g	0
	31		5

Quarter scores:  
Strother All-Stars ..... 20-37-54-64  
Winfield FFA ..... 5-10-12-16

### Promotions

(Continued from page one, column one)

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| John H. Walden                | Cecil C. Walker        |
| <b>To Sergeant</b>            |                        |
| John L. Acord                 | Leon L. Barton         |
| Boyd H. Carsow                | Albert J. Firth        |
| Robert A. Fricke              | Melvin G. Herbert      |
| Carrol W. Hines               | Elvis F. Jaster        |
| Edward R. Kastner             | William F. Knuth       |
| Arthur P. Lange               | Woodrow W. McMurry     |
| Ernest L. Miller              | Ralph E. Popp          |
| Elmer C. Sekeres              | Howard W. Simmons      |
| William T. Whalen             | Vernal L. Wilkinson    |
| <b>683 Army Band</b>          |                        |
| <b>To Sergeant</b>            |                        |
| Reginald W. Stechmann         |                        |
| <b>To Corporal</b>            |                        |
| Angelus B. Delabadia          | William J. Doerflinger |
| Clifford E. Lowery            | John J. Maloney, Jr.   |
| Lee Metch                     | Henry W. Schnier       |
| <b>Edgar R. Thompson</b>      |                        |
| <b>To Private First Class</b> |                        |
| Walter Christoffersen         | Jarrett Cunningham     |
| Vincent J. Insalaco           | Ralph I. Middleton     |
| Robert E. Miller              | Sam J. Schillaci       |
| <b>1082 BFT Sq</b>            |                        |
| <b>To Technical Sergeant</b>  |                        |
| Andrew J. Cyfers, Jr.         | Earl E. Hedge          |
| Deuard E. Jackson             | John T. Pinkney        |
| <b>Leon J. Yann</b>           |                        |
| <b>To Staff Sergeant</b>      |                        |
| Ted A. Barton                 | Elmo H. Bevington      |
| David N. Bradley              | Norman G. Burdette     |
| John L. Burrell, Jr.          | George W. Cross        |
| Clifford Cunningham           | Harry D. DeBerry       |
| Victor M. Fernandez           | Thomas F. Fickle       |
| James D. Francis              | Eugene P. Garrett      |
| Raymond Habluetzel            | George M. Hartman      |
| Raymond Hooks                 | Carl Hoosier           |
| Thurman E. Kidwell            | John E. McKee          |
| Benny A. Merguie              | John F. Mudgett        |
| Albert O. Olson               | Harold M. Pearson      |
| David H. Preschern            | Lester E. C. Stockamp  |
| John H. Swinney, Sr.          | Ivan I. Wescoatt       |
| Howard O. Willie              | Samuel R. Wood, Jr.    |
| <b>To Sergeant</b>            |                        |
| Kenneth R. Bass               | Ralph V. Beahm         |
| Erie W. Collier               | Richard B. Collins     |
| Albert C. Daily               | Jerald O. Danielson    |
| Felix J. Delongchamp          | James F. Edgar         |
| LaVerne R. Etling             | Christian J. Fasen     |
| James C. Flint                | C. B. Hardy, Jr.       |
| Albert L. Hall                | Earl R. Harris         |
| Michael J. Healy              | George W. Herrick      |
| Ernest H. Layton              | Bruce C. Martin        |
| Warren H. Menk                | Austin Nelson          |
| Ted Oetting                   | Vernon F. Slavik       |
| Oran H. Smith                 | John Steller           |
| Ernest J. Stidston, Jr.       | Melvin H. Stinebaugh   |
| <b>Harvey A. Twichell</b>     |                        |
| <b>1088 Gd Sq</b>             |                        |
| <b>To Staff Sergeant</b>      |                        |
| Emil C. Bolton                | Charles E. Owens, Jr.  |
| <b>George H. Rea</b>          |                        |
| <b>322 Avn Sq</b>             |                        |
| <b>To Corporal</b>            |                        |
| James Alexander               | Peter Ellis            |
| Russell E. Estell, Jr.        | Roy Jack               |
| Leslie Jones                  | John Thibodeaux        |
| <b>To Private First Class</b> |                        |
| Roger Erquhart                | John H. Gracy          |
| Sherman S. Hicks              | Charles Morton         |
| Fred L. Patton                | Oliver A. Patton       |
| Redious Nalls                 | Roy Richardson         |
| James E. Strange              | L. C. Stennett         |
| <b>Richard Wood</b>           |                        |

### sport slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

The University of North Carolina has sent its third football coach into the services. He is Tom Young, acting head coach at Chapel Hill last fall, who recently passed his physical at Camp Croft, S. C. Preceding Young into the service were Lt. Ray Wolf, USNR, head coach in 1941, and Lt. Jim Tatum, USNR, head coach the following year. Young was backfield coach under Wolf and Tatum.

Lefthanded news: O/C Harry Eisenstat, former Cleveland southpaw, is attending the AAF's Administration OCS at Miami. A/C Howie Pollet, St. Louis Cardinals' young and stylish crooked-arm, is taking his flight training at the Santa Ana (Cal.) Army Air Base. And Lefty Marius Russo, New York Yankees' World Series hero, has been classified 1A by his Ozone Park (L. I.) draft board.

Lt. Buddy Lewis, ex-Washington infielder, is a paratroop plane transport pilot overseas.

CPO Tony Zale, world's middle-weight champion, is a top man in the physical fitness program at the Sampson (N. Y.) Naval Training Station. His sparmate there is Seaman Tommy Campanella, Brooklyn light heavyweight.

CPO Bob Feller still has plenty of smoke on the ball. He recently pitched his team to a 9-0 victory over another Navy nine in a New Hebrides game.

A/C Johnny Pesky, Boston Red Sox peacetime shortstop, has been named semi-pro baseball's "man of the decade." Pesky played for the Silverton (Ore.) semi-pro team in 1938 and 1939.

One pound of Salvaged Fat will produce enough glycerine to fire four 37 M.M. shells.

#### MAKE-UP GAME FOR 55TH-1088TH

Played—Mon., Jan. 31st

55th—70		1088th—19	
Vance, f	7	Hubbard, f	1
Brej, f	15	Sealey, f	5
Ferrell, c	0	Odell, c	1
Miller, g	5	Curtis, g	2
Stiles, g	5	Schenlizer, g	0
Dalak, g	5		1
Lawrence, g	0		0
	33		9

Quarter scores:  
55th ..... 8-26-39-70  
1088th ..... 4-12-17-19

#### 12TH ROUND GAMES

1088th—14		448th—27	
Maxwell, f	2	Biederman, f	5
Odell, f	3	Miller, f	0
Hubbard, f	1	Teters, f	0
James, c	0	Selvidge, c	0
Curtis, g	0	Halverson, g	0
Wise, g	0	Bova, g	4
Sword, g	1	Davis, g	1
Meeks, g	0		0
	7		12

Quarter scores:  
448th ..... 9-15-19-27  
1088th ..... 0-2-10-14

1082nd—28		Medics—18	
Murbrook, f	4	Cagle, f	4
Beckett, f	1	Shoemaker, f	2
Shintaffer, f	0	Nicholas, c	2
Childs, c	2	Childers, g	0
Rupp, g	2	Dickos, g	0
Smith, g	3	Landers, g	0
	12		8

Quarter scores:  
1082nd ..... 4-12-19-28  
Medics ..... 6-9-14-18

#### 13TH ROUND GAMES

55th—44		Medics—27	
Brej, f	2	Cagle, f	5
Witteaman, f	0	Shoemaker, f	0
Vance, f	7	Childers, f	2
Ferrell, c	2	Nicholas, c	2
Miller, c	0	Haungs, g	0
Stiles, g	1	Dickos, g	1
Lawrence, g	0	Landers, g	1
Dalak, g	7		4
	19		11

Quarter scores:  
55th ..... 8-29-36-44  
Medics ..... 8-10-21-27

448th—24		322nd—7	
Biederman, f	3	Smith, f	0
Dodds, f	0	Reed, f	0
Teters, f	2	N. Johnson, f	1
Halverson, f	0	Green, c	0
Selvidge, c	3	Terry, g	0
Bova, g	0	Taylor, g	1
Davis, g	1		0
Gersbesch, g	2		0
	11		2

Quarter scores:  
448th ..... 6-16-19-24  
322nd ..... 3-3-6-7

1088th forfeited to the 1082nd.  
55th-322nd game postponed again.

## 1088th and Medics Are Latest League Victims of Torrid 55th

### Squadron Leaders Pile Up 70 Points Against Guard Squadron Team, Tough Luck Basketeers

There seems to be no stopping the victory march of the 55th basketball team in the squadron league. Last Thursday evening a make-up game with the 1088th guard squadron team, tough luck boys of the league, was played. The word game is used very loosely—the score looking like some individuals income tax payment—70 to 19. It was the hottest night of the year for the 55th boys as Brej, forward, made 15 baskets and 1 free throw for 31 points, Seeley, 1088th forward, made 11 points to lead his outfit in scoring.

#### SQUADRON BASKETBALL STANDINGS

FEB. 1ST, 1943

	W	L	Pct.
55th	12	0	1.000
1082nd	9	4	.693
Medics	8	5	.616
448th	5	8	.385
322nd	4	8	.308
1088th	0	13	.000

The 55th game with the 322nd team scheduled for last week was postponed until a future date so the hotshots were idle except for the makeup game with the 1088th team. Tuesday night of this week the Medics lost to the 55th by a score of 27 to 44 in a 13th round game. Dalak, 55th guard, was high man with 18 points, Vance was second with 15 points. Cagle, Medics forward, made 11 points to lead his team.

## Semi-final Cadet Games

### • Played Monday

Semi-final games among cadet class 44-D teams were played Monday evening of this week. Squad one of flight "B" defeated the All-Stars of the same flight by a score of 28 to 24. Kieffer, squad one center, made 9 points to lead his team. Heisman, guard of the all stars, made 10 points to top his outfit.

In the other game squad one of flight "A" won its game from squad 3 of the same flight by a score of 20 to 18 in another close game. Knuteson, forward of squad one, was high man with 7 points for his team. North of squad 3 was high with 6 points for his outfit.

The finals will be played in the post gym Monday evening of next week.

B Flight Sq. 1-28		B Ft. All-Stars—24	
Sheeley, f	0	Juckern, f	0
Kennell, f	2	Georzeff, f	3
Kieffer, c	4	Sanderson, c	3
Moses, g	1	Heisman, g	5
Viets, g	3	McLaren, g	0
Wilson, g	0	Frenz, g	0
McGee, g	1	Sutter, g	1
	11		12

A Flight Sq. 1-20		A Flight Sq. 3-18	
Knuteson, f	3	Whitley, f	1
Williams, f	0	Canenari, f	0
Miller, f	1	Dittmer, f	2
Nelson, f	0	North, c	3
Koerber, c	3	Stone, g	0
Strohl, g	0	Holden, g	0
Tenney, g	1	Haymen, g	1
Mauldin, g	1	Campbell, g	0
Donathon, g	0	Worthy, g	0
Thompson, g	0	Tibbetts, g	2
	9		9

In a 12th round game played last Thursday the 448th team defeated the 1088th outfit by a score of 27 to 14. Biederman, 448th forward, totaled 10 points to top his team in scoring. Odell, 1088th forward, led his team with 6 points.

The 1082nd quintet defeated the Medics 28 to 18 in their 12th round game. The Medics led in the first quarter but were behind 3 points at the half, 5 points behind at the end of the third quarter and the lead by the 1082nd was increased to 10 points as the game ended.

The 448th team won their 13th round game from the 322nd by a score of 24 to 7. The 322nd team was bottled up throughout the game and able to make only 2 field goals and 3 free throws. Biederman, 448th forward, and Selvidge, 448th center, shared scoring honors with six points each. N. Johnson, 322nd forward, was high for his team with 3 points.

The 1088th forfeited their game with the 1082nd squadron.

With the post gym packed by cheering officer and cadet spectators, the cadet basketball team representing flight 2A defeated the south stage officers team by a score of 28 to 13 in a game played Wednesday morning of this week.

James J. Braddock, former light-weight champion who entered the Army Oct. 3, 1942, as a first lieutenant has been promoted to captain. He is stationed at the Brooklyn Army Base.

## 8th Air Force Destroyed 4,100 Planes in 1943

By Camp Newspaper Service

A dramatic report on the growth and accomplishments of the British-based U. S. Eighth Air Force was given in a transatlantic radio broadcast recently by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, the Eighth's commander during 1943.

Gen. Eaker, who now has command of Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean, told his listeners that in 64,000 offensive sorties over Europe during 1943, the Eighth Air Force dropped 55,000 tons of bombs, destroyed 4,100 Nazi fighters, slashed German fighter plane production by almost 40 per cent and escaped with an over-all loss in heavy bombers of less than four per cent.

Bombers of the Eighth have penetrated as deeply as 800 miles into the heart of Germany and U. S. fighters have destroyed the best the Luftwaffe could send into the air, the general said. In December, the Eighth broke all records for the weight of its offensive against the Germans in the west, he added.

This massive assault provides a striking contrast to the first American raid on the continent from England, last Jan. 27, when the Eighth managed to send 53 Flying Fortresses over Wilhelmshaven. At that time the Eighth's entire strength was about 100 planes. Today the Eighth is strong enough to send 1,500 planes into Adolf Hitler's Fortress Europe at once.

Summaries for 1943 were released as follows: Fortresses and Liberators dropped 34,976 tons of bombs and U. S. medium bombers dropped another 20,024 tons. Altogether the Eighth destroyed 4,100 German fighters and damaged 1,821 others.

## Pro Ball Player in Class 44-D

Michael Foduniak, catcher for three Boston Red Sox farm clubs before he entered the Army Air Forces, is among the cadets of Class 44-D now training at Strother Field. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Feduniak of 706 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

Feduniak is a nine-letter man from Kent State university, Kent, Ohio, from which he received his bachelor of science degree in health and physical education in 1942. For three years he was blocking tackle on the Kent State varsity football team, three years he was a forward in varsity basketball and for three years he was catcher for the K. S. U. varsity baseball team. Against that colorful and varied athletic background, he began a career in baseball that held promise of carrying him into big league competition. In the time between his graduation and his induction into the Army in October of 1942, Feduniak was catcher for Canton, Ohio, in the Middle Atlantic league, Oneonta, N. Y., in the Canadian-American league, and Bluefield, West Virginia, in the Mountain State league. All are farm clubs of the Boston Red Sox.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

Buster Barnard, Boeing Revue juggler, who made a hit at the post theater last Sunday will be here next Sunday at the war bond rally.



## Strother's 'Naughty Nineties Revue' at Theater, Feb. 14th

Enlisted Personnel and Civilian Workers in Cast of Clever Production

If you've seen a bustle and noticed a hustle among several enlisted personnel and civilian workers on the field, forget the idea that you are having first symptoms for a Section Eight—it is just a sign of the times—of 50 years ago.

What you have seen are members of the "Naughty Nineties Revue," cast dashing about for rehearsal sessions in preparation for the first showing of the production in the post theater Monday evening, February 14th, at 2030.

When the curtains part on the theater stage you'll see such well-known characters as Little Nellie Bly, Frankie and Johnnie, the Flora Dora sextet, barbershop quartet, Relentless Rudolph, the villain. Backing up the various cast members will be super-elegant scenery depicting the gay old days. Pvt. Alden Craig of the Special Service Department and Sgt. Donald Nicholas of the Medics, have gone berserk with paint and brush not forgetting such details as the

customary luscious blonde cutie back of the saloon bar.

We are not going to tell you the parts played by cast members as you are in for a lot of surprises when the curtain rises next Monday evening, but on the stage you will see and hear the following persons: Peggy Reiter, Betty Buckner, Nadyne Evans, Gerri Tuttle, Phyllis Harris and Bonnie Smith, civilian field workers; Sgt. Jack Blackman, Cpl. Charles Lidsky, Cpl. Herman Tindell, Cpl. Joe DeRasmi, Sgt. Jamie Jagers, Cpl. Kenneth Duggan and Pvt. Denny Johnson.

Cpl. Fred Boyd of the Special Service Dept., is director of the "Naughty Nineties Revue."



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

Capt. R. J. Kostka, aide to Col. J. F. Carroll, Willis Clapper, father, and Mrs. Norma Jean Clapper, wife, of S/Sgt. Billie E. Clapper, missing in action in the European theater, are shown following the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster presentation last Sunday.

## \$76,575 in War Bonds Sold at Field Rally, Open House

\$25,000 Burro Mascot Given to Strother Field by Mayor W. R. Coffey of Winfield

Last Sunday was a big day at Strother Field. The war bond rally and open house resulted in the sale of \$76,575 in war bonds putting Cowley county over its quota and SF acquired a new mascot—a \$25,000 long-eared wild-eyed jackass.

### Class 44-D Says Goodbye to SF;

Variety Show Presented at Post Theater

Once again in the periodic turnover of classes a group of cadets has left for advanced flying, and eventually for combat. The members of 44-D, former upper-class, departed this station this week for single engine schools at Aloe AAF at Victoria, Texas, Blackland AAF at Waco, Texas; and the twin engine school at Lubbock AAF, also in Texas.

Before they left, however, a cadet variety show was presented by the members of Class 44-D at Strother Field at the post theater Friday night under the direction of Lt. R. B. Barnett. An added attraction imported from Wichita was Mrs. Mary Lou McConnell and her troupe of dancers and acrobats. Music for the review and the dance which followed in the post gymnasium were furnished by the Strother Field orchestra, the Airchords.

The new class to hit Kansas is 44-F from Primary schools in Sikeston, Mo., Parks Air College, East St. Louis, Ill., the Spartan School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Ft. Stockton, Texas. After a short but restless period of orientation these fellows will be upstairs mastering the Valiant.

Mayor W. R. Coffey of Winfield, president of the Winfield State Bank, was the high bidder for the burro which seemed to lack appreciation for the part it played in the war bond auction. For three days the little fellow was chased by cowhands on speedy mounts and finally by an army jeep before being "coaxed" to partake in SF's big event. Coffey successfully bid on many other articles and his purchases for the day totaled \$36,100.

While presenting the burro to Col. J. F. Carroll, Strother Field commanding officer, pictures were taken of the event. An alert auctioneer immediately started getting bids for prints of the picture, resulting in the sale of five pictures for \$100 each. Later a picture of a SF nurse with the mascot brought \$500.

Another large bidder was Major Cyrus F. Breeden, post engineer, who purchased \$10,800 in bonds for the Post Engineer Castle club, an organization of post engineer department employees. Prizes received will be awarded club members in competitive events at a party. Preceding the auction a brief talk and bond buying appeal was made by Capt. Frank Buchanan of Altoona, Pa., who had been shot down over Sicily and escaped from a German prison camp in Italy. He now is stationed at the Marauder bomber base at Dodge City, Kans.

A ceremonial parade by cadets of classes 44-D and 44-E was the opening event on the program.

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(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

Cadets of Classes 44-D and 44-E are shown in formation behind the color guard during the impressive review held last Sunday in connection with the bond rally and open house.

### Now Attending OCS

Latest enlisted personnel of Strother Field to be sent to Miami Beach, Fla., to attend the Officer Candidate School are M/Sgt. Charles F. Robinson and S/Sgt. Charles R. Markham. They reported at Miami Beach Sunday, Feb. 6th.

M/Sgt. Robinson was post sergeant-major at Strother Field and S/Sgt. Markham was non-com in charge of the photo lab.

M/Sgt. A. B. Cates, formerly of the post administrative inspectors office has assumed the duties of post sergeant-major and S/Sgt. Anton M. Horn is non-com in charge of the photo lab.

## USO-Camp Shows Will Present 'Camp-to-Camp Concert' Feb. 16th

USO-Camp Shows will present "Camp-to-Camp Concert" starring Amparo Navarre Iturbi, pianist, sister of Jose Iturbi, conductor of many prominent orchestras and famous Spanish pianist, next Wednesday at the Strother Field Service Club. Admission will be free. This show is just what it says it is: a concert of well-known vocal and instrumental artists, (and a dynamic Spanish dancer), who sing, play and dance the music of composers whose works are known and loved by millions.

During the past two years the Concert Division of USO-Camp Shows has presented hundreds of serious musicians to American servicemen. Opera and concert singers; violinists and pianists; major symphony orchestras, in single performances and on long tours, have entertained successfully in camps and naval stations all over the country. Several such artists have also been sent overseas. This steady flow of so-called "long hair" music has been maintained to meet the demands of the men in service who want it.

This season, in order to fill this entertainment need, a number of concert units have been included on Camp Shows' Victory Circuit of shows which tour nationwide. "Camp-to-Camp Concert" is one. The artists in it are well-known in opera, concert and radio. The program has been carefully selected and includes familiar and loved music of such modern and time-honored composers as Gershwin and Brahms; Malotte and Bizet. The whole program has been designed especially to please the servicemen audiences for whom it is intended.

Other artists who will appear here include: Frank Palumbo, bari-

tone; Lela Mae Flynn, soprano; Helen Airoff, violinist; Rita Holder, dancer; Jean Berger, at piano.

### Prize Offered for Field Insignia

A contest for the outstanding design of an appropriate Strother Field insignia has been announced by post headquarters, with a prize of \$10 offered the artist or designer submitting the best idea.

The insignia may be used for stenciling or painting on airplanes, on stationery, in the decoration of mess halls, recreation buildings and in all other ways appropriate to the portrayal of allegiance to the station for the development of stations' esprit de corps.

Such insignia may be worn in the form of patches on the prescribed flying jacket, but is not authorized for wear on the service uniform or as shoulder sleeve insignia.

All drawings and ideas must be submitted to special service office by March 1st.

Waste aids our enemies.



Col. Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Field, accepts from Wade R. Coffey, mayor of Winfield, the donkey for which Coffey paid \$25,000 in war bonds at the Strother Field war bond auction Sunday. The donkey was given to the field to serve as mascot.

(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

## Speaking of - Prisoners of Japan

Men of the Army Air Forces, is your workday long? The days are longer still in the Japanese prison camps where good comrades wait.

Is Army chow less fancy than dinner at the Ritz? Your brothers in prison eat sour rice and stinking fish. Do you grouse about the heat in New Guinea and the cold in the Aleutians? Your brothers suffer the same cold in lousy rags; they endure the same heat from a sun that has no pity and a fever that has no mercy.

Is it tough to fly combat missions day after day? How does a captive pilot feel—who must walk behind a barber wire fence day after day? That boy asks no happier heaven than a sky full of flak and screaming Zeros . . . and eight guns at his fingertips once more.

Do you sometimes wonder if the Jap can actually be as bad as he is painted? The men of Devereux from Wake Island, the men of Wainwright from Bataan are silent. And in silence they are carried to graves of quicklime, thanking God for such release. Twelve hundred American boys already have died from the slow torture of the Jap.

Do the lights glow bright in the squadron mess; is there fun and frolic and well-being? Have we forgotten so soon? It is not possible.

An uninvited, spectral guest will haunt our every feast. His chains clank sharp beyond the door. His bloody footprints stain the snow or dust. His eyes speak of torment unspeakable, of insult unendurable. Brothers, go out into the night and clasp this visitor in your arms and say: "We are coming. We are coming soon to punish them for this."

And then, let us walk to our avenging planes—and climb into the sky to hate and kill. Oh, prisoners of Japan, we are coming soon!

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings of Victory."

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG



THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ADOLF HITLER, drawn up by an anonymous writer with a legal turn of mind, has been placed in circulation in Washington, D. C. The writer has implicit confidence in a speedy and complete United Nations victory. We are indebted to Now Magazine for the following excerpt and comment:

"To Russia I leave the Russian Winter, where my brave Aryan soldiers froze—just when we expected to land deep in the heart of Moscow.

"To England I leave the original manuscript of Mein Kampf, which the RAF spoiled. I had written a different finish, but their fliers got me in the end.

"To Italy I leave Japan, the land of the Rising Scum, and vice versa. It's a question who will be getting the worst of it.

"To Count Ciano, the son-in-law of Mussolini, I leave the Victoria Cross for bringing down in one day 41 bombers and 72 fighters—all Italian.

"To Franklin D. Roosevelt I leave my apology for interrupting his fishing, but he got even.

"And to the entire world I just leave, and will they give thanks!" Now Magazine then suggested several important bequests which "might be added in all seriousness."

"To the Jews, I leave my confession that I have merited the thrice repeated curse of God—('I will curse him that curseth thee')—for my murderous treatment of them.

"To the Bible, I leave my admission that my attempt to replace Thee with Mein Kampf has been a dismal failure. Offering a stone for bread and a scorpion for an egg (Luke 11:12) has proved my undoing.

"To God I leave my acknowledgment that I substituted Wotan, my god of war, for Thee. Now his two black ravens, Huginn (Thought) and Muninn (Memory) fly daily to bring me tidings of my complete defeat and of the triumph of right over might and of Christianity over paganism.

"To the Lord Jesus, I leave my avowal that I endeavored to dismiss Thee by calling Thee a Jew whom I hated. Having made ersatz food, clothing, gas and rubber, I vainly dreamed I could provide an ersatz Saviour; but there is no substitute for Thy death, burial and resurrection. Without Thee I have no forgiveness of sins, no peace, no satisfaction. And dying without Thee I have no hope—nothing but the blackness of darkness forever."



"JEEZE, SARG, DO I GOTTA SHOOT all eight shells in 48 seconds?" complained Pvt. Droolpidgeon FuddyDuddy while on the firing range for carbine practice this week. "I ain't never shot a cannon like dis," went on Fuddy, sounding off his voice-box to an irate and cynical ordnance Sgt., "but I used to bang away wid my .22 around election time in da city at ward-healers. But dat was politics."

"Raizzze Harms!" bellowed the Sgt., taking particular pleasure in ignoring our hero, and in a moment the air cracked with sound of .30 caliber shells.

After it was all over, everyone was amazed to hear that FuddyDuddy, the only jork to whip a carbine off from the hip, had made the phenomenal score of 21 both on slow and rapid fire, and had in addition, bagged a sleek little shavetail in pinks, two fat old Sgts., four creepy corporals, and a flock of rabbit-like Pfc's. When asked how he did it, he remarked with his usually oily voice thru some 3.2 at the Beer Bar, "Aw, it ain't nuthin' guys; I jus' close my eyes and bury my head in my field jacket." When interviewed later by the PRO for his home town paper, he was very modest. He told them he could leave out two of the Cpls. on his score. "They were runnin' kinda slow," remarked FuddyDuddy.

## Camp Concert Program

SERVICE CLUB, FEB. 16TH

Helen Airoll, violin selections: Romance by Wieniewski; Waltz No. 2 by Brahms.

Frank Palumbo, baritone solos: The Lord's Prayer by Malotte; "Toreador Song" —Carmen by Bizet.

Amparo Iturbi, piano selections: Rondo Capriccioso by Mendelssohn; Hungarian Rhapsodie by Liszt.

Rita Holder, Spanish dance: "Furruca" by De Falla.

Lela Mae Flynn, soprano solos: "Agnus Dei" by Bizet; Deep River by Burleigh; Carmena Waltz by Curtis.

Helen Airoll, violin selections: Ave Maria by Schubert; Mazurka by Wieniewski.

Frank Palumbo, baritone solos: "Die Penitente"—Faust by Gounod; I Got Plenty of Nothing by Gershwin; Danny Deever by Damrosch.

Amparo Iturbi, piano selections: Ritual and Fire Dance by De Falla; Sevilla by Albaniz; Boogie Woogie (Etude).

Rita Holder, Oriental dance: "In the Village" from "Caucasian Sketches" by Ippolitow-Iwanow.

Lela Mae Flynn and Frank Palumbo, soprano-baritone duets: "Will You Remember"—Maytime; "Indian Love Call"—Rose Marie; "Wanting You."

National anthem.

## War Bond Rally

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This was followed by the presentation of the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters to Mrs. Norma Jean Clapper of Winfield. The decorations were awarded to her husband, T/Sgt. Billie E. Clapper, who is missing in action after an aerial mission over continental Europe. Lt. George N. Rood, post adjutant, read the citations and the awards were presented by Col. Carroll.

In the reviewing party were Willis Clapper, father of T/Sgt. Clapper, Capt. Robert Schott, commandant of Cadets and Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Strother of Winfield. Capt. Robert J. Kostka served as aid to Col. Carroll.

Four combat planes were on exhibition during the day. They included a B-24 Liberator bomber from Topeka, B-26 Marauder bombers from Dodge City, Kans., and Barksdale Field, La., and an A-25 navy dive bomber kept at Strother Field.

A program of entertainment was presented in the Sub-Depot hangar by talent from the Boeing, Beech and Cessna plants at Wichita and the SF orchestra. Dave Wilson, Wichita radio announcer, was master of ceremonies.

## Naman goes cigar-happy

Any of you generals that are out of cigars, we suggest you trot over to see Sgt. Theodore Naman at the post chapel. It seems the stork visited him and his wife this week and left a six pound six ounce bundle, described by Sgt. Naman as pink, pretty and female. Congrats, brother Naman! P. S. He sent mamma home to Houston so the young'un could be a native Texan.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 12 Feb.

MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK  
Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken  
Brian Donlevy, Akin Tamiroff  
This Is America

Sun.-Mon., 13-14 Feb.

THE DESERT SONG  
Dennis Morgan, Irene Manning  
Bruce Cabot  
News of the Day  
Screen Magazine

Tues., 15 Feb.

Double Feature  
CAREER GIRL  
Frances Langford  
Edward Norris  
ROOKIES IN BURMA  
Alan Carney, Wally Brown

Wed.-Thurs., 16-17 Feb.

A GUY NAMED JOE  
Spencer Tracy, Irene Dunn  
Van Johnson  
News of the Day  
March of Time

Fri.-Sat., 18-19 Feb.

LIFEBOAT  
Tallulah Bankhead, Henry Hull  
William Bendix  
Sportsscopes—Cartoon

## Two accidents:

### One Cadet Killed; Another Injured

Two serious accidents occurred during the flying program this week, one resulting in the death of one cadet, the other in the loss of an arm.

The cadet killed was Clarence J. Carrico, 22, of St. Louis, Mo., when his basic trainer he was piloting crashed 15 miles west of Strother Field. Cadet Carrico was a graduate of Washington U. in St. Louis.

Cadet Hugo F. Beyer, 21, of Littlefield, Texas, lost his right arm in a taxi accident at the west field, and was taken to the post hospital. He is being moved to McCloskey General Hospital in Temple, Tex., for further treatment. A board of qualified AAF officers will determine the exact causes in detail of each case.

## Have You Read

### So Little Time

The story is of people who have so little time to live their lives according to their deepest desires and abilities, because they are so beset by social convention, custom, and unimportant incidentals.

More specifically, it is the story of Jeffrey Wilson, a boy from a small New England town, aviator in World War I, then newspaper man, play doctor, movie script rewriter; of his work, worries, and search for security in his married life. And finally, it is the story of his relationship with his older son, Jim, who was nineteen, a student at Harvard, and in love in the spring of 1940.

*So Little Time* is a provocative picture of America, the America of booms and depressions, gaieties and glooms, isolationists and interventionists between World War I and World War II. Though deeply serious, *So Little Time* is brilliant satire and flashing humor.

Participation honor in the Fourth War Bond Drive among civilian workers at Strother Field goes to the individual who Thursday purchased \$3,225 in bonds. Quite a tidy sum to purchase equipment for our men on the fighting fronts.

Detroit (CNS)—The War Labor Board has ruled that women workers at the Packard Motor Company plant here may spend five minutes a day making up their faces.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....Win.....Valentine dance..Band  
Ark.....Sorority Dance  
Sun.....Win.....GI program..Sing..Call  
Ark.....Bingo..Telephone Call  
Mon.....Win.....Valentine kitchen party  
Ark.....Bridge..Game night  
Tues.....Win.....Informal night  
Ark.....Do-as-you-please  
Wed.....Win.....Musical and Quiz  
Ark.....Snack Bar Party  
Thurs.....Win.....Bridge..Voice Recording  
Ark.....Ping Pong Tournament  
for GIs and GSOs  
Fri.....Win.....Game Night..GI wives  
Ark.....Married Couples' Night

## PRAIRIE FLIER

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## ● This Week . . .

Special features will be a formal Valentine's Day Dance on Thursday, with girls from Wellington on deck. The 322nd has moved its party up to Sunday when they will have a war bond rally and tea dance. Defense industry girls from Wichita will be guests.

Then too, there's that slick classical USO-Camp-Show coming on Wednesday to the service club, headed by Amparo Iturbi, sister of the world famous Jose Iturbi, Spanish pianist, which really promises to be great. For details about this one see the story on page one.

So with these items checked on the list as "special," we read next week as follows:

Friday—GI party..Movies  
Saturday—Open night  
Sunday—322nd Tea Dance  
Monday—Camera Club 1900;  
Bingo 2000  
Tuesday—Open night  
Wednesday—USO-Camp-Show  
Thursday—Valentine's Day Dance

## SF Host to Hero During Bond Rally

"I've been scared many times but this tops everything," was the comment of Capt. F. A. Buchanan of the Dodge City B-26 base as he stepped up to the microphone during the bond rally in the sub-depot last Sunday.

Pinned to the blouse of this "frightened" 23-year-old air corps hero were two rows of campaign and award ribbons including the distinguished flying cross, the order of purple heart, the air medal with oak leaf cluster, the American defense medal, the North African and European theater of operations and the Sicilian campaign ribbons.

This handsome officer spoke of his 13th combat mission over Sicily last July 4th during which he piloted the lead plane in a formation of B-26 Marauders. His plane set fire by German fighter planes and anti-aircraft, Lt. Buchanan and his crew including a colonel, three captains, a first lieutenant and two staff sergeants, were forced to bail out and were, as he said, "awaited by Italian soldiers as we parachuted to the ground."

Held as prisoners by the enemy, this group was confined in Rome on the day Mussolini was ousted as dictator of Italy.

The group received word that German military authorities were planning on moving the prisoners to Germany so Lt. Buchanan decided to make a break. He was the only one of his group able to make a getaway after three months internment, and six weeks later had made his way to the Allied lines.

Capt. Buchanan is now serving as a flying instructor at Dodge City and came to SF on one of the Marauders brought here for exhibition Sunday. He addressed the vast crowd at the bond rally and told the people how much their war bond purchases meant to the boys fighting overseas—how these fighting men know they can depend on the home front to make possible the supplies and armament necessary for victory.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

Sgt. Peat Lindsay, baker for the officers mess at Strother Field, shows his son, James Ruben Lindsay of the U. S. Navy, a BT-13A motor during the youth's visit to SF.

### 16-year-old Navy 'Vet' Visits Father

The Army and the Navy are meeting on common ground at Strother Field these days where Sgt. Peat Lindsay, 39, baker for the officers' mess, is entertaining his 16-year-old son, James Ruben Lindsay, shipfitter third class of the U. S. Navy.

James is concluding a 21-day furlough, his first leave and first visit with his parents since he left school to enlist, four months after his fourteenth birthday anniversary. That was in May, 1942; by July of that year James was in the Pacific waters as a member of a submarine crew. He's been on submarine duty in the Pacific all the time with only a few weeks' shore duty at island stations.

James wears a number of decorations on his blues and whites. One ribbon is for American defense; a star increases its value to him and represents his great value to the navy. The Southwest and Asiatic campaign ribbon James wears bears four stars, and he wears the submarine combat insignia. He has been advised that a presidential citation is coming to him, but as yet it has not arrived.

### Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

A Valentine flew in from Alaska:

*This place is bleak and cold as hell,  
That is all that I dare tell.  
My Valentine, my own true sweet,  
This place needs you to furnish heat.*

Great being home—relaxing in front of the fireplace . . . listening to the patter of little feet around the house. I'll have to set the mouse-trap again.

Always remember, you can't choose your ancestors, but that's fair enough for they probably wouldn't have chosen you either.

New song title: "Grandma Used Her Wig for a Pillow" or "Asleep at the Switch."

### Formal Dance at AC Sponsored by Sorority

Saturday night is the night. The Beta Sigma Phi sorority chapter in Ark City is sponsoring a formal dance and party in the night club theme at the USO in that city.

Paper hearts are to be issued all enlisted men attending the party. These will serve as money for dances and for use in the game room.

In addition to dancing with music by the Strother Airchords there will be a buffet supper served the soldiers, regular GSO girls and sorority guests.

Feature of the evening will be the selection of a Beta Sigma Phi sweetheart by enlisted men and from the latter group a King of Hearts will be selected. This couple will receive a prize in the form of an evening of entertainment with all expenses paid including dinner and theater tickets.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

The "Horrible Honeys" of Class 44-D at Strother Field presented their never to be forgotten version of Terpsichorean Art during their variety show at the post theater last week.

Left center:—The Barber Shop quartette, pole and all, gave out with harmony during the revue.

Right center:—Aviation Cadet Stanley Mouse, master-of-ceremonies at the cadet show. The fedora led to informality and fun.

At the bottom:—The Mary Lou McConnell troupe of dancers from Wichita was an added attraction of the show.

### Jiggers, the Boss Is Back!

Major Julian W. Boxley, special service officer of Strother Field, returned to the base Feb. 8th, from Lexington, Va., where he has been attending the army orientation school at Washington and Lee University since Jan. 1st.

New member of the Special Service Staff is 2nd Lt. Edwin J. Shore, of Little Rock, Ark., who has been appointed as ass't Special Service Officer, and War Bond and Insurance Officer. He will have the tasty task of handling the EM bond allotments and insurance adjustments.

### Hobby Show to Be Competitive

Last week the PF announced that the Hobby Exhibit would not be a competitive affair. However, it has been decided recently, in order to stimulate interest, to offer prizes for the most outstanding hobby of its class.

Additional arrangements are now being made for the place of exhibition, committee of judges, and other particulars necessary for the show. Be sure to send home, or plan the display of your hobby now! Don't put it off! Watch the PF for details.

### Camera-Hounds Have First Clambake at Club

Sixteen enlisted men and one officer met in the service club Monday evening with Lt. Edward Armstrong, photo officer, to form the nucleus of Strother Field's camera club.

Meetings will be held weekly on Monday evenings and members will meet at the service club. Plans call for some meetings to be held in the photo laboratory where club members will have an opportunity to actually learn the procedure of developing and printing by producing their own pictures.

It will be necessary that members furnish their own film and printing paper for these sessions and all attending the first meeting were reminded of field regulations prohibiting the taking of pictures on the field. Films developed and prints made during the classes will be of negatives exposed elsewhere than on the field, according to Lt. Armstrong.

Military personnel other than those present at the first session who desire to join the class are invited to attend the next meeting, Monday, 14 Feb., 1944.

Those who attended the opening meeting included 2nd Lt. H. W. Kitchen Jr., Cpl. Wm. Kranzusch, Sgt. Wiley Hamilton, Pvt. A. D. Craig, Cpl. James A. Dorozinski, Sgt. Albert J. Firth, Sgt. Mel Hebert, Cpl. Edward J. Giroux, Sgt. Harry Dresner, S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak, S/Sgt. Norman G. Bonner, Pvt. Emil M. M. Carlson, T/Sgt. Christopher Ruska, S/Sgt. Anton M. Horn, Cpl. Ben Burwick, Sgt. Donald G. Nicholas and Sgt. Fields Baldwin.

### Happy in the Service?

Are you nervous in the service? No doubt there are many business concerns that would give most anything to acquire salesmen, accountants, etc., but none have been quite as optimistic as a Kansas City, Mo., firm that recently sent an appealing letter to Strother Field. Following are excerpts from the letter:

"This is our problem: One of our key men is about to be drafted; we must find a man to take his place. Can you suggest a man who might fit our needs? If unable to do so immediately, please give this letter a little thought and advise us later—or ask the man you would suggest to write us."

The line forms in front of the Special Service office sometime in the next year or two—we hope!

P.S. You gotta be over 38 years of age and be willing to start at a salary of \$185.00 to \$250.00 per month!

### Male Call



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### I Dream Of Genii





"If you've made no plans for tonight, may I suggest something?"



STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
55th	14	0	1.000
1082nd	10	5	.670
Medics	9	6	.600
448th	6	9	.385
322nd	5	9	.330
1088th	0	15	.000

## 1082nd and 1088th Lose to 55th in Basketball League

### The Red Hot Boys Practically Have Squadron League Title Cinched

Continuing its victory march, the 55th basketball quintet added two more games to the win column, defeating the 1088th Guard team by a score of 41 to 23 Thursday night of last week and the 1082nd team 40 to 21 in the 15th round of play Tuesday evening of this week. This gives them 14 games won and none lost. The 12th round game between the 55th and the 322nd squadron has not been played as yet.

The Strother All-Star basketball team will play the Chilocco Indians in a game in the reservation gym tonight. The Battling Benedicts of Winfield will be the All-Stars opponents next Friday evening in a game to be played in Winfield.

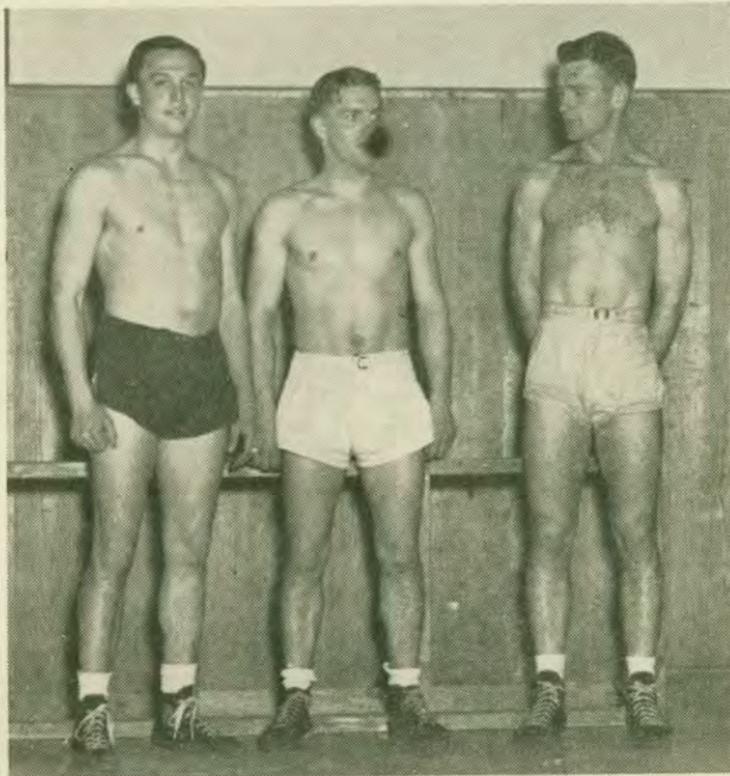
Ferrell, 55th center, was high scorer for his team with 15 points. Seeley, 1088th forward, led his in the game with the 1088th team with 8 points. In the game between the 55th and 1082nd teams Vance, 55th forward, led his team with 13 points while Murbrook, 1082nd forward, tallied 6 points to lead his outfit.

In the 14th round game between the 1082nd and 448th teams victory went to the former squad by a score of 42 to 34. The 1082nd led by a score of 11 to 7 at the end of the first quarter only to be overtaken by the 448th team which led by a score of 18 to 17 at the half. In the third quarter the 1082nd took the lead 31 to 26 and increased it to 42-34 in the last quarter. Smith, 1082nd forward, was high man with 11 points. Teeters, 448th guard, led his team with 10 points.

In another 14th round game the 322nd led the Medics through the first three quarters only to fail to score in the last quarter and lost by a score of 28 to 23. The 322nd led 8 to 4 in the first quarter, 15 to 11 at the half and 23 to 20 at the end of the third period. The Medics made 8 points in the last quarter while holding their opponents scoreless. Cagle, Medics forward, led his team with 8 points. Green, 322nd center, made 12 points to lead his team.

The 15th round game between the 448th and Medics teams was a close affair until the last quarter when the 448th scored 10 points to their opponents 2 points, winning the game 30 to 17. The score was tied 6 to 6 in the first quarter, 12 to 10 in favor of the 448th at the half and 20 to 15 in the third quarter. Gersbach, 448th center, made 10 points to lead his team in scoring. Childers, Medic guard, made 5 points to lead his outfit.

Another close game was played last Tuesday night between the 322nd and 1088th teams. The final score was 31 to 24 in favor of the 322nd but in the first quarter the winners were behind 3 to 6. At the half they led 14 to 11 and held the three-point lead through the third quarter when the score read 22 to 19. N. Johnson, 322nd guard, made 11 points to lead his outfit and Blackburn, 1088th center, made 12 points.



Three members of Cadet Class 44-D recently broke the physical fitness record of 265 set by Lt. Leo E. Engels last August. They are shown above, left to right: Wayne Harold Smith, 273; Ted Phillips Sutter, 271; Bland Hugh Schwarting, 268.

55th-40		1082nd-21			
Vance, f	6	1	Murbrook, f	2	2
Brej, f	1	1	Stebur, f	2	1
Lawrence, f	0	0	Beckett, f	2	0
Ferrell, c	2	0	Childs, c	1	0
Whittman, g	1	0	Rupp, g	1	0
Dalak, g	6	0	Shintaffer, g	0	0
Miller, g	3	0	Smith, g	1	0
Stiles, g	0	0			
	19	2		9	3

Quarter scores:

55th	5-20-30-40
1082nd	4-6-10-21

Strother Field-40		Continental-17			
Brej, f	4	2	Shea, f	2	3
Murbrook, f	3	0	Wykoff, f	0	0
Vance, f	6	0	Gough, f	0	1
Reed, f	0	0	Ryall, c	2	1
Smith, c	1	1	Harmon, g	0	0
Ferrell, c	2	1	Rowe, g	1	0
Dalak, g	1	0	Carter, g	1	0
Stoner, g	0	0	Bullard, g	0	0
Nicholas, g	1	0			
Stebur, g	0	0			
	18	4		6	5

17TH ROUND GAMES—FEB. 15TH

1082nd—Medics	1800
448th—1088th	1900
55th—322nd	2000

## Win Bowling Title

Winners of the first and second half bowling league competition met Monday evening for the season title and the Wolf Pack keggers, winners of the second half took the title with a total of 2203 points while their opponents, the Paratroopers, totaled 2064.

Kuhn was high man for the Wolf Pack with 508 points. Biederman of the Paratroopers, totaled 539 points to lead in scoring.

WOLF PACK	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Reed	177	138	133	448
Huhn	111	150	187	448
Kuhn	177	177	154	508
Dodds	83	121	128	332
Chatlain	181	140	146	467

PARATROOPERS	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Busch	106	99	106	311
Johnson	145	119	124	324
Abbott	117	134	172	423
Cowling	146	133	119	398
Biederman	203	176	160	539

## SF All-Stars Beat Ponca City Oilers

The Strother Field All-Star basketball team journeyed to Ponca City, Okla., last Friday night where it met the Continental Oilers. It was another lop-sided victory for the air corps boys, the game ending 40 to 17 in favor of the field team. Vance, Strother forward, was high man with 12 points while Shea, Continental forward, tallied 7 points to lead his outfit.

The All-Stars have played six games with teams from Ponca City, Ark City, Winfield and Geuda Springs, winning all but one game, that the first scheduled tilt with Geuda Springs which the fliers lost by a score of 21 to 22. In a later encounter with the same team the score was 55 to 24 in favor of the Strother quintet.

In the four other games played this season the Strother team defeated the Winfield All-Stars 51 to 17, Kanotex Refinery team of Ark City 46 to 23, Winfield Future Farmers of America 64 to 16 and the game with Ponca City 40 to 17.

Strother Field has averaged 46 points to its opponents 18 points in each of the games played so far this season. Vance, SF forward, has made 45 field goals and 4 free throws for 94 points, an average of 15 2-3 points per game. Brej, SF forward, is second in scoring with 37 field goals and 7 free throws for 81 points, an average of 13 1/2 points per game.

## Basketball and Badminton on Double Program

A double feature sports event which will include a basketball game and badminton exhibition is scheduled in the post gymnasium next Wednesday evening, Feb. 16th at 2000.

The Continental Oilers basketball team from Ponca City, Okla., will play a return game with the Strother Field All-Stars and between halves the badminton match will be played by Aviation Cadet Ralph Tenney of Strother Field and George Harmon, an employee of the Continental Oil Company in Ponca City.

Tenney, Texas amateur badminton champion in 1941, 1942 and 1943, was also co-holder of the doubles title for the same three-year period. He also held the singles title and was co-holder in doubles in Southwestern United States Intercollegiate badminton play.

Harmon is a former Southwestern United States Intercollegiate singles champion.

14TH ROUND—FEB. 3RD

55th-41		1088th-23			
Vance, f	4	0	Seeley, f	4	0
Witterman, f	1	0	Maxwell, f	1	2
Brej, f	4	0	Mendini, f	0	0
Miller, f	2	1	Hubbard, c	2	0
Ferrell, c	7	1	Schenlizer, g	0	0
Dalak, g	1	0	Blackburn, g	3	0
Stiles, g	0	1	Wise, g	0	1
	19	3		10	3

Quarter scores:

55th	17-27-32-41
1088th	3-5-15-23

1082nd-42		448th-34			
Stebur, f	3	3	Reed, f	1	0
Beckett, f	2	0	Biederman, f	4	0
Murbrook, f	4	0	Gersbach, c	3	1
Childs, c	2	0	Bova, g	3	0
Rupp, g	2	2	Davis, g	1	1
Smith, g	5	1	Teeters, g	4	2
Shintaffer, g	0	0			
	18	6		15	4

Quarter scores:

1082nd	11-17-31-42
448th	7-18-26-34

Medics-28		322nd-23			
Cagle, f	4	0	Estell, f	3	3
Landers, f	0	0	Reed, f	1	0
Dickos, f	3	0	Green, c	5	2
Nicholas, c	2	0	Wright, g	0	0
Childers, g	3	1	Smith, g	0	0
Haungs, g	1	1			
	13	2		9	5

Quarter scores:

Medics	4-11-20-28
322nd	8-15-23-23

15TH ROUND—FEB. 8TH

448th-30		Medics-17			
Reed, f	1	0	Landers, f	2	0
Selvidge, f	1	0	Dickos, f	2	0
Gersbach, c	5	0	Nicholas, c	2	0
Teeters, g	4	0	Childers, g	2	1
Biederman, g	3	0	Haungs, g	0	0
Bova, g	1	0			
	15	0		8	1

Quarter scores:

448th	6-12-20-30
Medics	6-10-15-17

322nd-31		1088th-24			
Estell, f	3	3	Seeley, f	3	0
Reed, f	1	0	Curtis, f	1	0
Green, c	2	1	Maxwell, f	0	0
Smith, g	1	2	O'Dell, f	1	0
Wright, g	0	0	Blackburn, c	5	2
N. Johnson, g	5	1	Hubbard, c	1	0
			Wise, g	0	0
			Chancellor, g	0	0
			Swords, g	0	0
			Mendini, g	0	0
	12	7		11	2

Quarter scores:

322nd	3-14-22-31
1088th	6-11-19-24

## PFR Test Next Week

It's here again! Physical fitness tests for officers and enlisted men of Strother Field are to be given next week, according to announcement made today by Capt. Oren P. Stoner, athletic director of SF.

Officers are to take their tests during their first period of physical training next week, beginning Monday. It is urged that all officers and enlisted men carefully read instructions pertaining to the tests which include sit-ups, pull-ups and the 300 yard shuttle run.

Enlisted men will begin taking their tests the first of next week also. Pocket score cards will be issued and are to be kept on one's person at all times.

## SF Handball Courts Will Open Monday

The new handball courts are to be ready for play by officers and enlisted men of this field the first of next week. Balls and gloves have arrived and work on the courts has been completed.

Balls and gloves will be left on the courts at all times so there will be no need of checking the equipment in and out of the supply room.



\$2,425 in additional war bonds were purchased last week by this group of 52 enlisted men of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron. The men marched in formation to the post finance office to make their purchases.

(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)



When the "Naughty Nineties Revue" had completed its premier showing at the post theater Monday night Relentless Rudolph, the villain, was still pursuing Little Nell, or vice versa vice. Who would want to get out of character, anyway!

Shown standing, left to right: Bonnie Jean Smith, Gerri Tuttle, Cpl. Herman Tindell, Phyllis Harris, Pvt. Denny Johnson, Sgt. Jamie Jagers, Dorothy McConnell, pianist, Sgt. Jack Blackman, Cpl. Joe DeRasmi, Cpl. Charles Lidsky and Nadyne Evans. (How did the villain get out of his costume and into his GI's with that head lock intact?) Miss Peggy Reiter and Miss Betty Buckner are seated at the table, in case you are interested in names.

(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

## Naughty Nineties Revue Makes Hit at Post Theatre

The "Naughty Nineties Revue" presented by civilian cuties employed at Strother Field and enlisted men of this base made quite a hit with the theater-packed audience Monday evening—especially the scene in which "Black Rudolph" alias Cpl. Charles Lidsky took "Little Nell," portrayed by Miss Nadyne Evans, to see his tool shed.

### Jones, former Pfc Tells of Experiences in Sicilian Invasion

Here in Kansas, in the spot most remote from the war's raging on the other sides of the world, there is a man who has seen and known the hell that is shell fire, bayonet fighting and the muck of battle. His name is Frank L. Jones, formerly with an anti-tank unit of the 45th Division, 180th Infantry, now working in the fire station at Strother Field.

His Army career goes back to January, 1941, before Pearl Harbor, when he enlisted at Fort Sill, Okla. There he received his basic training, and after traveling to many stations in the U.S., he was shipped overseas and received much training.

He was shipped to North Africa in preparation for Mediterranean moves. On Saturday, July 10, Pfc. Jones, skilled BAR man, went ashore with the seventh wave of men in Sicily. In spite of the surprise, the Germans fought bravely and desperately, and after many hours of combat, he was wounded in a hand-to-hand bayonet duel. He was lying in a shallow slit trench after first aid thinking about home, when an artillery shell screeched down and blew him out. He was soon rushed to a base hospital unit for treatment, and thence eventually back to the States. "Nothing is better," he says, "than to feel good U.S. soil again."

After months of treatment by Medics following his arrival home, he was discharged at the General Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. For his service he wears the European theatre ribbon with a bronze star, a Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, and the Purple Heart.

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Lidsky, in his sinister black costume with 90-gallon hat and 5-quart nose failed to be hissed one single time, everyone was so envious of his poaching the sensuous heroine with her split skirt.

In the closing scene when the hero, wearing a king size Congressional Medal of Honor, saved Little Nell from the twin blades, Lidsky and the saw, the villain stole the applause while pounding and kicking on the floor and yelling to the audience, "I'll get even tomorrow in PT class!"

Tears flowed when Cpl. Herman Tindell portraying a horrible gangling youngster sang "Father, Dear Father, Come Home with Me Now" as she tried to get her pooped pappa out of the saloon. The tears were from laughter caused by her tremulous soprano voice and the sagging sight of her daddy played by Pvt. Denny Johnson.

Dramatics dynamic were presented in the "Frankie and Johnnie" skit starring Miss Betty Buckner as the pistol totin' cutie, Cpl. Joe DeRasmi as the Handsome Harry and Miss Peggy Reiter as the sharp end of the triangle. Frankie's dramatic ability was much better than her aim with the pistol. No doubt Johnnie died from a ricocheting bullet which dropped from the ceiling through his snappy sailor. Brother, his demise in front of the curtain so that he had to be dragged from view of the audience was the tops in scene stealing, intentional or accidental. Had he not fallen for the wiles of Miss Reiter (both left and right) he would no doubt have received a section eight by 8 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The quartet composed of Sgt. Jack Blackman, Cpl. Joe DeRasmi, Sgt. Jamie Jagers and Pvt. Denny Johnson sang a number of old favorites with the audience joining in on several selections. Cpl. DeRasmi capably handled the tenor assignment regardless of the octave height. They ably assisted

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## 184 Officers and EM Qualify with Carbine and Rifle on Range

Strother Field bulls-eye boppers have been at it again, this time firing the carbine, cal. 30 and rifle, cal. 30. 107 enlisted men and 42 officers drew neat beads last week to successfully complete the prescribed course for the carbine, and 35 enlisted men completed the course for rifle. All are now qualified as expert, sharpshooter or marksmen, and authorized to wear appropriate insignia in accordance with army regulation 600-75. Following are the names of the officers and their classifications:

### Carbine Expert

Capt. Charles H. Pierce, Capt. Oren P. Stoner, 1st Lt. Cyrus T. Baldwin, 1st Lt. Garland O. Beck, 1st Lt. Allan B. Jackson, 1st Lt. Robert A. Ralston, 2nd Lt. Horace H. Cummings, 2nd Lt. Robert H. Kendall, CWO Vernie J. Pierce, WOJG Joseph E. Barrett.

### Carbine Sharpshooter

Capt. Isidore Brown, Capt. Melvin B. Hopson, Capt. John H. Heuners, 1st Lt. George D. Allen, 1st Lt. Ennis L. Brooks, 1st Lt. Gerald W. Collinsworth, 1st Lt. Donald M. Kain, 1st Lt. Thomas G. Sandel, 1st Lt. Kenneth L. Winters, 1st Lt. Richard B. Barnett, 2nd Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, 2nd Lt. Raffy D. Bagdasarian, 2nd Lt. Samuel Kramer, 2nd Lt. Nevin J. Rodes, 2nd Lt. Charles E. Sweet, Jr., WOJG Kenneth Wolf.

### Carbine Marksman

Capt. Samuel L. Fly, Capt. Guilbert R. Graham, Capt. Robert H. Schott, 1st Lt. Gilbert W. Black, 1st Lt. Woodrow B. Cox, 1st Lt. Sherman L. Elliott, Jr., 1st Lt. Hugh G. Fewell, 1st Lt. George W. Nelson, 2nd Lt. William C. Doody, 2nd Lt. Lowell E. Johnson, 2nd Lt. Arthur C. Knauff, 2nd Lt. Robert E. Melbourne, 2nd Lt. Robert W. Taylor, 2nd Lt. Robert A. Browning, Jr., CWO William F. Baker.

Following are the enlisted men who qualified with the carbine .30 cal.:

### Carbine Expert

S-Sgt. Frank R. Myers, Cpl. Robert E. Maze, Sgt. James M. Waits, Jr., Pfc. Irvin W. Nelson, T-Sgt. Robert C. Stewart, Jr., Pfc. Joseph W. Strawn, Sgt. Wiley F. Hamilton, Sgt. William A. James, Pfc. Roy E. Lindstrom, Pfc. Sidney A. Morse, Pfc. John M. Baker, Cpl. Wayland M. Boyer, T-Sgt. Edwin L. Bass and Pvt. Herbert Grimmitt.

### Carbine Sharpshooter

T-Sgt. James R. Leach, Cpl. Donald E. Kenney, Sgt. Charles W. Johnson, S-Sgt. Anton M. Horn, Cpl. David A. Frazee, Sgt. Dias Fournier, Pfc. Louie W. Denison, Pfc. John H. Deeves, Pfc. William W. Cordill, Cpl. Leo W. Crimmins, S-Sgt. Joseph A. Carrach, S-Sgt. William J. Busch, T-Sgt. Robert Bravo, Sgt. David S. Stavinsky, Pvt. Charles T. Smith, Sgt. Edward Seeb, T-Sgt. Edward A. Schwartz, Cpl. William O. Reed, Jr., Sgt. Warren W. Weber, Sgt. John J. McGlothlin, S-Sgt. Stephen D. Brozkovak, Pfc. Howard B. Arnwine, Cpl. Victoria Fergola, Pfc. Edward W. Burnett, Pvt. Lou E. Vandoverter, Cpl. Elmer L. Smith, Pvt. George O. Shifflett, Pfc. James H. Patrick, Cpl. Horace D. Bass, Sgt. Hilman B. Silliman, Cpl. Max A. Brown, Pfc. Jack W. Sims, Cpl. Alvin G.

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## 200 Million Goal of ARC War Fund

On March 1st of this year, the American Red Cross will open its War Fund drive at SF once again to secure funds to support their operations all over the world.

The goal set this time is higher than ever before—200 million bucks, because the activities of the Red Cross have increased in proportion to the increase of men in service. Of this total figure seventenths will go to the men in services, and the remaining threenths will go to aid the families of the men in uniform.

The Blood Bank, perhaps best known, is only one of the many great things the Red Cross has provided for aid to American soldiers, and every American, in uniform or not will want to help the hand that helps him.

## Quiz Tournament to Start Feb. 23

Commanding officers of each organization on the field are this week selecting four-men teams to enter a weekly quiz tournament which is scheduled to begin next Wednesday, Feb. 23rd.

The contest, sponsored by the special service department of Strother Field, will take place twice each week, on Wednesdays and Fridays on the stage of the post theater between shows.

Everyone participating will receive a prize with the final winners receiving an extra prize.

## Hobby Show Set For March 5-6

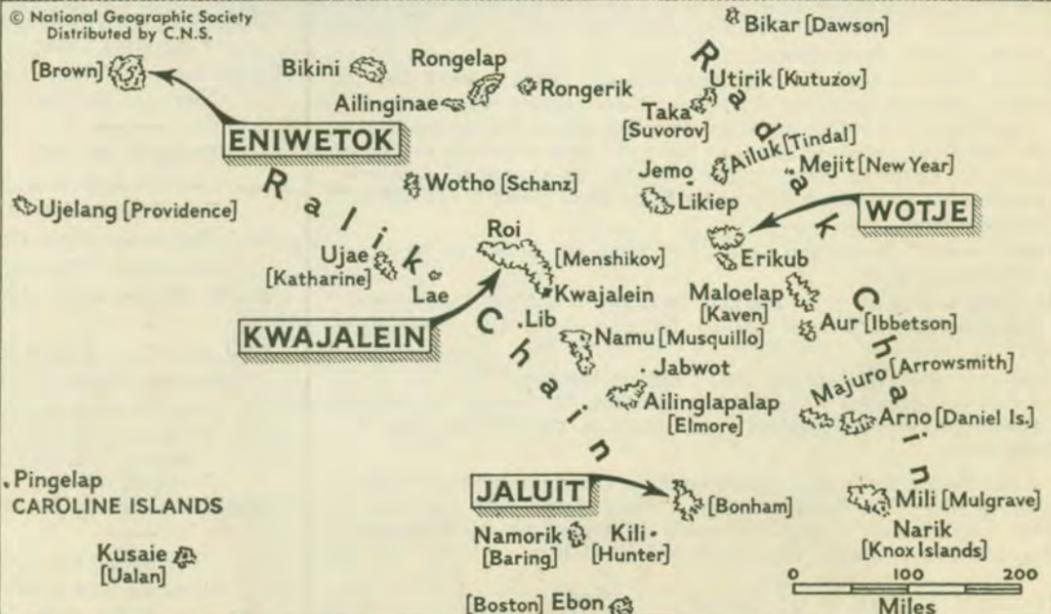
Strother Field's hobby show will be held Sunday and Monday, March 5-6 in the north end of the 1,000 man mess hall. Exhibits will be on display to all military and civilian personnel on the field from 1400 to 1700 on Sunday and 1900 until 2200 on Monday. Entry blanks are now available at the special service office for all military personnel interested in entering the show.

Exhibits may be entered in the following classifications: photographic, stamps and coins, miniatures and models, scrapbooks, things military and in the miscellaneous group.

Judging of exhibits will be held at 1300 on Sunday afternoon. Names of the judges will be withheld until that time.

Take all you want, but eat all you take.

# THE MARSHALL ISLANDS



Japan's Marshall Islands, a string of coral beads flung into the Pacific about halfway between Hawaii and Australia, are the first Jap possessions to be occupied by U. S. troops in this war. Pacific trade and war prizes for more than 50 years, the Marshalls provide another stepping-stone along the rocky, reefy road to Tokyo. Principal atoll in the group is Jaluit, peacetime headquarters of the Marshalls and center of Jap strength. Jaluit is clearly defined on the map, as are the other main land spots, Kwajalein, Eniwetok and Wotje, whose combined pre-war population was nearly 10,000, including about 500 Japanese.

## Speaking of--One for All--All for One

The lives of the men who fight for this Republic are equally precious. Sailor, soldier or marine . . . on land and sea and in the air . . . we know the stern brotherhood of battle. It is one for all and all for one. In that red rain, in that smoky storm, our uniforms take on the same color; we hear a single trumpet call and follow it.

MacArthur's bombers fly a thousand miles to help Americans in seaborne ships. Halsey's destroyers turn aside to rescue Army airmen from drowning. Army P-39s and P-40s fight wing to wing with Marine Wildcats against the foe. Brereton and Doolittle send their planes to sink Axis convoys far across the Mediterranean. In that white Hell called the Alaskan theatre, every branch of our armed services is co-mingled . . . and their universal emblem is a clenched fist striking westward.

Did the German or the Jap ever imagine we would quarrel among ourselves? The men who fell at Pearl Harbor . . . Bataan . . . Corregidor . . . wore blue suits and khaki; flyers' suits and dungarees . . . and some wore civvies and all of them were our own.

We, the living, have but one hatred . . . the enemy. We have but one mission . . . to destroy the Jap and Nazi tyrannies. For this single cause we shall fight until the land of Europe grows hump-backed with German graves and the sea spews forth dead Japanese on all the shores of Asia. That is our pledge—we shall not falter—we shall not swerve from it.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory."



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

A Russian farmer added farm to farm, but never got enough to satisfy him. He sold his land and went to a neighborhood where the land was cheaper. With his money he bought a larger estate than he first owned.

Then he heard of a place where the land was cheaper still. Going to the head man of that tribe, he was offered all the land he could walk around in a day for one thousand rubles. He was directed to put the money on a certain spot, and to walk in any direction as far and as fast as he could. If he were back by sunset, he could have all the land he had encompassed during the day.

He laid down the money as directed, and started out at sunrise. The land looked so good that he quickened his pace. He went further than he had intended along the first side; then he turned and spurred himself along on the second side. Before he turned again the sun had crossed the noonday meridian, and he had two sides yet to cover.

As the sun was slowly sinking in the west, he quickened his pace still more, arriving at the starting point just as the sun went down. But he had overtaxed his strength and fell dead on the spot.

His servant dug a grave for him; he needed only six feet of ground then, the rest of the land was no use to him. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).  
—Adapted from Tolstoy.



### .. small talk ..

Pvt. Droolpidgeon FuddyDuddy, the only man who can wear a snood attractively, was sitting on his sleep sack reading the latest copy of Superman. His feet dangled carelessly in a bucket of hot water left over from the GI party, and he puffed passionately on a jitney stogie, filling the air with a thick, bluish smoke.

He was just beginning to feel relaxed again after a hard day in the Ptomaine Tavern pushing a mop, and an equally wearisome GI Party, when he and another scrawny Pfc had swept and mopped the entire barrack in the absence of all of the Sgts, who were off to Ponca City on a toot. Thru the door stumbled the Cpl. in charge of squadron duty, cracking his knuckles and singing "Lay that Pistol Down Babe," as he hopped along.

"FuddyDuddy," began the Cpl., "You have the honer uv bein' on latreen dooty tamorra."

Our Hero looked up from his mag burning red. "But Cpl.," began Fuddy complainatively, "I wuz just on KP and did a GI party, ain't dat enuf?"

"Shut ya trap," belched the Cpl., "Yer on tamorra!"  
"Awwwww—" groaned FuddyDuddy, braiding his toes in the water.  
"I heard dat—insubordination!" and the Cpl. ran out the door for the orderly room.

As Pvt. Fuddy sat down on his bunk in the guardhouse, a fellow inmate asked him what he was in for. "Me and the duty Cpl. had a poisonality clash," said Fuddy, as slowly he picked up his Superman magazine and thumbed thru for his place he had lost.

### Buying that Extra War Bond?

Another cute trick in the scheme of total war devised by the Japanese was revealed recently. Fifty or so wounded American soldiers were dragged to a place about 20 yards in front of newly-dug Jap fortifications. Then, when their buddies crawled across no-man's-land to rescue the helpless men, snipers politely picked them off. To give the mess a *coup de grace*, they then killed the wounded soldiers.



Q. Is it possible to send mail to prisoners of war. And are they permitted to answer your letters?

A. Of course you can send mail to prisoners. In fact, this practice is encouraged. The mailing address of a prisoner of war is forwarded by Red Cross authorities through the Government's Prisoner of War Information Bureau. Most prisoners, however, are strictly limited in the amount of mail they send out, so you may not hear from them for many months, if at all.

Q. Is it possible for a warrant officer to be "broken" or reduced in rank by a court-martial?

A. No. Although warrant officers are not commissioned officers, they are not enlisted men either and may not be reduced to the ranks, nor to the status of non-commissioned officers.

## Have You Read—

Here is *Your War* by Ernie Pyle. Ernie Pyle's columns about the war in Tunisia have been recognized as some of the greatest pieces of reporting in American journalism. These columns in full-length form provide the basis for a wonderfully moving story of our soldiers throughout their first big campaign abroad, from embarkation from England through ultimate victory.

Numerous names and addresses are given together with humorous or sympathetic descriptions of various incidents, making *Here is Your War* the things those at home want most to know.

## Hey you! Interested in the Little Theatrah?

For youse generals that are anxious to get into grease paint, build sets, and strut your stuff across the Strother stage, the Little Theatre Group is still being formed, under the auspices of the service club.

As yet, a definite schedule has not been laid, but it is in the crystal that the Little Theatre plans to study and produce a great variety of theatrical works, which will certainly suit the taste of all involved.

So if you're stage struck, gambol over to the service club next Wednesday night at 1900 and meet the other folk who are curtain-crazy. We'll see ya there, chum!

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Sun. and Mon., 20-21 Feb.

\* MADAME CURIE

Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon  
News of the Day

Tuesday, 22 Feb.

Double Feature

\* THE SPIDER WOMAN

Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce

\* CASANOVA IN BURLESQUE

Joe E. Brown, June Havoc

Wed. and Thurs., 23-24 Feb.

\* STANDING ROOM ONLY

Fred MacMurray,

Paulette Goddard

Roland Young

News of the Day

Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Friday, 25 Feb.

\* THE RACKET MAN

Tom Neal, Jeanne Bates

Task Force—Technicolor

Featuring—Color Cartoon

Speaking of Animals

\* F—Family

## USO Classical Concert Was Musical Feast

Last Wednesday night the Concert Division of the USO-Camp-Shows presented a feast of fine music in the service club. Leading the group of highly talented entertainers was Amparo Navarre Iturbi, sister of the famed Jose Iturbi, celebrated pianist and conductor, but who is a polished and accomplished musician in her own right. Second instrumentalist was the favorite continental violinist Helen Airoff, who proved equally brilliant. Rita Holder, charming former Metropolitan premiere danseuse, did an exciting Spanish dance, and Frank Palumbo, baritone and personable MC, and Lela Flynn, soprano, rendered many popular light-opera vocal selections. John Berger was the accompanist.

The program ran—  
Frank Palumbo — Song of the Open Road, Old Man River, and the Road to Mandalay.

Helen Airoff—Wieniesky's Polish Dance, Shoenrosmarin, Spanish Dance, Albaniz, Londonderry Air (arrangement) by Kreistler, and the popular Intermezzo.

Rita Holder—One of Granados' Spanish Dances.

Lela Flynn — My Hero from Strauss's Chocolate Soldier, Tou Jour L'Amour, When Irish Eyes Are Smiling.

Amparo Navarre Iturbi—Sevilla by Albaniz, Iturbi's Pleyra, part of Tschalkowsky's 1st Concerto in D Minor, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and Boogie Woogie by Morton Gould.

Frank Palumbo and Lela Flynn (Duet) Sweethearts, from Rhombert's Maytime, and Wanting You.

## TEXAS

(You can have it)

'Twas once that I was happy,  
My life was filled with cheer;  
I never had seen Texas  
Till the navy brought me here.  
I've heard songs of her beauty,  
Pretty girls and big strong men  
Rolling plains and majestic mountains

Just Heaven from end to end.  
The one thing that is certain  
Of this there is no denying,  
The guy that started that noise  
Did a hell of a lot of lying.  
Deep in the heart of Texas  
There is sand in all we eat,  
The girls are all bowlegged,  
The boys all have flat feet.  
That's why they have to send us here,

To sit in sad dejection  
Out on this lonely desert,  
For this darn State's protection.  
No longer are we religious,  
We drink, we fight, we curse;  
No worry about going to hell—  
It couldn't be any worse.  
Down here the sun is hotter,  
Down here the rain is wetter  
They think it's the best state;  
But there are 47 better.

Still there is no one to blame but me  
The navy never forgot it;  
I asked for foreign duty, and  
Believe me, by GOD, I got it.

(P.S. We received this from the Medical Detachment!)

## This Week . . .

— the social plans for the service club are:

- Saturday—Open night
- Sunday—Open night
- Monday—Bingo 2000
- Tuesday—Dance, Winfield girls
- Wednesday—Little Theatre 1900; Program of popular music on stage 2015
- Thursday—322nd's Birthday Party honoring George Washington
- Friday—GI party—free cookies, coffee, movies and games—shoot the breeze

Last Thursday's formal dance with 50 gorgeous galgoyles from Wellington proved a sweeping success. A review of the USO-Camp-Show classical concert which appeared last Wednesday appears on this page. Come in and see the new arrangement of the game and writing rooms.

## What's new in your home town?

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS)—Arrested for speeding through town at 50 miles an hour, John Fleeder had a ready explanation. "My wife just bought a steak," he said, "and I want to get home to dinner."

Belleville, Ill. (CNS)—Burglars broke into the local Elks club, emptied a crate of eggs on the kitchen floor, filled the crate with 44 quarts of liquor—and silently stole away.

Chicago (CNS)—To spur the paper drive, Otto Schnering, president of a local candy firm, has offered a free candy bar to children who bring 10 pounds of waste paper to his office.

Milwaukee (CNS)—A comfortable local resident has trained his pet cat to scratch his back.

Did you get in on the free coffee deal at the PX the other morning? 1st. Lt. J. F. Francella, post exchange officer, discovering that the burner used in making coffee for the morning rushees was not working, hurried a call through to the 1,000 man messhall for several gallons of coffee. This was served to PX customers—free of charge. The treat was on the post exchange. Thanks, Lt. Francella and members of the mess squadron.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.....Win.....Formal Dance..SF band
- Ark.....American Legion party
- Floor show
- Sun.....Win.....Japanese prisoner speaker
- Phone call
- Ark.....Bingo..Phone call
- Mon.....Win.....Fudge contest kitchen
- Ark.....Bridge and game night
- Tues.....Win.....Service club dance..Band
- SF band
- Ark.....Do-as-you-please
- Wed.....Win.....Orchestra dance
- Ark.....Snack bar party
- Thurs.....Win.....Bridge party..Recording
- Ark.....Ping pong tournament
- Free skating
- Fri.....Win.....Game night..Ping pong
- Ark.....Married couples night

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### Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Met a deaf and dumb man, who uses sign language. When he has a sore throat he doesn't gargle, he just rinses his fingers.

Usually you can tell by looking at a girl what kind of a past she is going to have.

Before marriage, bushels of kisses; after marriage, a few measly little pecks.

New Song Hit: "You May Be a Tonic to Your Mother, but You're Only a Pill to Me!"

- Tea Dance Closes
- 322nd Bond Drive

Last Sunday, 13 February 1944, the 322nd Aviation Squadron closed their War Bond drive with a bond raffle and tea dance at the service club from 3 to 6.

Present at the affair were 40 young misses from Wichita, brought down especially for the occasion. Mrs. Jessie McLean, chief hostess for the Wichita USO, was among the honored guests present.

Before the dance, the girls were invited over to the 322nd mess for dinner at 1400, where they were the guests of the Squadron. After the repast, they were escorted up to the service club for three hours of fun and frolic to the juke box. For refreshments, open snack bar was declared, and the cost of whatever was purchased at the bar was paid by the squadron.

Next in line for the 322nd enjoyment is the George Washington's birthday celebration this coming Thursday in the club, honoring not only GW, but all the men in the Squadron born in February. Like all of the 322nd's parties, it promises to be a smash-bang turnout with a lot of friendly fun.

### Britt String Trio Concert at Winfield

Military personnel of Strother Field is invited by Southwestern college to attend a concert to be given by the famous Britt string trio of New York at Southwestern college, February 28, at 8:15 p.m. The concert is free but admission is by ticket only. Courtesy cards may be secured through special service department, or through the Public Relations Office.

Horace Britt, world-famed cellist and founder of the trio, has long been associated with the musical life of Europe and the Americas and is well known in this country through his records as well as his public appearances.

Conrad Held, viola player and pianist for the trio, is violin and viola instructor with the Juilliard School of Music. For 16 years he was violist of the South Mountain string quartet, and for years he was heard regularly on the Music Guild chamber music programs of the National Broadcasting company networks.

Miss Westerlain, violinist of the trio, was acclaimed by music critics as "one of the most gifted women violinists of all time," following her New York debut in 1937. Her musical background is as impressive as her accomplishments in recitals and as soloist with symphony orchestras in the music centers from coast to coast.

1st. Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, ground school instructor at SF, has written a book now off the presses of the Military Service Pub House in Pa., on radio procedure and operation entitled "Roger Wilco, or the ABC of Radio for Flyers." Written in Lt. LaBorde's easy, conversational style for the average man, it shies away from technological language. It's on display at the PX.

### SF Making Plans For Musical Shows

How would you enlisted men like to take part in a black-face show? No, not just your everyday makeup of coal soot, but the good old minstrel show type with big mouth and eyes, high-stepping end men and an interlocutor.

Strother Field's first stage presentation for military and civilian personnel, the "Naughty Nineties Revue," was a hit with spectators and at this time plans are being made to produce other musical shows on the field of which one will be an old-fashioned minstrel.

Everyone interested in taking part in coming productions is asked to contact the special service office in the near future.

### Camera Club Has Second Meeting

The second session of Strother Field's camera enthusiasts was held in the service club Monday evening with 2nd. Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, photo officer, in charge.

Various types of cameras were on display during the meeting and club members had the opportunity to study the features of miniature, reflex, and folding cameras.

Technical manuals on basic photography were issued through the post library to members of the camera club.

The next meeting will be held Monday night, Feb. 21st in the photo laboratory where equipment and various functions of the department will be displayed and explained to members of the organization.

Chaplain Russell L. Young and Karl B. Smith, Cpl. Edgar W. Hansen, Pfc. Bernard Eddleson and Pfc. Herbert W. Saninfeld are new members of the camera club.

The first rehearsal of the SF glee club was held in the post chapel Wednesday evening. Other men with some experience in club singing are urged to join the organization at its meeting next Wednesday at 6:30 in the chapel.

### Mid-Air Collision: Flight Officer and Cadet Are Killed

Flight Officer Harry E. Wilson, 20, and Aviation Cadet Dan R. Barnsley, 22, were killed as the result of a mid-air collision over Strother Field, at 8:45 p.m. Monday while on a combat training flight. The two occupants of the other ship involved managed to land their plane safely.

Wilson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Wilson of 54 West Washington St., Mooresville, Ind. He came to Strother Field on January 15. He was not married.

The cadet, whose wife, Mrs. Patricia Barnsley, resides at 915 North Thirteenth, Temple, Texas, is a son of Major and Mrs. Dan R. Barnsley, Jr., of 406 Sunset Drive, Longmont, Colo. Major Barnsley is now overseas.

A board of qualified Army Air Forces officers will determine cause of the accident.

### Sicilian Veteran

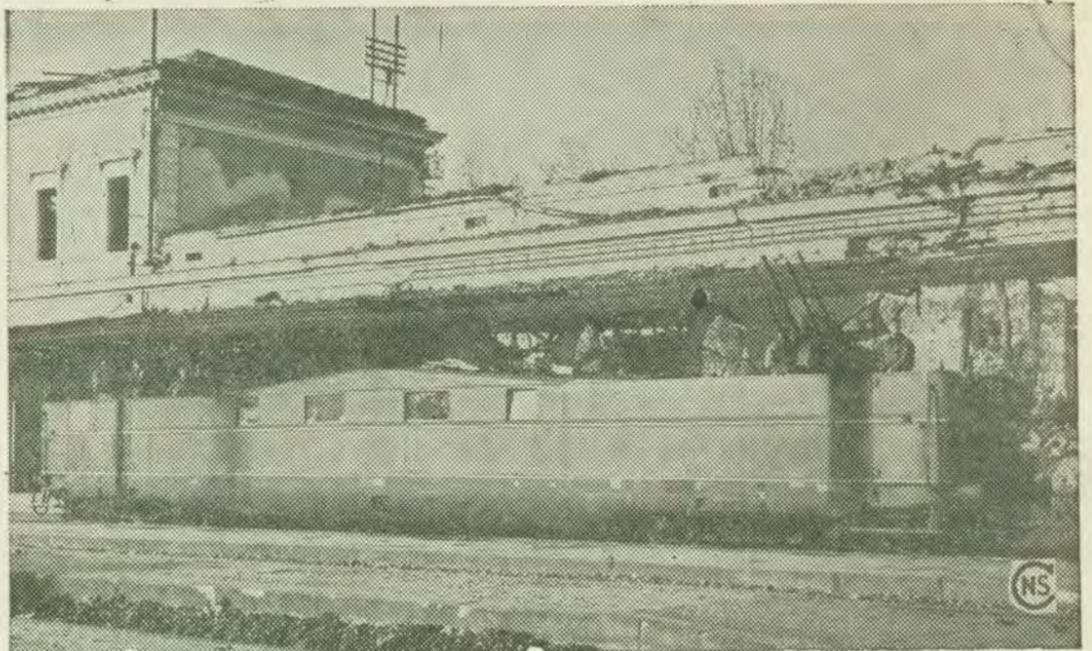
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As for his opinion of the Germans, he says: "They're good fighters—hard—well trained, and they don't give up. It's pretty easy dishing it out," he added, "but when the other guy starts throwing it at you, it's another story." He further advised the men at home preparing for combat, that "Although the training may seem silly, learn what your CO has to teach you, because there's no time to learn it over there."

### 1082nd Men Express Sympathy to Buddy

A couple of weeks ago, the daughter of one of the men in the 1082nd Flying Training Squadron passed away. His buddies, knowing his distress, took up a collection as a gift for the grief stricken couple. This is another example of the commendable spirit of comradeship among GIs.

### MUSSOLINI'S PRIVATE CAR



Once a gift from Adolf Hitler to his friend Benito Mussolini, this deluxe armored railroad car now is fighting on the side of the Allies in Italy. The elaborate car, bristling with guns fore and aft, was captured by advance units of the Fifth Army in the Naples area. Now, manned by an American crew of 10 men and an officer, it is being used to provide anti-aircraft defense for Allied military trains operating northward from Naples to the front.

### Male Call

BASIC FIELD MANUAL FURLOUGH NOMENCLATURE (UNOFFICIAL)



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### Rear Echelon Don Juan

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"Look at the guitar—only three strings!"

### All-Stars Defeat Chilocco Quintet

Remembering the stinging defeat handed the Strother Field boxing team last year by the Chilocco Indian School, Chilocco, Okla., the field sent a group of air corps men to the reservation last Friday night in search of revenge—this time on the basketball court.

The Indians were not as potent on the court as in the ring and the Strother Field All-Stars brought home the scalps in the form of a 37 to 25 victory.

SF led 14 to 5 in the first quarter only to have the Indians creep up to within 3 points of tying the fliers at the half when the score read 16 to 13. Putting on the heat SF led 25 to 17 at the end of the third quarter and increased their lead in the last quarter to 12 points to merge victors.

Brej, All-Star forward, made 7 field goals and 1 free throw for 15 points to lead his team in scoring. Adams, Chilocco forward, made 5 baskets to lead his outfit.

A return game between the two teams will be played in the post gym Friday, Feb. 25th.

SF All-Stars—37		Chilocco—25	
Brej, f	7	1 Sexton, f	0
Vance, f	4	0 Colbert, f	0
Murbrook, f	0	0 Adams, f	0
Reed, f	0	0 Collins, c	2
Smith, c	0	3 Johns, z	0
Ferrell, c	1	0 Roach, z	0
Bova, z	2	0 Moses, z	1
Dalak, z	1	1	0
Stoner, z	1	0	0
16 51		12 1	
Quarter scores:			
Strother All-Stars		14-16-25-37	
Chilocco		5-13-17-25	

### Naughty Nineties

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Miss Nadyne Evans in the tearful tune, "My Mother was a Lady."

The Flora Dora gals, (T'was reported the best looking legs were covered) Miss Peggy Reiter, Miss Betty Buckner, Miss Gerri Tuttle, Miss Phyllis Harris and Miss Bonnie Jean Smith, looked most gorgeous in their number with the dapper dandies, Sgt. Jack Blackman, Cpl. Herman Tindell, Cpl. Joe De-Rasmi, Sgt. Jamie Jagers, and Pvt. Denny Johnson.

Miss Dorothy McConnell and Miss Winifred Dewey accompanied the cast in several of the musical selections and the post orchestra kept the audience chuckling with their fancy renditions of old-time favorite songs. It was hard to believe that this group was the same that so smoothly plays popular dance numbers of 1944.

The scenery, designed by Pvt. Alden Craig of the special service department and Sgt. Donald Nicholas of the medical detachment, was super-elegant, especially the blonde nude in the barroom scene.

2nd. Lt. Beatrice T. Broudy, assistant special service officer and Cpl. Fred Boyd were in charge of the production.

16TH ROUND			
55th—48		448th—20	
Vance, f	13	0	0
Brej, f	3	2	1
Whittman, f	0	0	0
Ferrell, c	3	0	2
Miller, c	0	0	0
Dalak, z	4	0	2
Stiles, z	0	0	0
23		7	
Quarter scores:			
55th		8-21-31-48	
448th		6-8-13-20	

1088th—23				Medics—19			
Maxwell, f	0	0	0	Cagle, f	4	2	
Seeley, f	3	1	1	Dickos, f	1	1	
Hubbard, f	0	0	0	Nicholas, c	2	1	
Curtis, f	1	0	0	Childers, z	0	1	
Blackburn, z	4	0	0	Hauggs, z	0	0	
Odell, c	0	0	0				
Schenfizer, z	2	0	0				
Mendini, z	0	0	0				
Wise, z	0	0	0				
Swords, z	1	0	0				
11		1		7		5	
Quarter scores:							
1088th		4-8-15-23		Medics		3-7-14-19	

1082nd—21				322nd—19			
Murbrook, f	7	0	0	Estell, f	4	0	0
Beckett, f	1	0	0	Reed, f	0	1	1
Uebersax, c	0	0	0	Green, c	4	0	0
Rupp, z	1	1	0	Wright, z	0	0	0
Schintaffer, z	1	0	0	Smith, z	1	0	0
10		1		9		1	
Quarter scores:							
1082nd		4-11-11-21		322nd		4-7-13-19	

17TH ROUND			
1082nd—42		Medics—23	
Beckett, f	2	0	0
Uebersax, f	0	1	0
Stebur, f	4	0	0
Schintaffer, f	1	0	0
Murbrook, c	8	1	0
Rupp, z	5	0	0
Smith, z	0	0	0
20		2	
Quarter scores:			
1082nd		7-19-28-42	
Medics		5-5-14-23	
448th—22			
Tindall, f	0	0	0
Reed, f	1	1	0
Selvidge, f	2	1	0
Halverson, c	2	0	0
Bova, z	5	0	0
Davis, z	0	0	0
10		2	
Quarter scores:			
448th		4-12-17-22	
1088th		0-0-4-10	

55th—58				322nd—18			
Vance, f	8	2	0	Johnson, f	2	0	0
Brej, f	5	0	0	Reed, f	0	0	0
Terrill, c	8	0	0	Estell, c	7	0	0
Dalak, z	4	2	0	Smith, z	0	0	0
Miller, z	0	0	0	Wright, z	0	0	0
Lawrence, z	2	0	0				
27		4		9		0	
Quarter scores:							
55th		17-24-36-58		322nd		0-8-10-18	

### Defeat Conoco, 59-29

The Strother Field All Star basketball team handed the Continental Oil Company of Ponca City, Okla., its second defeat by the fliers, this time in the post gym by a score of 59 to 29. The game was played Thursday night of this week before several hundred cheering spectators.

Vance, All Star forward, was high man for his team with 14 points. Thompson, Conoco guard, made 9 points to lead his outfit.

A team selected from squadrons on the field lost a game to the Winfield Salvation Army team by a score of 10 to 27 in a preliminary fray Thursday night. Gersbach, member of the 448th squadron who played forward in this game, led his teammates in scoring with 4 points. Edmonds, Winfield forward, made 9 points to lead his team.



# SPORTS



### STANDINGS END OF 17TH ROUND—FEB. 15TH

	W	L	Pct.
55th	16	0	1.000
1082nd	12	5	.700
Medics	9	8	.530
448th	7	10	.413
322nd	5	11	.295
1088th	1	16	.059

Secretary: "Do you draw pictures in the nude?"  
Pvt. Cottar: "No, I usually wear a smoking jacket."

## 1088th Wins First Game in Squadron Cage Tourney

### Takes Medics' Team by 23 to 19 After Suffering 15 Straight Losses

The 1088th guard squadron has done it at last—won its first basketball game in league competition after fifteen losses. Victims of the "down under" boys last week were the Medics who trailed in scoring by one point in each of the first three quarters to lose in the final period by a score of 19 to 23. Blackburn, 1088th center, scored 8 points to lead his team. Cagle, Medics forward, made 10 points.

Every member of the 1088th team has shown true sporting spirit during the season. Their determination to break into the win column has taken them through fifteen heart-breaking defeats before finally knocking off an opponent. This determination speaks well for every member of the team. Many groups would have folded and withdrawn from league play before now, but not the 1088th men.

In a 17th round game with the 448th team played Tuesday night the 1088th found itself back once again in the loss column, this time by a score of 10 to 22. Bova, 448th guard, was high man for his team with 10 points. Blackburn, 1088th center, scored 4 points to lead his outfit.

The 55th team continues on its merry way toward a perfect season, the latest two victims being the 448th by a score of 48 to 20 in a 16th round game and the 322nd team by the score of 58 to 18 in a 17th round game. The 55th record now reads 16 games won and no losses. A game with the 322nd postponed earlier in the second half of league play has as yet not been played. Vance, 55th star forward, scored 13 field goals for 26 points to lead his team in scoring during the 16th round game with the 448th. Teeters, 448th guard, led his team with 5 points. In the 17th round game with the 322nd Vance again led his team in scoring with 18 points. Estell, 322nd center, totaled 14 points.

In the other 16th round game the 1082nd team won a close victory over the 322nd by a score of 21 to 19. The score read 4-all in the first quarter, 11 to 7 in favor of the 1082nd at the half and 13 to 11 in favor of the 322nd at the end of the third quarter. The 1082nd team scored 11 points in the last period to its opponents 6 points to win the game. Murbrook, 1082nd forward, scored 14 points to lead in scoring. Estell, 322nd forward, and Green, 322nd center, tied for scoring honors on their team with 8 points each.

The 1082nd scored another victory in its 17th round game with the Medics, 42 to 23, to take a more firm hold on second place in league standings. Murbrook, 1082nd forward, hit for 17 points to lead his outfit and Cagle, Medics forward, scored 16 points to lead his team.



(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

Here is the basketball league team that should receive a "best sportsman" award. After 15 straight losses the 1088th boys stopped the Medics last week, 23 to 19. Standing, left to right: Pfc. H. C. Seeley, forward; Cpl. G. J. Swords, guard; Pfc. A. R. Curtis, forward; S/Sgt. Wm. Maxwell, guard, and Pvt. Byrd Odell, center. Front row, left to right: Pfc. A. F. Hubbard, forward; Cpl. E. S. Mendini, guard; Cpl. J. E. Wise, guard, and Pvt. Roy Blackburn, center.

### Sgt. Stiles is a Poppa--

PT training is a wonderful thing—ask Sgt. Herman W. Stiles, instructor in the athletic department. His mad dash in leaving the field to get to his home in Pasadena, Tex., last week should have set a record and was for a good reason—he was about to become a papa. A telegram received last Friday by Sgt. W. J. Brej announced the arrival of a nine-pound girl. Sgt. Stiles did not say whether he ran all the way to Texas or traveled by train, but he made it in time for the big event.

### Cadets of 44-F Defeat All-Stars

The Strother All-Star basketball team ran into a blackout in its game Monday night with cadets from class 44-F and when the "lights went on again" the scoreboard read 27 to 20 in favor of the latter team.

Howell of the cadets and Vance of the all-stars shared scoring honors with 8 points each. Brej, all-star forward, made 7 points and Edward, cadet guard, scored the same amount of points to share scoring honors.

SF All-Stars—59				Conoco—29				44-F—27				All-Stars—20			
Vance, f	7	0	0	Shes, f	3	0	0	Newoch, f	2	0	0	Vance, f	4	0	0
Stebur, f	1	1	0	Bullard, f	1	0	0	Dearvin, f	0	0	0	Brej, f	3	1	0
Brej, f	3	0	0	Kanolakis, f	1	0	0	Fielets, f	1	0	0	Murbrook, f	1	0	0
Reed, f	2	0	0	Wykoff, f	0	0	0	Anderson, f	1	0	0	Smith, c	0	0	0
Smith, c	1	0	0	Ryff, c	0	0	0	Howell, c	4	0	0	Ferrell, c	0	0	0
Ferrell, c	1	0	0	Quinn, c	2	0	0	McConnell, c	0	0	0	Bova, z	0	0	1
Dalak, z	4	2	0	Carter, z	1	0	0	Fleming, z	0	0	0	Stebur, z	0	0	0
Bova, z	3	0	0	Thompson, z	4	1	0	Edwards, z	3	1	0	Dalak, z	0	0	0
Murbrook, z	6	0	0	Rowe, z	0	2	0	Olson, z	0	0	0	Reed, z	1	0	0
				Gough, z	1	0	0	Fritsch, z	1	1	0				
								Fouts, z	0	0	0				
25		5		13		3		12		3		9		2	

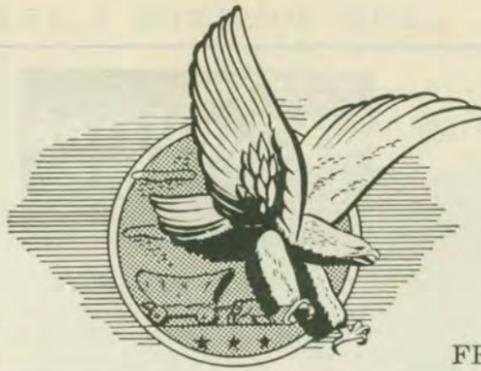


(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

Shown above are members of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron basketball team which is in fourth place in squadron league play. Back row, left to right: S/Sgt. H. O. Halverson, guard; Sgt. E. H. Selvidge, forward; Sgt. J. H. Dodds, guard; Cpl. John Gersbach, center; first row, S/Sgt. W. F. Biederman Jr., guard; Sgt. E. L. Davis, forward, Cpl. W. O. Reed, forward, and Pvt. G. E. Bova, guard.

### Badminton Exhibition

Aviation Cadet Ralph Tenney of Strother Field defeated George Harmon of the Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, in a badminton exhibition played between halves of the All Star and Conoco basketball game Thursday night. The scores were 15-13 and 15-14. Tenney and Harmon are both former Southwestern Collegiate Badminton Singles champions and thrilled the crowd with their sensational playing. Apparently impossible shots were returned by each player with ease and accuracy. Tenney held the singles and shared in the doubles titles in 1941, 1942 and 1943. Harmon copped the championship previous to Tenney's string of victories. Tenney also held the Texas amateur title the same three years and shared the doubles title also.



← To our left we find the butchers in the north mess hall busy preparing some spare ribs and bacon for meals of the day. Smiling at the band saw meat cutter is Cpl. Leo Crimmins of Minnesota, who is happy about the whole thing, while behind him around a table loaded with the stuff that goes okeh with eggs are: (left to right) Pfc. Floyd Gee of Michigan; Pvt. Jerome Theis from Wisconsin; Pfc. Joe Lord, also a Wisconsinite; and finally the head meat-man Sgt. Don Prouse from (what do you know kids) Kansas.

(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

→ Around a work table loaded with that luscious good which will end up in some gadget's or GI's gullet stand the men who make more dough than they can ever spend. Left to right again we see: Sgt. John J. McGlothlin, big boy of the whole B and B shop, Cpl. Lommie Hamil, Pfc. Louis Denson, Pfc. Charles Von Ree, Sgt. Carl A. Denton, head baker, and Pfc. Armand Riojas. All of these men are from the Lone Star State except Sgt. Denton, who is from (hold your seats please) Winfield. Pie, cake and cookies are the specialty here, and that brother, is nice work if you can get it.



## B and B Shop in 500 Mess Is A-1 Outfit

Up at the north or 500 man messhall, there are a group of GIs who are well known to the stomachs of most of the men at Strother. They are the lads of the Baker and Butcher Shop, who spend their time preparing the meat and pastry for GI consumption.

The B and B Shop, which recently moved from the kitchen in T/Sgt. Pennington's 1000 man steakhouse, is an integral part of the mess office handled by Captain Stewart E. Burns, officer in charge, and his assistant, 2nd. Lt. W. C. Doody. The NCO in charge of the food works is tall, affable Texan Sgt. John (just call him J.J.) J. McGlothlin, who hangs about to see that his six bakers and five butchers keep on the beam, producing and delivering the goods on time to the cadet and EM messhalls. Cpl. George Miller, his assistant, is KP pusher.

*Bake Me a Cake, Jake*

Among the bakers, there are skilled and experienced doughboys like Sgt. Carl A. Denton, head baker, who has spent 20 years making all kinds of etable stuff in Kansas; and Pfc. Chuck Van Ree, who has been a kneady character for 13 years down in a pie-shop in San Antonio, Texas. The rest of the flour merchants, including Cpl. Lommie Hamil, Pfc. Armand Riojas and Louis Denson, got their training in the army, and here on the post. These are the men GIs can thank for those terrific spice cookies, applie pies, and cinnamon buns.

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## Cash awards Sub-Depot Honors ● Its Inventors

Awards in cash, ranging from \$15 to \$50, to three civilian employees of Strother Field for invention of devices resulting in increased efficiency were made Wednesday by Col. Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer, on the authority of the War Department. The men honored were: Marion F. Pappan and Charles S. Davis of Arkansas City, and Robert V. Cantrell of Winfield. A fourth award of \$60 is being sent to Roshal J. Colbert of Oxford, who recently resigned his work in the engine department of the 377th Sub-Depot.

The presentations are the first to be made at Strother Field as a result of the Ideas-for-Victory program of the War Department for civilians. Purpose of the plan is to reward civilian personnel for making suggestions resulting in savings or increased efficiency in the war effort.

Colbert's award was for making two special wrenches used in starting nuts in accessible places on the starting motor and generator of planes.

Pappan's prize of \$50 was for the invention of a special clamp used for attaching wooden patches in repairing wings and ailerons of planes. Pappan, who resides at 1008 South C Street, Arkansas City, is employed in the Sub-Depot woodmill.

Charles S. Davis received an award of \$20 for making a cable holder to tighten cables on wings. Technically, it is known as "aligner-aileron terminal cable junction." Davis is employed in the aerial repair department of the Sub-Depot.

The award of \$15 to Robert V. Cantrell was for making a wrench to be used in the modification of a part of a plane in compliance with a technical order.

## Six New Majors

Captains Robert D. Bowers, Allen E. Haveman, Richard D. Graves, Robert E. Long, Robert H. Austin and Frederick J. Barnard have been promoted to the rank of major, effective as of Feb. 19th. Capt. Barnard is now on temporary duty away from Strother Field. All the other officers are squadron or group commanders.

## 'Oh Burro Me Not on the Lone Prairie'

Dangerous Dan Donkey, Strother Field's \$25,000 mascot, is no longer the field mascot and his value has dropped to a rumored \$2 or \$3.

The burly burro, given to the field by W. R. Coffey of Winfield following the recent war bond auction during which he bid \$25,000 for the animal, spent a brief period at SF. He was judged a hazard to traffic of the air. This is not hard to understand after seeing the critter "take off" hind legs first.

A Strother Field employee, Gale B. Quick, offered to let the animal have the range of his farm. Mr. Quick has some children and the burro's antics around them convinced the new owner that something should be done with the tough guy.

Mr. Quick found a man who agreed to take Dangerous Dan off his hands and in exchange Quick received a beat-up old mare and the job of delivering Dan to a point 10 miles away.

From an earlier owner the history of Dan has been learned. He was roped off the range near El Capitan, New Mexico, by one of the world's best ropers, a Mr. Young. A carload of cattle was being shipped to Kansas, and to rid New Mexico of Dan he was shipped to the Flint Hills. Ranchers in this vicinity had shot him time and again attempting to drive him from their farmsteads. Shortly after his rough coat was punctured, Dan's sharp ears could be seen sticking around the corner of a building — back again. Who knows, these same ears may some day be seen protruding from the corner of an SF building. Heaven forbid!

Indianapolis (CNS) — A near-sighted pedestrian walked up to a fire alarm box, opened it and tried to mail a letter. He was fined \$25.

## ARC Fund Drive Begins Tuesday

Next Tuesday there will be a man down at the end of your pay table accepting contributions for the American Red Cross War Fund Drive for 1944.

The goal of the drive this time will be 200 million bucks, about three times the amount asked for during the last campaign. This need is due to the increase in number of American men and women in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and the additional expense of carrying on activities for the guys and gals overseas.

All of the money collected will be divided equally between the two local chapters in Ark City and in Winfield, and from there it will go to the national committee treasury. Part of the money will eventually come back to Strother Field for the maintenance of the SF Red Cross unit, now under director Herbert A. Thomson, who will spend it on telegrams verifying emergency furloughs, loans and the like.

For Americans there is no more worthy cause than the Red Cross War Fund especially since it's for GIs like yourself.

## 1082nd Wins Quiz

The first in a series of weekly quiz contests between teams representing organizations of Strother Field was held Wednesday evening in the post theater. Initial contestants were members of the 1082nd and 448th squadron teams, with the former winning by a score of 67½ to 55.

Members of the 1082nd team are Sgt. William Parsons, Pfc. Michael Mullins, Pvt. Erroll Murphy and Pvt. Sidney Schwartz. The 448th squadron was represented by T/Sgt. Robert Stewart, S/Sgt. Robert Rainer, S/Sgt. Julian Webb and Sgt. Marvin Stewart.

## Hospital Rec Room Builds GI Morale

In accordance with the Army Air Forces Convalescent Program to readjust and reacclimate the men to GI life once again after fighting the battle against sickness, the SF Post Hospital, under Major John W. Erickson, Surgeon, and 2nd Lt. Nevin J. Rodes, officer in charge of the program, is making noteworthy accomplishments.

Not in the least of these the new rec, (or recreation) room established for the leisure of the patients. In it are a large pool table, a ping pong table, some lounge chairs and plenty of mags to read, card tables, all composing a picture of rest and comfort. Attached to this is a lecture room where the films and lectures, also part of the hospital's plan, are shown to the patients in their spare time.



HOSPITAL RECREATION ROOM

(Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

# Speaking of--Brotherhood Week

The White House, Washington

The annual observance of Brotherhood Week is a time both of reminder and dedication. It reminds us of the basic religious faith from which democracy has grown—that all men are children of one Father and brothers in the human family. It dedicates us to the practice of understanding and justice through which freedom and equality flourish in human society.

While we are engaged in a mighty struggle to preserve our free institutions and to extend the boundaries of liberty in the earth, it is good for us to pledge renewed devotion to the fundamentals upon which this nation has been built. Brotherhood must prevail. Our inescapable choice is brotherhood or chaos.

On land and sea and in the air, the sons of the United States fight as one though they come from every racial and cultural strain and though they worship at different altars. They are brothers in arms now; soon, pray God, they shall be brothers in peace. We on the home front must see that history shall not repeat itself in postwar hatred and intolerance. It is for us to make the homeland more nearly a land of brotherhood, worthy of the victory our gallant sons and daughters shall surely win.

I, therefore, heartily join with the National Conference of Christians and Jews and with all forces of good will in our country in urging nation-wide observance of Brotherhood Week, February 20-26, 1944. I hope that our citizens will meet in church and schoolhouse, in halls and public places to think through the implications of practical brotherhood today, to cement our country's unity during the trying times to come, and to pledge anew allegiance to the flag which is a living symbol of liberty and justice for all.

Franklin D. Roosevelt.



**Q.** Is it permissible for a serviceman to change the beneficiary in his monthly allotment and his insurance?

**A.** That depends on the circumstances. A serviceman cannot authorize discontinuance of the regular monthly allowance to his wife. In a Class E allotment of pay, however, he can change the beneficiary or discontinue the allotment any time he wants to. He is also at liberty to change the beneficiary of his insurance at any time.

**Q.** My brother, a marine, is overseas. I'd like to send him a picture of his new baby. Is it OK to do this?

**A.** Sure. Photographs may be sent by first-class mail if they weigh less than eight ounces. But, listen, if you are sending a snap shot, make sure there is nothing in the background the censors wouldn't like. For instance, there should be no views in the background of military posts or war plants.



Frank L. Jones, former Pfc with the 45th Division 180th Infantry, shows his Purple Heart which he earned after being seriously wounded in the Sicilian invasion to Harry Chapman, ass't fire chief at Strother Field, where Jones is now working. (Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

### Semper Fidelis

There are those who tell us that in order to be a good soldier, we must altogether forget or at least compromise the high ideals we had in civilian life. Such are the shallow convictions of a would be he-man, who has not the courage to stand up and be the man he knows he ought to be.

Such are not the feelings of those who know men and the needs of the inner man to face life and more especially the fortitude a soldier must have in order to meet the demands of modern warfare. Listen to two of them. Shakespeare says, "To thine ownself be true, and it must follow as night follows day, thou canst be false to any man." The other day a major general commanding an Army Air Forces Technical Training Command had the following read and placed on all bulletin boards: "If anyone tells you that to be a good soldier you must be immoral and sacrifice your religious convictions, he is wrong. Some of the greatest soldiers of all time, including men who are in the present conflict, maintained strong and steadfast faith in God and have been examples of righteous living in their personal behavior and social relationships. Let the chapels be symbols. These little white houses of worship and moral nurture occupy conspicuous positions at the military posts today. Commanding Officers have devoted much attention to making these chapels and grounds around them as attractive as possible. So let your religious faith and moral convictions occupy a central and conspicuous place in your life, and may they be of such nature as to be attractive to those about you. In summarizing, may I urge you to play fair, work hard, develop the best that is in you personally, defend the ideals of your country, and honor God. If you do this you will return to civilian life, when the conflict is over, a better man and a more valuable citizen."

Let us have the courage to be true to our better selves and therefore, true to God and man.

## small Talk . . .

Pvt Droolpidgeon (nmi) FuddyDuddy, the only man in his squadron ever to be restricted to the latrine for two weeks at a stretch, was almost finished preflighting ship number two on his line. It was unusually warm that day on the ramp, and he had taken off two of his seven sweaters so he could work in comfort. He climbed into the cockpit for a final check. As he switched the energizer his eyelids drooped sleepily and he listened to it hum. Automatically he reached for the engage switch and yelled "Clear!" softly in his soprano falsetto.

As the cold old cylinders gave a kick a gruff voice blasted out of the darkness—"Hold that (Censored) (Censored) cotton-picking engine, you (Censored) (Censored) jughaid!" came the cry. Immediately Fuddy recognized the rasping tones of the Sgt. He waited in breathless terror.

"Waddaya tryin' to do, fang me wid dat propeller?" demanded the Sarge as he jumped on to the wingwalk, puffing for lack of breath.

"Naw, Sarge," pleaded our own little Pvt, "I didn't know yuz wuz dere. Didn't ya hear me giva yell?"

"You crazy mech ya, ya oughta be trown in the doghouse!"

"Awww Sarge," began Fuddyduddy in his whining coloratura—

"Shat ap, ya goon," cut in the three-striper, "Nex time be more careful." He was about to dismount the ship when he remembered his reason for coming to visit our ape of the airways. "I hear ya planning to go to Wichita tamorra, Joe."

"Dat's the ticket Sarge, 'cause tamorra is my day off; I—"

"No it ain't, chickenhead," interrupted the raw-boned non-com, "We hadda change your day to Friday."

"But Sargie—" began Fuddy, really PO and getting worse, "You know I got a date wid dat red-head you interduced me tuh. It'll be my finish if I don't make it."

"TS, Chum," chuckled the Sgt, "But I'll take care of dat matter for yuh—yuh see tamorra's my day off." And he hopped off the wing grinning like a shavetail just outa OCS.

"Why you dirty (Censored, of course)—" thought Drooly. Then he saw the Sgt was passing by the front of the ship toward the hangar. His mind went to work methodically. "Clear," he shouted, with one hand over his mouth, muting the sound. Whrrrrram! and she turned over. After a couple of minutes Fuddy shut off the engine and looked out toward the nose. "Got him!" smiled Droolpidgeon, and he leaped from the pilot's seat and started running to the hangar for a broom.

## This Week . . .

— the service club offers as a special attraction a group of girls from Southwestern College in Winfield, who will give a light semi-classical program on Wednesday at 2015 hour. It promises to be good.

Then too, there's a slight change in the set-up of the regular Tuesday dance. Each week a different squadron on the field will sponsor the event and see that a little entertainment is given for the rest of the lads of SF during dancing intermission. This does not make Tuesday a squadron affair; it just means one group is going to supply fun for the rest. The squadrons will alternate each week.

As it stands the roster reads:  
 Friday—GI party—free coffee, cookies—games and etc.—free movies  
 Saturday—Open night  
 Sunday—Open night  
 Monday—Camera club 1900 at Foto Lab;  
 Bingo—useful prizes 2000 hour  
 Tuesday—Leap Year dance—55th sponsor  
 Wednesday—Little Theatre 1900; SWC girls' semi-classical musicale  
 Thursday—32nd's Birthday Party  
 Friday—GI again—another week.

Sgt. and Mrs. James M. Waits Jr. are the parents of a baby boy born Tuesday evening in Winfield. The new arrival weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces and had not been named by press time according to Daddy Waits. What is the matter with the name George? Sgt. Waits is a member of the post intelligence office.

### This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 26 Feb.  
 \* CONEY ISLAND  
 Betty Grable, Geo. Montgomery  
 Sportlight—Popeye Cartoon

Sun.-Mon., 27-28 Feb.  
 \* JANE EYRE  
 Orson Wells, Joan Fontaine  
 News of the Day  
 Community Sing

Tuesday, 29 Feb.  
 Double Feature  
 \* TIMBER QUEEN  
 Richard Arlen  
 Mary Beth Hughes  
 \* BEAUTIFUL BUT BROKE  
 John Hubbard, Joan Davis

Wed.-Thurs., 1-2 March  
 \* BROADWAY RHYTHM  
 Geo. Murphy, Ginny Sims  
 Lena Horne, Tommy Dorsey  
 and Orchestra  
 News of the Day

Friday, 3 March  
 \* PHANTOM LADY  
 Franchot Tone, Ella Raines  
 Terrytoon—Sports Parade  
 \* Family  
 \* F—Family

## What's new in your home town?

Augusta, Me. (CNS)—Joe Voice, an Indian of 111 years, successfully underwent a major operation recently in a local hospital. He received a spinal anesthetic and smoked his pipe during the surgery.

Boise, Ida. (CNS)—Mrs. Harry Mook, 23, gave birth to a boy weighing 18 pounds. Mrs. Mook is a big girl herself. She weighs 303.

Cheyenne, Wyo. (CNS)—"Stew" Forysth is the proprietor of a local liquor store. Name of the store—"D.T.'s."

## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Know a sergeant who spends money like water—right now he's trying to float a loan.

Early to bed and early to rise and your head will never be three times its size.

Man is the hunter; woman is his game.

Mess Hall Gag:—Did you ever stop to think? A Gag like a radish . . . repeats itself.

Soldier: Are you the sort of girl who is sweet, beautiful, adorable and charming?

Babe: Yeah, big boy; what kind of a chump are you?

A daughter was born Thursday morning in Winfield to Cpl. and Mrs. Frederick Zirtzloff. The baby has been named Pamela Ida and weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces upon her arrival. Zirtzloff is a member of the 448th squadron and is assistant post librarian.

## Peace

By THOMAS GILBERT BROWN  
 Publicity Director, Brooklyn Public Library

This is what you'll come home to When was is done:  
 Stillness in the valleys,  
 Serenity in the sun  
 On every meadow and every hill,  
 All the land sweetly still;  
 No thunder of gun,  
 No screech of shell  
 Or din of madness in the skies,  
 No anguished cries  
 Of men—  
 None of that sound—racked hell  
 You once knew will you know again,  
 But only the infinite peace  
 Of stillness in the air  
 And on the earth, everywhere.

And you who never thought of old  
 To weigh its worth  
 Will seize with passionate joy and never cease  
 To hold  
 Tight in your hand  
 This simplest of blessings—peace  
 On the earth,  
 Quiet in the land.

Ground School Officer: Boys, I'm dismissing you ten minutes early today. Please go out quietly so as not to wake the other classes.

### USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.....Win.....Amateur program dance
- Ark.....Informal dancing
- Sun.....Win.....St. John's college program
- Ark.....Bingo..Phone call
- Mon.....Win.....Kitchen party night
- Ark.....Bridge and game night
- Tues.....Win.....Informal night..Shuffle board
- Ark.....Dance at SF
- Wed.....Win.....Dance..LeRoy Young's band
- Ark.....Snack bar party and Photo class
- Thurs..Win.....Bridge party..Recordings
- Ark.....Ping pong tournament
- Fri.....Win.....Game night..Ping pong
- Ark.....Married couples night

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### Insignia Contest Deadline Is 1st

Only four more days remain in which to prepare drawings and to submit ideas for Strother Field's very own insignia to the special service department.

Announcement was made Feb. 11th by post headquarters of the contest in which a prize of \$10.00 is offered for the insignia selected for use on airplanes, stationery, in the decoration of mess halls, recreation buildings and in all other ways appropriate to the portrayal of allegiance to the station for the development of stations' esprit de corps.

The insignia selected may also be worn in the form of patches on the prescribed flying jacket, but will not be authorized for wear on the service uniform or as shoulder sleeve insignia.

Get busy today and bring or send your entry before next Wednesday. The design does not have to be elaborate and you do not have to be a former commercial artist to compete.

### Cast for a Dream

The following is a dream recently had by a non-com who finished checking all the names in the Strother Field officers roster before hitting the sack.

Junior Joe, a poor private, arrived at Strother Field in the dead of Winter suffering from a slight case of BoYLES.

Coming from Austin, Texas, he missed the lovely flowers of his native state, there being only a Posey, a Bloom, a Bramble and Brooks and Bowers on the field. In the air there was a Byrd—a Wrenn on the Fly singing a Carroll.

When handed a carbine rifle on the range all he could see in the game line were a Wolf and a Fitch, disappointing, even though SF is Urban.

Ending up Black and Brown from his rifle kick Junior Joe sauntered back by the messhall where on Doody was a Baker with doughnuts to Fry. Could that be Garlick in the Kitchen?

Walking by the PX clothing store Junior thought how great it would be to slip into comfortable footwear like a Sandel and lounge in a jacket made by a good Taylor from a fine clothing House. The next day was Sunday so he visited the chapel and heard about Paul, Luke, Kain and the Pope.

Joe thought if he had the Fewell it would be fun to go AWOL, but then the Law and Bailiff might toss the "book" at him and he would get everything but being Schott or Choate. Of course, he wouldn't have to worry about the punishment meaning Lynch or get the chair that Burns, leading to the Graves after the Slay.

While sweating out his time he could dream about being in the navy where he would be on Shipp or Shore with possibly a Cable from his gal before he had to Sale in his Rowe boat.

Oh well, the Air Corps is both Sweet and Sowers.

Sgt. Brazow bought a beautiful valentine and mailed it to the one he loves most. I hope he likes it!

### Tea Dance Given for Class 44-F

Seventy girls from Arkansas City and Winfield and two-hundred and fifty members of Cadet Class 44-F attended the tea-dance last Sunday in the post gym from 1600 until 1900, honoring members of the new class at SF. The Airchords, Strother Field dance orchestra, provided the music for the occasion.

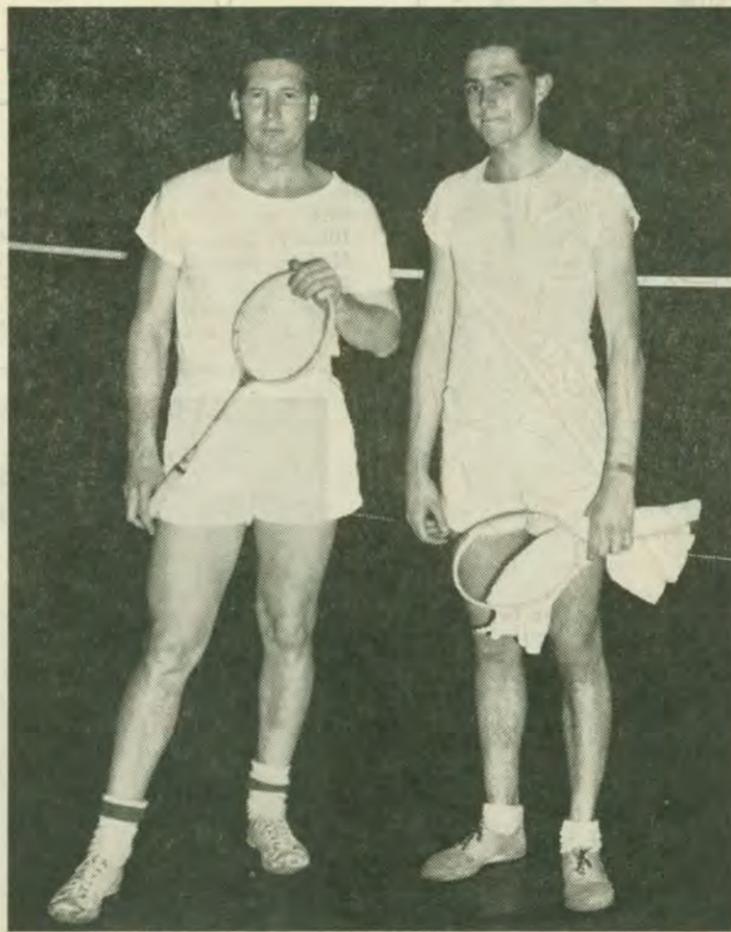
Hostesses for the tea-dance were Mrs. G. A. Kininmonth and Mrs. Albert Thompson of Winfield, Mrs. Lewis Watts and Mrs. Beachy Musselman of Arkansas City.

Invited guests included Colonel and Mrs. J. F. Carroll, Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. L. Beatty, Major and Mrs. R. I. Choate, Major and Mrs. J. R. Williams, Capt. R. H. Schott, Capt. S. E. Burns, Lt. and Mrs. R. B. Barnett, Lt. and Mrs. C. E. Sweet, Lt. L. G. Guiducci, Lt. R. B. Sowers, Lt. and Mrs. M. L. Hammond, Lt. and Mrs. W. C. Doody, Lt. Geraldine Levy and W/O A. R. Gruber.

Capt. Stewart E. Burns was the officer in charge of the buffet supper.

### Cadet Alphabet

- A—is for the Airplane, things that we fly.
- B—is for brown, which we can't deny.
- C—is for Cadets, all raunchy young chaps.
- D—is for the dud that forgot his flaps.
- E—is for eager, learn that with Sowers.
- F—is fall out and they don't mean in an hour.
- G—is for the gallantry we practice at dances.
- H—is for Heddy, and all her romances.
- I—is for inspections, never too few.
- J—is the joke that's always on you.
- K—is "knights" of the sky such as we.
- L—is for landings, all rough as can be.
- M—is for mess, which fits its name.
- N—is for night flying, and it's really a shame.
- O—is for Open Post, when you don't have to drill.
- P—is our P.T., which gives us our fill.
- Q—is for Quarters by which we abide.
- R—is the ramp, extra drill on the side.
- S—is for sledding, preceded by tough.
- T—is for tours, they're always rough.
- U—is our uniform, with brass aglow.
- V—is for Varga, the locker doors show.
- W—is the weather and we cheer for the rains.
- X—is the "cross"-country over Kansas plains.
- Y—is the yearning to leave this place.
- Z—is this letter is merely the end of our space.



George Harmon, Ponca City, Okla., gave Aviation Cadet Ralph Tenney a real workout in their badminton exhibition match last week. The scores were 15-13 and 15-14 in favor of Tenney. Both are former Southwestern Collegiate Badminton Champs.

### The Importance of Being Earnest

I trust "Ernest" doesn't mind; but I presume this column will follow the way of all columns—delving into the usual things in the usual way. Anyway—

Well, we're not getting "eager" on you but we're sure that you fellows would enjoy the Post Library, if you'd take time out to drop over. They have a good stock of the usual books and are plentifully supplied in the aviation line. For those who comprise the intelligentsia, the library has taken pains to put in the books that should be on your "must" list. An almost complete selection of Willa Cather's works can be found there. Sandberg, O'Henry, Hemingway, Saroyan, C. S. Forrester, and others are a solid contemporary representation; and for those who lean towards time-tested authors and notable works, the collection runs from Aristotle to Stevenson on to Emerson, etc.

And for the boys whose tastes run into the lighter stuff, *Special Service* has gathered together old gems such as *Tarzan*, *Tom Swift*, and other old stand-bys. A good case of nostalgia usually results and one relives the "good olde days."

Drop in, take out a card, and dust the cobwebs away. It's worth the effort expended. (Incidentally, I did say "cobwebs.")

DEVITT.

### A-tenn-hut!

Men, Men, you look like Hell, Men! And while you're looking, scan through the sack for recent events. Have you noticed the latest in pre-meal bracing. . . You might also notice that the turn-backs are all out for calisthenics . . . could they too be eager? . . . Congrats' to Cadet Wells and his ten-pound bundle of joy. . . Don't be alarmed if the Center Tower should wiggle, the Green Hornet needs acknowledgment to his call. . . . Does anyone have an extra beef-steak for Cadet Lapp's eye? . . . Johnny Vines is still getting a maximum result from a minimum effort. . . Will Lt. Guiducci join us in another P.T. class? . . . The BT-1313 is the newest thing; live stock reports with all instrument rides. . . We are constantly looking forward to our daily escort to the flight line. . . Check that bass drum voice of our new 'attack' officer. . . Cadets Hudak and Houtchens are running a good race on flight B Star Chart. . . Good practice on evasive action found in Wichita again this week-end. . . After soaking their throbbing feet in hot water, Barracks 505 boys have decided that reveille isn't such a bad formation after all. . . Men get your gals in the pink for the big beauty contest to be held during the 44-E show. . . This pulls the covers up on the sack until we dig some more, So long and 30—

### in the sack

By JOHNNY GOYEN

This month is the one year marker for most of us and, as we think, its been a long year, so lets look into the past and present and see what some of the "Beavers" were and are doing now.

One year ago one would have seen "Moon" Mullins, Chicago's gift to Unk Sam, trading a zoot suit for G.I.'s without the reet pleat . . . the silly "Goose" Goza telling all of his friends goodbye, namely his Daddy . . . and Jack Graham, who plays basketball too, had just made "who's who" among college students. . . Carlton Sargent from Hollywood was telling all the "moom pitcher" cuties not to cry, 'cause he'd be back shortly, and they didn't either . . . while Dan Delhey had visions of the wild blue yonder, eh Dan??? . . . Joe Greg-erech, they say, was at the station 24 hours before departure. Seems he is an authority on punctuality. . . . Bumping a pack of Luckies was Al Green, who "forgot" to bring some along. A year has lapsed and he still has the habiet . . . Bob Gusich was leaving the band. Never knew whether it was a dance band or a band of robbers.

While today we see Ken Getman, Dakota's badman, wearing all kinds of stripes and getting his men on the ball or all balled up, don't know which. . . . By act of Lt. Sowers, Gene Murray has been named the "Ox". . . . Chuck Mentowski, and his pretty lil wife will be headed for Houston, Texas, shortly. Seems that these 'Yankees' can't stay away from a good thing, huh Chuck? . . . Seems the "Eager Beaver" M. Miller has quite a time in Wichita on week-ends. Always has more women than he can handle. . . Rumor has it that a graduation show is in progress for the Class of 44-E, and they say it has the makings of a good time. . . . Bob Goul and Ken Getman hope that the lucky guy who "found" their wallets (censored) . . . In the impersonation dept we find Cadet McCosker who sounds more like Lt. Guiducci than the latter does. . . The boys at the flight line say that C. D. McCurdy has this instrument flying by the ear. Good deal Mac.

In the athletic dept Chuck Goff stands out, 'cause he and Lt. Allen are from Kansas, and the good Goff "chins" with him lots. . . . Hats off to the two Ericksons for being conassieurs on hot pilot head gears. . . . Glad to see my home town buddy Dudley Vance doing so good in basketball, and Sgt. Ashburn keeping the cadet's records straight, which must be a job. . . . The handball tourney has the makings of keen competition. Time for the sack. More later maybe—

Minneapolis (CNS) — Just because it's Leap Year, the local boys are getting cagy. Only one man showed up at a University of Minnesota lecture last week. Subject of the lecture: "Making a Home."

### Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" R. H. I. P. (Rank Hinders Impromptu Propositions)



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"Time'll go much faster if you know of any games we two can play."



# SPORTS



## STANDINGS

End of 19th Round—Feb. 22nd

	W	L	Pct.
55th	18	0	1.000
1082nd	14	5	.742
Medics	9	10	.477
448th	8	11	.424
322nd	6	12	.333
1088th	1	18	.054

## 55th and 1082nd Win Their Games in 18th-19th Rounds

It is the same old story again this week in squadron basketball play—the 55th winning two more games to keep its record perfect—18 won and none lost. The 1082nd team took a firmer grasp on second place position with two wins also for 14 wins and 5 losses.

The Medics team is still in third place but by a slim margin. Last Thursday the team lost to the 55th by a score of 17 to 23. Vance, 55th forward, and Cagle, Medics forward, shared scoring honors with 13 points each. In the 19th round game Tuesday night of this week the Medics forfeited to the 322nd team. The two losses resulted in a total of 9 games won and 10 lost during the season.

In fourth place is the 448th team with 8 games won and 11 lost. In a 18th round game with the 322nd team the 448th won by a score of 23 to 17. Gersbach, 448th forward, hit for 9 points to lead in scoring. Johnson, 322nd forward, made 6 points to lead his team. The 448th lost its 19th round game with the 1082nd by a score of 22 to 26 after leading 16 to 11 at the half and 20 to 18 at the beginning of the last period. Bova made 12 points to lead in scoring while Rupp, 1082nd guard, made 10 points.

The 1082nd defeated the 1088th team last Thursday evening by a score of 25 to 18. Stebar, 1082nd forward, made 12 points to lead in scoring while Maxwell and Curtis, 1088th forwards, shared scoring honors for their team with 5 points each.

The 55th defeated the 1088th in a 19th round game by a score of 38 to 17. Miller, 55th forward, Ferrell, 55th center, and Dalak, 55th guard, shared top scoring honors with 8 points each. Swords, 1088th forward, led his team with 5 points.



Members of the Medics basketball league team are shown above. Left to right in the back row are: Sgt. Thomas Inman, coach; 1st Sgt. Paul Cagle, forward; Sgt. Donald Nicholas, center; Sgt. Edward Haungs, forward. Front row, left to right, Sgt. Albert Childers, guard; Cpl. Dinos Dickos, guard; Cpl. James Dorozinski, forward; Cpl. Don Prys, forward. Sgt. Harold Shoemaker and Sgt. J. C. Danders, regular players, are not shown in the line-up. (Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

## Time for PFR Test Here Again

Physical fitness tests are this week being given officers and enlisted personnel of Strother Field and for those men who do not thoroughly understand AAF regulation 50-10 here is a "refresher" on the subject.

The AAF Physical Fitness Test consists of three tests, sit-ups, pull-ups (chinning) and the 300-yard shuttle-run. The test is designed to determine the physical fitness status of AAF personnel.

In performing the sit-up the subject assumes a supine position and places his hands behind his head with fingers interlaced. The feet should be comfortably apart with the legs held at the ankles by the partner. The partner should not sit on the feet. The subject then lifts his trunk upward touching his right elbow to the left knee and then lowers the trunk touching the head to the ground. He continues without pause or rest when in the supine position or in the upright position, alternating the left elbow to the right knee and the right elbow to the left knee. The subject should not bounce up from the ground.

In chinning the subject will use the forward grasp of the bar, the palms of the hand facing away from the body. To begin, the subject lowers himself until his arms are straight, then lifts himself until his chin is over the bar. He is not permitted to kick, to swing or to rest.

In the 300 yard shuttle run the subject starts at one end, makes five (5) shuttle trips in the same lane, and finishes at the end opposite the start. Any starting position may be used. The run should be paced to finish in an "all-out" state. The subject must run around the stakes.

The subject retains Form 28B (small card) which is kept on his person. If the card is misplaced another should be procured.

Forms 28A will follow officers and EM.

It will be the primary objective to intensify the program to raise the level of physical fitness as high as capacity limits permit. The minimum level of physical fitness is to reach or exceed PFR score of 50 and above the "poor" category for each test. The desirable level is to reach or exceed PFR score of 60 and above the "poor" category for each test.

Capt. Pery Arthur, Special Service Officer at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Tex., was a visitor at Strother Field Friday of last week. Capt. Arthur was formerly physical training director at Goodfellow Field.

Little Ferry, N. J. (CNS)—This town's one-man police force is seeking the thief who stole police headquarters, a six by nine foot frame building.

## All-Stars Win Close Game from Winfield

The Strother Field All-Star basketball team seems to have been slightly allergic to opposition during the past two weeks. First the cadets from class 44-F defeated the All-Stars by a score of 27 to 20 week before last and then the Battling Benedicts of Winfield nearly handed the boys another defeat last Friday evening, the final score reading 39 to 37 in favor of the field team.

The game, played in the Southwestern College gym, had all the resemblance of the usual one-sided victory for the airmen at the end of the half when the score read 26 to 10 in favor of the SF outfit. In the third quarter the lead had been cut to 11 points but victory seemed certain—then came the final period. While the field team was scoring only 4 points the Benedicts scored 13 points. The margin of victory was in two free throws as each team scored 16 field goals while SF hit for 7 free throws to their opponents 5 tosses. Kauffman of the Benedicts was high man during the game with 12 points. Vance, All-Star forward, led his team with 10 points.

Strother All-Stars—39		Battling Benedicts—Winfield—37	
Vance, f	4	Kauffman, f	5
Reed, f	0	Jacks, f	0
Dalak, f	3	Broadie, f	4
Murbrook, f	1	Fiske, c	0
Smith, c	1	Bratches, c	5
Ferrell, c	0	Johnson, g	0
Bova, g	3	Snodergrass, g	1
Nicholas, g	2	Barnhart, g	1
Stebar, g	2	Schaefer, g	0
	16		16

## First Round Played in Officers' League

First round of play in the officers' basketball league took place Wednesday night in the post gym, and off to a good start are the Administrative and South Stage teams.

The Administrative team captained by Major Julian W. Boxley, defeated the North Stage outfit by a score of 34 to 29. Capt. R. C. Dench heads the latter team. Capt. O. P. Stoner, Administrative guard, was high man with 13 points. 2nd Lt. R. M. Fritz, North Stage forward, hit for 12 points.

The South Stage team headed by Capt. W. H. Carlisle defeated the Center Stage by a score of 22 to 19. 2nd Lt. Paul B. Hardin, South Stage guard, led his team in scoring with 5 points. 2nd Lt. Gene M. Gordon, Center Stage center, made 7 points. Capt. R. S. Quisenberry heads the Center Stage outfit.

### OFFICERS' BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

March 1st: South Stage vs North Stage 2000; Center Stage vs Administrative 1900.  
March 8th: Center Stage vs North Stage 1900; Administrative vs South Stage 2000.

## Hobby Show Entries Due on March 3

Military personnel of Strother Field who are planning to enter the hobby show scheduled for March 5-6 are requested by the special service department to have their exhibits ready for display by March 3rd, Friday of next week. This is necessary in order that entries in the various classifications may be grouped for display when the show opens on Sunday, March 5th in the north end of the 1,000 man-messhall.

Entry blanks may be secured at the SSO for any of the six classifications which include photographs, stamps and coins, miniatures and models, scrapbooks, things military and the miscellaneous group.

The show will be open to military and civilian spectators from 1400 to 1700 on Sunday and 1900 until 2200 on Monday, March 5-6.

## B and B Shop

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### Break Out a Steak, Mate

The butchers don't have to take a back seat for anyone either when it comes to ability, and heading the cast of carving Charlies is Sgt. Donald G. Prouse, with 20 years of meat history behind him. Cpl. Leo Crimmins and Pfc. Floyd Gee have had packing house duty, while Pfc. Joe Lord and Pvt. Jerome Theis were born and reared (meatfully speaking) in the SF kitchens. These veterans can slice up a side of beef faster than you can brace a rookie or down a beer.

In one day's time the bakers can turn out 5000 hot rolls, and 40 cakes, while the butchers can prepare 325 pounds of bacon, 1500 lbs. of chicken, and 2500 steaks, if there ever was such a menu. Gastronomically, these GIs are hot stuff at SF, and much credit is certainly due them.



Shown above are members of the 322nd Aviation Squadron basketball team. The outfit is now in fifth place in enlisted team standings. Back row, left to right: Pfc. Ray Taylor, guard; Sgt. Robert Green, center; Pvt. William Smith, guard, and Sgt. Alonzo Reed, forward. Front row, left to right: Cpl. Russell Estell, forward; Pvt. Jacob Wright, guard; Pvt. Nolan Johnson, forward. (Photo Courtesy SF Photo Lab.)

### 18TH ROUND GAMES

448th—23		322nd—17	
Davis, f	1	Johnson, f	3
Reed, f	2	Estell, f	2
Biederman, f	0	Green, c	1
Gersbach, c	3	Taylor, g	1
Selvidge, g	2	Smith, g	0
Bova, g	1	Wright, g	0
	9		7

55th—23		Medics—17	
Woodward, f	2	Cagle, f	4
Vance, f	6	Dickos, f	0
Miller, f	0	Nicholas, c	1
Ferrell, c	0	Smith, g	0
Dalak, c	0	Haungs, g	0
Dresner, g	0	Childers, g	0
Lawrence, g	2		
	10		5

1082nd—25		1088th—18	
Stebar, f	4	Maxwell, f	2
Beckett, f	3	Curtis, f	2
Mazzuba, f	0	Hubbard, c	1
Murbrook, c	1	Schinzler, g	1
Shintaffer, g	0	Swords, g	0
Rupp, g	0	Mendini, g	1
Smith, g	1		
Young, g	0		
	9		7

### 19TH ROUND GAMES

55th—38		1088th—17	
Vance, f	2	Curtis, f	1
Lawrence, f	2	Schindler, f	1
Miller, f	3	Swords, f	2
Ferrell, c	3	Mendini, f	0
Woodward, g	0	Hubbard, c	1
Dalak, g	4	Wise, g	1
Stiles, g	1	Meeks, g	0
	15	Maxwell, g	1
	8		7

1082nd—26		448th—22	
Beckett, f	2	Selvidge, f	1
Stebar, f	2	Davis, f	2
Childs, c	3	Gersbach, c	1
Rupp, g	4	Bova, g	6
Smith, g	0	Halverson, g	0
	11	Biederman, g	0
	4		10

Administrative—34		North Stage—29	
Lange, f	1	Fritz, f	6
Brooks, f	0	Stiverson, f	3
Allen, f	0	Brooks, f	0
Mize, c	5	Campbell, f	1
Boxley, c	2	Clancy, c	1
Stoner, g	6	Honomichef, c	0
Armstrong, g	0	Vost, g	0
Fly, g	0	Deuch, g	0
	14	Thornley, g	1
	6	Gilbert, g	0
		Dutko, g	0
			12

So. Stage—22		Center Stage—19	
Sublett, f	0	Markland, f	1
Osman, f	0	Quisenberry, f	0
Dunn, f	2	Bramble, f	0
Otto, f	0	Lance, f	0
Hinkley, c	1	Gordon, c	3
Carlisle, c	2	Rubinowitz, c	1
Neff, g	0	Henderson, g	2
Hardin, g	2	Wenderson, g	0
Beck, g	1	Brooks, g	0
Douglas, g	0	Tomlinson, g	1
		Corrick, g	1
	8		9



Here are members of the championship 55th squadron basketball team which completed the 1943-44 season with a perfect record—20 games won and none lost. Back row, left to right: S/Sgt. R. W. Lawrence, guard; Pvt. E. C. Miller, center; Cpl. A. D. Vance, forward; Sgt. H. W. Stiles, guard; Sgt. A. J. Falke, coach. Front row, left to right: S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak, guard; Sgt. W. C. Brey, forward; Sgt. D. L. Ferrell, center, and Cpl. H. E. Wittman, forward.

### More Officers and EM Qualify on Firing Range

Twenty-eight more officers have completed the prescribed course for pistol, revolver, 45 cal. and carbine .30 cal. and one hundred and thirty-six enlisted men have completed the course for carbine, cal. .30. All are qualified in classification indicated and authorized to wear appropriate insignia in accordance with AR 600-75.

- Pistol Expert (Dismounted)**  
1st. Lt. John A. Corrick.
- Pistol Sharpshooter (Dismounted)**  
1st. Lt. Frederick B. Koehler, 1st. Lt. Robert A. Ralston, 1st. Lt. Roy W. Sillings, 2nd. Lt. Lowell E. Johnson, 2nd. Lt. Harry L. Kennaley, 2nd. Lt. Oliver A. Pawlick, 2nd. Lt. La Verne W. Snowden, and 2nd. Lt. Horton E. Tatman.
- Pistol Marksman (Dismounted)**  
1st. Lt. Cyrus T. Baldwin, 1st. Lt. Clayton W. Conte, 1st. Lt. Michael J. Grogan, III, 1st. Lt. Elbert E. Hall, 2nd. Lt. Richard E. House, 2nd. Lt. Jefferson H. Jarrett, 2nd. Lt. Lowell C. Morris, 2nd. Lt. Gregory H. Shaw, 2nd. Lt. Ralph L. Wood and Flight Officer Frank A. Kielar.
- Carbine Sharpshooter**  
Lt. Col. Norman E. Borden Jr., Major Julian W. Boxley, Capt. Stewart E. Burns, 1st. Lt. Chester H. Hancock, 2nd. Lt. Charles C. Law and 2nd. Lt. George A. Flummer.
- Carbine Marksman**  
Capt. Ronald R. Hermes, 2nd. Lt. Karl W. Switzer Jr., and WOJG Edward L. Arnold.

Among the enlisted men who have qualified in firing the carbine .30 cal., are the following:

- Carbine Expert**  
S-Sgt. Monroe Horn, S-Sgt. Max Heutter Jr., S-Sgt. Alfred H. Yeomans, Sgt. Edward P. O'Connell, Sgt. Elmer H. Selvidge, Pvt. Raymond W. Perlick, T-Sgt. Sam V. Sevier, Sgt. Albert J. Firth, Sgt. Samuel W. Junkin Jr., Sgt. Phillip P. Kmiecik, Sgt. Paul K. Rukaveno, Cpl. Don L. Ferrell, Cpl. Maurice R. Leonard, Cpl.

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### 448th Leads Field in PT Attendance

Physical training attendance honors for the month of February go to the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron with a weekly average of 100%.

In second place is the 322nd squadron with a weekly average of 99 1/4%. Attendance was 100% during the first two weeks of the month while the squadron hit 99% the third week and 98% the week of Feb. 21-26th.

Following are the standings of other squadrons:

	Jan. 31- Feb. 5	Feb. 7-12	Feb. 14-19	Feb. 21-26
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
55th	95	94	100	100
1088th	98	96	100	92
Medics	85	100	100	94
683rd Band	92	93	95	90
1082nd		84	100	100

### Allen, Holbein, Fields Cop PFR Honors

First place honors in the physical fitness tests given officers and enlisted men of Strother Field during the past two weeks go to 1st. Lt. G. D. Allen and 1st. Lt. F. W. Holbein of the officer group and to Sgt. Boyd Fields of the 1082nd squadron. Best squadron was the 1088th with a PFR average of 52.

Lt. Allen performed 114 sit-ups, 20 chin-ups and ran the 300 yd. shuttle run in 52 seconds for a PFR score of 85 with 253 sum score. Lt. Holbein who also had a PFR of 85 and a sum score of 253 totaled 102 sit-ups, 19 chin-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 49 seconds. Their sum score and PFR made it a complete tie for first place.

2nd. Lt. Clarence Henrickson had a PFR of 81 and his sum score was 248 with 114 sit-ups, 18 chin-ups and 51 seconds for the

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### 64 SF GIs Climb a Notch on Stripe Success Ladder

Promotions in ratings for sixty-four enlisted men of Strother Field were announced Thursday by post headquarters, effective as of March 1st. Bright new stripes are being worn today by the following men:

#### 448TH B HQ. & AB SQ.

To Be Technical Sergeant

Robert J. Chatelain

To Be Staff Sergeant

Robert L. Hunke Thomas V. Jones

Arne O. Ofstad

To Be Sergeant

Freddie M. Charlton Mitchell J. Osfar

Edward J. Stewart Palmer F. Vanderburg

To Be Corporal

Bernard L. Kelly Hiram T. Musgrave

#### HQ. & HQ. SQ. BFT GROUP

To Be Sergeant

Harold V. Brissey Don L. Ferrell

Harold B. Mitchell Dillon J. O'Brien

To Be Corporal

Max L. Hanson Michael Mishaan

Clarence L. Rudd Charles W. Vardeman

John O. Williams

#### 683RD ARMY BAND

To Be Staff Sergeant

Reginald W. Stechmann

To Be Sergeant

Curtis W. Kininmonth Clifford E. Lowery

#### 1088TH GUARD SQUADRON

To Be Private First Class

Henry W. Behney

#### 1082ND BFT SQD.

To Be Technical Sergeant

Lawrence A. Flaherty Thomas McGrath

To Be Staff Sergeant

Garret H. Aigner Sidney M. Bigby

Karl T. Burros Benjamin R. Chapin

Jack D. Edmiston Myron J. Gordon

Floyd G. Hastings Donald E. Jamison

Howard Leibundguth Boyd L. Miller

To Be Sergeant

Ewell B. Biles Rex E. Bohner

John L. Bridges Curtis W. Buie

Andrew J. Carson Gordon W. Cobb

Edward J. Courts Joseph R. De Rasmii

Edwin R. Etgen Frank F. Fenwick

Glenn W. Gaddie Haldon F. Howse

Melvin H. Jerred Paul E. Kettwig

Julius P. Lengnel Paul R. Loughner Jr.

Benjamin L. McGee Edwin A. McGee

James T. Moore

To Be Corporal

Michael J. Mullen

#### 322ND AVN. SQ.

To Be Sergeant

Joseph (nmi) Thower

To Be Private First Class

James Clark William H. Harrison

Richard H. Hogan Gordon (nmi) Malone

Elbert W. Murray Radious (nmi) Nalls

Colby (nmi) Oliver Melvin M. Stevenson

### 'All Is Well,' USO-Camp-Show Coming to Theatre March 10th

Appearing at the post theater on March 10th will be the new miniature music-comedy stage hit "ALL IS WELL." An impressive show sponsored by USO-CAMP SHOWS, it will be presented admission free at 1830 and 2000.

"All Is Well" is a speedy and colorful revue and is brimful of entertainment and surprise. The accent is upon comedy, dancing and novelty all done with skillful execution and an ingenious mode of presentation. The comedians are real finds, the eye-filling dancers are showstoppers, the singers swing tunes with plenty of punch and the surprise juggling act is uncanny in dexterity.



Cpl. A. D. Vance, physical training instructor at Strother Field and member of the 55th squadron basketball team, walked away with season scoring honors in the squadron league and as a member of the post all-star quintet.

Here are the acts appearing in person: Betty Lee, admirable aerodancer; Starke & Dorne, man and woman, singing and comedy dancing; Paul Le Paul, prestidigitator; Kayne Sisters, two jitterbug singers; Collins & Peterson, surprise comedy; Edna Mae Kenyon, xylophonist, and William Davis, pianist and musical conductor.

Aero-Dancer Betty Lee presents one of the most admirable routines of acrobatic numbers seen in the theater. This supple artist does the most difficult feats with the ease of a veteran entertainer although she has just graduated from high school. From the time of her "snake roll" entrance to her dancing exit, the act moves fast. Betty shows control acrobatics can be done in a snappy manner. She knows of no other aero-dancer who has duplicated her trick of doing a tap dance while sitting on her head. Betty specialized in club work before joining Camp Shows and this is her first tour under their auspices.

### Red Cross Seeks Funds and Plasma For 1944 Activity

(ARCNS)—"It was "D" day at Tarawa, and Pfc. Harold A. DeVille of Opelousas, La., was in the first wave of Marines fighting their way shoreward toward the tiny Pacific atoll.

"He made the beach all right, but ten minutes later a Jap machine-gunner cut him down. He lay on the beach with the battle raging around him for about an hour before medical corpsmen were able to pick him up and transfer him to an LST. After preliminary first aid was administered, the Louisiana Marine was taken to his ship, and there received four blood plasma transfusions. Those four transfusions helped save his life."

The story of Pfc. DeVille is the story of the American Red Cross and the important part it is playing in the war today rolled into a nutshell. Behind that one incident is the story of 16,000 trained men and women working with the men in the trenches and behind the lines to make the American soldier know and feel the support of his people, comforting him in his bloody task.

This year the ARC has again issued an appeal for funds for its budget, and blood plasma for its bank. Because of increased activities it has asked for 200 million dollars and 5 million pints of blood: in other words, the Red Cross will need about seven dollars a second and 36 pints of blood a minute for every working day in 1944!

Surely no one who knows of the ARC work among the wounded, the sick, and POWs, can do less than give as much as he is able. Remember: the drive closes March 10th. Do not forget the Red Cross!

Two "Commandos of Comedy," Marty Collins and Harry Peterson, pace the whole show with their side-splitting antics and patter. In addition to their comedy routines they act as double masters of ceremonies. Collins also performs on the trumpet, an instrument at which he is quite expert.



Shown above are members of the 683rd Army Band of Strother Field. Seated, left to right: Cpl. W. J. Doerflinger, S/Sgt. R. W. Stechmann, Cpl. A. B. Delabadia, Sgt. C. E. Lowery, Sgt. A. E. Davidson, Pfc. V. J. Insalaco, Pfc. R. E. Miller, Pfc. R. I. Middleton, Cpl. S. (nmi) Klein, Sgt. P. V. Oliver, T/Sgt. A. B. Calhoun. Standing, left to right: Cpl. C. L. Graves, Pfc. L. L. Romano, Cpl. L. (nmi) Metch, Cpl. John J. Maloney Jr., Cpl. H. W. Schnier, Pfc. S. J. Schillaci, Pfc. A. J. Belfiore, CWO. William F. Baker, Pfc. R. J. Lucero, Pfc. H. R. Monges, Cpl. E. R. Thompson, Cpl. A. M. Faloon, Cpl. W. H. Steck, Sgt. C. W. Kininmonth. Not shown in picture: Pfc. A. R. Babbini, Pfc. W. H. Christofferson Jr., Pfc. J. E. Cunningham, Pvt. P. (nmi) Enright. The band is appearing at the Wichita air show March 4 and 5.

### 55th Quiz-kids Trounce 322nd

The 55th squadron quiz team defeated the 322nd team by a score of 60 to 50 in the contest presented in the post theater Friday evening of last week.

The winning team was comprised of the following enlisted men: Sgt. Harold Kownick, Sgt. Jack Blackman, Cpl. Lawrence Gearin and Cpl. Sam Mattson.

Representing the 322nd squadron were 1st. Sgt. James Washington, S/Sgt. Barry Branch, Cpl. Russell Estell and Pvt. Richard Hogan.

## Speaking of -- Twinkle, Big White Star

Beside a hangar at one of our air fields a middle-aged private was busily touching up the white star insignia on the side of a B-24. He didn't look like an ordinary soldier, so we stopped and asked him what he did before he got in the Army.

"I was a painter," he answered. "I mean, I was an artist. I used to make pretty good money, too—sometimes I'd get as much as a thousand dollars for a single portrait. I've got paintings in a dozen art museums across the country."

We said we thought it was a shame that a real artist like him should have to do work that an ordinary house painter could do just as well.

"Well," said the private, "that's the way I felt about it at first, too. But then I got to thinking about it. You know, a lot of different people are going to see these white stars I'm painting. Some of them will be our foot soldiers in places like Sicily and New Guinea. They'll look up from their fox holes and see these white stars on our planes, and they'll know that the Air Corps is clearing the way for them. It'll help them keep plugging."

"A lot of ordinary people in England and Russia and China will see these stars. I think that when they do they'll give a little cheer all to themselves, because they know that these stars mean we're sending them supplies and fighting beside them. The stars will be proof that we're delivering the goods."

"And the people of France and Holland and Belgium and Poland and a lot of other occupied countries will see these stars, too, and it will give them hope. Even when our planes bomb their cities, they'll be glad. They know that every bomb we drop is helping smash the walls of their prison."

"About the only people afraid of these white stars are the Japs and the Nazis and that all right with me. I hope these Air Corps stars gang up on them like the Milky Way, and bomb every inch of their countries to hell."

The private dipped his brush in a bucket of white paint. "Yes, sir," he said, "when I think it over, I'm plenty proud of this job of mine. It may not be art, but I guess it's about the most important painting I'll ever do."

We nodded as the private turned back to his work. We knew what he meant.

—By Lt. David R. McLean, A.C.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

"Sir, Give It to Us Clean!"

In the desert a man has to take whatever water he can get—muddy, palatable or otherwise, but he would much prefer the cool, clear, sparkling water from back home. Just so, in the Army, he must have his entertainment—a laugh and the relaxation of taut nerves. He will take what he can get and make the best of it, but he would rather have it clean and wholesome. Such is the opinion of many, including the writer, who move among and work with men. I quote Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Editor-in-Chief, of the "Christian Herald":

"I landed in China's greatest American army base one day at noon, just before Joe E. Brown, the most popular entertainer of World War II, came over 'The Hump' (the mountains between Burma and China); and let it be written here that Joe E. Brown was the first of all entertainers to reach 'farther east.' It was my good fortune to attend the show that evening and to see this 'American Harry Lauder' in action just before I took off on my return to India, bound for home."

"In the middle of his program, Joe stopped abruptly and gave a tribute to the American Army and a toast to decency. He said, 'The man who has to tell a dirty story to get a laugh, isn't a humorist.' If Joe E. Brown is right, (and I know he is) I am witness to the fact that there are a lot of entertainers in World War II who are not 'funny.' They get laughs of course, but the suggestive, racuous kind which misrepresent the overwhelming majority of almost any Army crowd. There are too many lewd or near-lewd stories in too many of these overseas shows. I have heard commanding officers, as well as chaplains, protest against them. A medical major at the head of malaria control in a great forward theatre, said after one Broadway star had 'done his dirt'—'What does the U.S.O. think we are?' In Washington, after my return, I was assured that the U.S.O. is not responsible, that shows are decent when they leave home, but that 'someone' wants them 'livelier,' or 'tougher,' and so they are 'stepped up'—unless the star is of the calibre and character of Joe E. Brown. Well, let this be said to Mr. Someone—'Sir, you are mistaken. You insult the servicemen. Your stories that cheapen womanhood reflect upon the mothers, wives, sweethearts and sisters of servicemen and upon women in the service. The American soldier is not a fool and he is a cross-section of America.'

"Yes, Mr. Someone is very much mistaken and Joe E. Brown proves what you and I and most Americans believe; that the American enlisted man is neither soft nor angelic, but forthright and decent."

## small Talk

Our own Pvt Fuddyduddy, the only GI to attend five Army tech schools and still remain classified as an idiot, was sitting outside the OCS board room. Altho outwardly he was a picture of composure and self-confidence as he breathed lightly on his hangnails and polished them against his dirty wool socks, inside he was really as nervous as an officer candydate should be, and his stomach kept fluttering, rising and falling, while his heart beat out a Krupa of strange syncopations.

The rest of the group of anxious men all covered with moss, stripes and hash marks sat staring at the ceiling, at the walls, or a spot on the floor as they bit their nails methodically and uttered eerie little groans in unison.

Before Fuddy or any of the others of the group realized it, there was a sawed-off little looie dressed super-neatly in pinks with his hair slicked down like a hair tonic advertisement, and grinning like the kiss of death, standing in the doorway. "Pvt Droolpidgeon Fuddyduddy!" he called formally, and disappeared into the great darkness of the board room. Dazed for a moment, Pvt F finally jumped to his feet, mussed his hair, knocked a button off his shirt, stepped on three guys sleeping on the floor, left one shoe behind (all by accident) and dashed madly into the cavernous blackness of the board room.

It seemed like only a few seconds before Fuddyduddy was outside again, looking hypnotized and frightened. "What'd they ask yuh?" came the clamorous cry.

"I was disqualified," he spoke sadly, "I couldn't recite the table of logarithms backward or repeat the Kansas Blue Laws in Chinese." And with a stifled sob he ran out the door and headed for the Chapel.

## This Week . . .

. . . at the service club things are going full blast once again, since Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, club hostess, returned from a short furlough. New feature added this week was the 322nd basic English class taught by Cpl. Russell Estell, to be given on Monday nights at 1900 in the game room. The schedule lines up:

Saturday—Open Day  
 Sunday—Ditto  
 Monday—1900 Fotog Club in War Room, Basic English Class in Game Room; 2000 Bingo—lotsa prizes.  
 Tuesday—Regular Tuesday frolic, sponsored this week by the 448th Squadron.  
 Wednesday—Program of Popular Music.  
 Thursday—322nd Squadron Party.  
 Friday—1900 Little Theatre; 2000 GI Party, cookies, coffee, all free—come-as-yuh-are.

## Ye Liftings

Once again, thru the anxious requests of many of our avid readers, we are reviving the PF's old joke column, now under new, and we hope less corny management. Pass the crying towel please, here we go again!

Headline in an eastern newspaper: FATHER OF EIGHTEEN CHILDREN SHOT; MISTAKEN FOR RABBIT.

"Da foist ting I'm gonna do when dis war is over," remarked the Cpl. to his buddy, "Is make luv to my wife!"

"And what's da second?" quizzed his chum.

"Take dis damn pack off my back," came the reply.

"Oh Gawd!" exclaimed an Ark City lass. "I've broken my glasses! Duz that mean I gotta be examined all over again Doc?" she asked the optometrist.

"Hell no Sis," he replied sweetly, "just your eyes."

A meteorologist is a guy who can look at a girl and tell weather.

## 322nd Party Honors Squadron Cage Team

Last night's 322nd party in the service club was in honor of the Squadron basketball team, which gave such a spirited showing during the inter-squadron competition during the winter months.

The club was decorated in a collegian motif, with bright colors, pennants, and other Joe College regalia. Refreshments were served buffet style from an attractively arranged table located in the center of the main hall.

The Strother Field orchestra, composed of members of the 683rd Band, furnished the jive for the evening.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 4 March  
 \* FRISCO KID (Revival)  
 James Cagney,  
 Margaret Lindsay  
 Travelogue—Cartoon  
 Movietone Adventures

Sunday and Monday, 5-6 March  
 \* IN OUR TIME  
 Ida Lupino, Paul Henreid  
 Mary Boland  
 News of the Day

Tuesday, 7 March  
 Double Feature  
 \* SWINGTIME JOHNNIE  
 Andrews Sisters  
 \* NABONGA  
 Buster Crabbe

Wed. and Thurs., 8-9 March  
 \* THE SULLIVANS  
 Anne Baxter, Thomas Mitchell  
 News of the Day

Friday and Sat., 10-11 March  
 \* THE IMPOSTER  
 Jean Gabin, Ellen Drew  
 Richard Whorf  
 This is America  
 \* Family

## The Army Chair Corps

Here we go, into the file case yonder,  
 Diving deep, into the drawer;  
 Here it is, buried away down under  
 That damned stuff we've been searching for.  
 Off we go into the CO's office  
 Where we get one helluva roar,  
 We live in miles of paper files  
 But nothing will stop the Army Chair Corps.

CHORUS

Here's a toast to the host of those  
 Who slave with feet on desk so high.  
 To a friend we will send a message of  
 The trials of the swivel chair guy.  
 We type and file, and though we have no prop  
 We're either in a spin or else we blow our top.  
 A toast to the host of the men who coast—  
 The Army Chair Corps.

Here we go, into the file case yonder,  
 Keep the margins level and true.  
 If you'd live to be a gray haired wonder,  
 Keep your nose out of the glue.  
 Office men, guarding the Army's red tape,  
 We'll be there, followed by more,  
 With dictionary we're stationary  
 Nothing can move the Army Chair Corps.  
 —Boot Hill Marauder,  
 Dodge City Army Air Field.



Hey fellas, take a glom at this gumdrop! Mmmmmm, are we glad she's here, and so is the Chaplain, because she's his new assistant clerk-musician helping out with the many activities at the post chapel.

Miss Doodrop — er — Winifred Vivian Dewey, an accomplished pianist-organist, is a native Kansan (don't hold it against her), born locally. She was recently minister of music at the First Presbyterian Church in Ark City. For advanced work she has attended Baker U., in Baldwin, Kansas, and did some post-grad work at Northwestern U. in Evanston, Ill., and Westminster Choir College.

We need not mention that the Chaplain expects an increase in attendance at all chapel affairs, and knowing the men at SF, we'd say he was right. Where are our Sunday-go-to-meeting shoes anyhow?

Hackensack, N. J. (CNS)—Louis Gervasi, 32, was arrested here after a drinking companion had complained that Gervasi bit him on the nose in a tavern. "I couldn't resist it," Gervasi admitted.

A pessimist is a guy who thinks all little country girls are bad. An optimist is a guy who hopes so.

## What's new in your home town?

Indianapolis (CNS)—An elderly man was peeling potatoes in the Salvation Army hotel when a state detective called and told him he was heir to \$600 left by a relative. The recipient of this fortune immediately threw a potato at the cook.

Kansas City (CNS)—This sign, hanging over a basket, confronts taxpayers as they present their checks to the Collector of Internal Revenue at City Hall: "Throw all rubber here."

Etowah, Tenn. (CNS) — This town has one great tradition: All mothers for the past 15 years have weighed their babies on the post office scales.

Hollywood (CNS) — Edward M. Sheridan listed "Mary Ann" as a dependent in his draft questionnaire and his local draft board classified him 3A. The board recently discovered that "Mary Ann" was a horse. Now Sheridan faces a federal charge as a draft dodger.

It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....Win.....Dance..Floor show  
 Ark.....Informal dancing  
 Sun.....Win.....Special musical program  
 Games  
 Ark.....Bingo..Free Call..Singing  
 Mon.....Win.....Kitchen party night  
 Ark.....Games..Bridge, ping pong  
 Tues.....Win.....Informal night..Shuffle  
 board  
 Ark.....Do-as-you-please  
 Wed.....Win.....Dancing..Games  
 Ark.....Snack bar party  
 Thurs.....Win.....Bridge party..Recordings  
 Ark.....Ping pong tournament for  
 GI's and GSO's  
 Fri.....Win.....Game night..Ping pong  
 Ark.....Married couples night—  
 All GI's and wives invited

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Finicky, fussy eaters are not getting all the vitamins they need. Be sure to eat that green salad.

## Twelve Former SF Gadgets Return to Alma Mammy as Instructors

Strother Field paid itself a big dividend last week when 12 new flying instructors checked in from Randolph Field, Texas, to begin teaching aviation cadets the lessons they learned at the same basic flying field a few months ago. All of the 12 are graduates of Strother Field with Class 44-A which finished its work at the local army air base last November 3.

The new instructors, all second lieutenants, are: John P. Alkire, Jr., of Worthington, West Va.; Max L. Antrim of Columbus, Ohio; Russell W. Campbell of Des Moines, Iowa; Charles E. Carlson of Flushing, N. Y.; Roy N. Coats of West Plains, Mo.; Raymond R. Conover of Neptune, N. J.; David D. Cunniff of Park Ridge, N. J.; Paul R. Douglas of Detroit, Mich.; William R. Florence of Kansas City, Mo.; Alfred W. Gordon, Jr., of Omaha, Nebr.; Douglas W. Gray of Flint, Mich.; Gordon N. Place of Du Bois, Pa.

Though the 12 young instructors who reported in Tuesday represent the first "mass movement" of Strother Field graduates returned here as instructors, they are by no means the first graduates to come back to the local air base as flying instructors. Graduates began trickling in to teach flying as far back as last fall when members of old Class 43-H returned to the flight line as teachers instead of students. At the present time, in addition to the 12 who reported Tuesday, the Strother Field roster includes 29 other graduates of the basic training program here.

## Sisters Join WAC to Help Win War

Because they believed others could fill their civilian jobs, two sisters—Mittie Doris Angelly, 21, of Ada, Okla., and Lorena Angelly, 23—have been signed up at Strother Field for participation in the Women's Army Corps. Both have been accepted as Air Wacs for duty with the Army Air Forces.

In order that she and her sister might join up at the same time, Mittie Doris resigned her job as an International Business Machines operator at Galveston, Texas, and came to Kansas. About the same time, Lorena turned over her job working at Boeing Aircraft at Wichita to older hands and volunteered for the armed forces. Together they took their examinations at Strother Field.

The young women are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Angelly of route 4, Ada. They are graduates of the Byng, Okla., high school.

## Deadline on Insignia Contest Extended

Here is a word of cheer for those of you who let the insignia contest pass you by. The time limit on it has been extended for another two weeks and the prize has been raised from ten to twenty-five dollars.

A number of excellent drawings have already been submitted but, in the opinion of Colonel Carroll, they do not express the basic idea of an insignia. The drawing should be symbolic and should contain no lettering at all, either the name of the field or of any activity connected with it. It should be a symbol that, once adopted, would become meaningful to all as standing for Strother Field.

If you have not as yet entered the contest now is the time to do it. If you have already submitted some entries that do not meet the standards outlined above, get to work and create some new ones. Remember, Strother Field wants an emblem that is its very own and it's up to Strother men to create one.

## Cadet Korpanty Wants European Assignment

Aside from the genuine satisfaction young fliers feel in being able to pilot military aircraft, Aviation Cadet Leo Stanley Korpanty of Strother Field has another reason for rejoicing that the weeks and months of his training as a pilot are rapidly slipping away.

Korpanty is anxious to be in on the kill in Europe, when his Polish relatives are liberated from the crushing oppression of the Nazis. Since Germany marched on Poland on September 1, 1939, Korpanty's relatives have been feeling the blows of the enemy. Worn by the burdens and anxieties of the war and her strength depleted by the war's privations Korpanty's grandmother died some months ago, his mother has been advised. But his uncles, aunts and cousins are still virtual prisoners of Germany and to help free them and their Polish brothers, Korpanty hopes for assignment to the European theater of war. He hopes to return to the Poland he grew to love during a visit there in 1933, by way of a P-38, its guns blazing destruction to the forces that enslave his kinsmen.

For two years before he volunteered for air crew training with the Army Air Forces, Korpanty was paymaster for the National Biscuit company of Pittsburgh, Pa. Prior to that he was an electrical engineering student at Carnegie Tech.

Korpanty is one of three children of Mrs. Marie G. Korpanty of 1147 Wightman St., Pittsburgh, Pa. His brother, Henry J., is entering the navy and his sister, Irene, is joining the Red Cross for service with the armed forces.

## M-Sgt. Kreuter Bows 288 Game

Last Sunday evening M/Sgt. E. J. Kreuter of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron stopped by the Schantz bowling alleys in Winfield for a friendly game with his companion, Cpl. E. J. Stewart.

In the first frame Kreuter made a strike, again in the second, third, and fourth, in fact when the smoke cleared away he had ten consecutive strikes to his credit.

On the 11th ball 8 pins were sent sailing and on the final roll a spare was made for a total score of 288.

Kreuter received the congratulations of spectators who had gathered around him as his strikes increased. This score was his best and tied the highest score ever made in Winfield—you guessed it—by Mr. Schantz.

Stewart? We don't know what happened to him, maybe Kreuter rolled him down the alley in his excitement.

Minneapolis (CNS) — George Flett was irked when he couldn't find a vacant seat in a local movie house. When he returned there were lots of seats left vacant for George. He brought a skunk with him.

## Watkins Carries on Family Tradition: Get Hitler's Neck!



In the brilliant military path of his five older brothers — two of whom have given their lives for their country—Woodruff Wareham Watkins, 21, son of Col. and Mrs. Dudley Watkins of Eglin Field, Fla., is training for combat at this prairie state basic flying school. Sons of a man who won his wings as a flier during World War I and who is still in his country's service, with one exception they have chosen the Army Air Forces as the branch in which to serve in the present global conflict.

Young Watkins' father is assistant chief of the Air Forces Proving Ground Command with headquarters at Eglin Field. His second son, Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins, 29, is at the same station as chief of the fighter section of the Air Forces Proving Ground Group.

Capt. J. C. A. Watkins, 31, eldest of the six brothers, is in the office of the chief of the Air Forces, attached to General Kuter's staff at Washington, D.C. Both he and his brother, Lt. Col. Watkins wear the

Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal, earned as fighter pilots in the North African war theater.

Lt. D. W. Watkins Jr., third of the Watkins brothers in point of age, has been in India the past six months with a tank division.

Two of Cadet Watkins' brothers are among the American war dead. Only recently has the family received word that Flight Officer William A. Watkins, 23, was killed on December 21 in Italy. A fighter pilot, he was shot down in combat.

In July, 1942, while Sgt. Robert A. Watkins, 25, was en route from his engineering duties in Iceland to the United States to attend officer candidate school, his ship was torpedoed. Sgt. Watkins was among those who lost their lives.

Like his brothers, Cadet Watkins wants to become a fighter pilot.

## Two Big Events Coming in Wichita

It'll be a "Red Letter Day" on March 4th in Wichita. The downtown USO is again sponsoring its monthly "First Saturday Night" formal dance at the Midian Shrine Temple ballroom, 115 North Topeka (just a few doors south of the Club). Dancing will begin at nine o'clock with music furnished by a special orchestra. Entertainment scheduled for 10:30, will feature a chorus of hostesses who will present a group of parlor song hits in their own inimitable manner.

There will be hostesses to welcome guests, to dance with them and to serve refreshments later in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to every serviceman who will be in Wichita on Saturday, March 4, to come to the dance. During the day a mammoth exposition of military equipment and Wichita's industrial products and other enterprises will be on display at the Forum.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Support For Exposed Flank





"'S funny how ya forget all about gals out here. I ain't thought of one for five minutes!"



# SPORTS



## BASKETBALL

### FINAL STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.	Total Pts.	Avg.
55th	20	0	1.000	746	39 5-19
1082nd	14	6	.700	552	29
Medics	9	11	.450	459	25 1-2
448th	9	11	.450	468	23 2-5
322nd	7	13	.350	454	23 17-19
1088th	1	19	.050	323	17 17-18

## 55th Ends Season Without Loss; Has Close Call with 1082nd

The 1082nd basketball team nearly upset the championship 55th team in the final round of the 1943-44 season played last Thursday in the post gym. The score read 28 all at the end of regular playing time, Vance, 55th forward, tying the score with only a couple of seconds to go.

In the overtime period each team scored one goal; then Vance was fouled and was awarded two free throws. Playing heads up, 55th took the ball out of bounds after making the first free throw good. From then on through the remaining 45 seconds of the game the ball was kept away from the 1082nd players and the final score read 31 to 30. The 1082nd players showed the playing ability that has kept their team near the top during the season.

A 12th round makeup game between the 55th and 322nd teams was played Tuesday night with the 55th winning 26 to 19. This victory gave the 55th team a perfect record for the season, 19 games won and none lost.

In other 20th round games scheduled last Thursday the 322nd beat the 1088th team by a score of 20 to 14. Green, 322nd center, made 11 points and Seeley, 1088th forward, made 8 points to lead in scoring. The Medics team, hit by shortage of players, forfeited to the 448th, automatically boosting the latter team into a tie with the Medics for third place in the standings.



Taking second place honors in the squadron basketball league at Strother Field is the hustling group from the 1082nd squadron. Their record for the season has been 14 games won and 6 lost. Their near-victory over the 55th team last Thursday showed their fighting spirit. Standing, left to right, are: Pfc. Dale E. Shintaffer, guard; Pfc. Hershel L. Smith, guard; Pfc. George A. Murbrook, center; Sgt. Raymond V. Rupp, guard. Front row, left to right: Pfc. Edward L. Beckett, forward; Pfc. Robert F. Uebersax, forward, and Pvt. John B. Stebar, guard.

## All-Stars Have Successful Season

The Strother Field All-Star basketball team finished a very successful season last week with its defeat of the Chilocco Indians by a score of 26 to 19. Twelve games were played with only two losses, the opening game with Geuda Springs by a score of 21 to 22 and the game with cadets of class 44-F, the latter team winning 27 to 20.

Vance, forward, copped scoring honors with 74 field goals and 10 free throws for a total of 158 points in 12 games, an average of 13 1/6 points per game. Brey, forward, made 56 field goals and 12 free throws for an average of 11 3/11 in 11 games.

The All-Stars averaged 42 3/4 points per game to their opponents 24 1/12 points.

Following are the games played and the final scores of each:

Geuda Springs	22—SF	21
44-C Cadets	33—SF	45
Winfield All Stars	17—SF	51
Geuda Springs	24—SF	55
Kanotex	23—SF	46
Winfield FFA	16—SF	64
Ponca City	17—SF	40
Chilocco	25—SF	37
Ponca City	29—SF	59
44-F Cadets	27—SF	20
Winfield Benedicts	37—SF	39
Chilocco	19—SF	26

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## Adm. & South Stage Win All-Stars Win Final

The Administrative team defeated the Center Stage 29 to 26 in second round play of the officers basketball league Wednesday night. The score should have been 29 to 24 but the generosity of 1st. Lt. Mize, Administrative team center, boosted the Center Stage two points when he scored a goal in the wrong basket. Mize was high man for his own team however, with 10 points. 2nd. Lt. Bramble made 6 for Center Stage.

The South Stage team won from the North Stage, 30 to 25. Major Dunn, 1st. Lt. Sublett, and 2nd. Lt. Beck shared scoring honors for the winning team with 7 points each. 2nd. Lts. Brooks, Fritz, Ball and Major Culbertson made 4 points each for North Stage.

The Strother Field All-Star basketball team completed its season with a victory over the Chilocco Indians in the post gym last Friday night. The score was 26 to 17, and the game was close through the first half, the score at that time being 12 to 9 in favor of the All-Stars.

Vance, All-Star forward, made 11 points to lead in scoring. Collins, Chilocco guard, made 6 points to lead his team.

SF—26		Chilocco—17	
Brey, f	1	Grosbeck, f	1
Vance, f	5	Adams, f	1
Smith, c	1	Franklin, f	0
Dalak, g	3	Sexton, f	2
Bova, g	0	Amos, c	0
Stoner, g	0	Colbert, c	0
		Thompson, g	0
		Collins, g	3
		Bushyhead, g	0
		Roach, g	0
	10		7

## Vance Leads Scoring

Cpl. A. D. Vance, forward on the championship 55th basketball team, set an enviable scoring record during the season completed last week. He made 248 points in 19 games for an average of 13 1/19 points per session.

In second place is 1st. Sgt. Paul Cagle of the Medics who made 199 points in 15 games for an average of 13 4/15 points per game.

Sgt. Robert Green, 322nd center, who played in 18 games averaged 10 1/18 per game, totaling 181 points for the season to take third place in individual scoring.

Sgt. Walter C. Brey, 55th forward, made 173 points in 17 games for an average of 10 3/17 points to take fourth place. Brey holds high scoring honors for a single game with 31 points which he made against the 1088th earlier in the season.

Following are the other eight leading scorers for the season:

Name	Sqdn.	Pos.	Pts.	Games	Avg.
Murbrook	1082nd	F	145	18	8 1-18
Estell	322nd	F	145	18	8 1-18
Dalak	55th	G	125	18	6 17-18
Stebar	1082nd	G	102	17	6
Rupp	1082nd	G	88	16	5 1-2
Bova	448th	G	88	16	5 1-2
Seeley	1088th	F	88	12	7 1-3
Ferrell	55th	C	87	15	5 4-5

### 20TH ROUND GAMES

55th—31		1082nd—30	
Vance, f	3	Beckett, f	3
Brey, f	2	Stebar, f	4
Ferrell, c	0	Childs, c	1
Miller, c	1	Murbrook, g	1
Stiles, g	0	Rupp, g	2
Lawrence, g	1	Smith, g	1
Dalak, g	3		0
Woodward, g	1		0
	11		9
	9		12

Quarter scores:

55th	2-9-13-28-31
1082nd	7-10-21-28-30

### 322nd—20

Estell, f	3	Maxwell, f	1
Johnson, f	1	Curtis, f	0
Green, c	5	Seeley, f	4
Terry, g	0	Hubbard, f	0
Wright, g	0	Blackburn, c	1
Taylor, g	0	Schenlizer, g	0
Smith, g	0	Swords, g	0
		Wise, g	0
		Norheutt, g	0
		Madini, g	0
	9		2
	2		6

Quarter scores:

322nd	7-15-19-20
1088th	0-7-11-14

### 12TH ROUND MAKEUP GAME

55th—26		322nd—19	
Brey, f	2	Estell, f	3
Vance, f	5	Johnson, f	0
Ferrell, c	1	Green, c	4
Stiles, g	0	Wright, g	0
Dalak, g	2	Terry, g	1
	10		8
	6		2

## Cadets Defeat Officers

Cadets of squadron 2, flight D, of class 44-E, met and defeated officers of the center stage in a basketball game Monday night in the post gym. The final score was 35 to 18, Cadet Newell, 2-D center, and Lt. Bramble sharing scoring honors with 8 points each.

## Squad No. 2 of C Flight Captures Basketball Title

Squadron No. 2 of C flight won the basketball championship of cadet class 44-E Monday of this week when it defeated squadron No. 1 of D flight by the score of 42 to 36.

Each team had won their respective flight title with four games won and none lost and the main go between the two leaders was a red-hot affair all the way through.

Kucukas, forward on the winning team, took scoring honors with 9 field goals and 1 free throw for a total of 19 points. Larson, center on the flight D squadron No. 1 team made 8 baskets for 16 points to lead his outfit in scoring.

Sqd. 2-C Flt.—42		Sqd. 1-D Flt.—36	
Graham, f	1	Collins, f	1
Kucukas, f	9	Gregor, f	2
Johnson, c	6	Deen, f	1
Gifford, g	0	Larson, c	8
Gullixson, g	4	Dye, g	4
Gregurech, g	0	Alder, g	0
		Brandon, g	0
	20		16
	2		4

Center Stage—26		Administration—29	
Corrick, f	2	Baldwin, f	3
Swone, f	1	Allen, f	3
Tunlinson, f	2	Grigsby, f	0
Shipp, c	0	Mize, c	5
Robinson, c	1	Boxley, g	1
Wendling, g	1	Armstrong, g	1
Quisenberry, g	1		0
Bramble, g	3		0
	11		2
	2		13

South Stage—30		North Stage—25	
Dunn, f	3	Fritz, f	1
Hardin, f	1	Yost, f	0
Sublett, f	3	Brooks, f	1
Henkley, f	1	Scott, f	0
Gunther, c	1	Ball, c	2
Ostman, c	0	Jones, c	1
Beck, g	3	Culbertson, g	2
Conte, g	0	Thornley, g	0
Neff, g	1	Kroeger, g	1
Saunders, g	0	Clancy, g	1
Douglas, g	0	Bower, g	1
		Stiverson, g	0
		Cambell, g	0
	13		4
	4		10
			5



Refereeing the sixty squadron league basketball games in addition to several played by the post all-star team has been the job ably handled by the three Strother Field officers shown above. Left to right are 2nd. Lt. H. H. Cummings, Capt. O. P. Stoner and 1st. Lt. M. L. Mize. Lt. Cummings and Capt. Stoner are physical training officers and Lt. Mize is adjutant of the 448th squadron.

## Cop PFR Honors

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shuttle run. This sum score placed him in second position among officers taking the test. 2nd. Lt. G. W. Black copped third place honors with a PFR of 78. He totaled 69 sit-ups, 20 chin-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 51 seconds for a sum score of 231.

Sgt. Boyd Fields had a PFR of 81 to lead all enlisted men on the field. He did 114 sit-ups, 17 chin-ups and ran the shuttle race in 50 seconds for a sum score of 246.

Cpl. Melvin Harper, also of the 1082nd, was second high among enlisted men, tied Fields in PFR but had a sum score of 243 with 114 sit-ups, 14 chin-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 49 seconds. Harper was first in his squadron in the last tests given in November.

In third place among enlisted men and topping his squadron, the 55th BFT Group, was Sgt. Raymond Muchowich with a PFR of 78. He did 90 sit-ups, 14 chin-ups and ran the shuttle in 48 seconds. His sum score was 236.

Sgt. Arthur Meeks of the 1088th squadron took fourth place honors with a PFR of 75. He completed 114 sit-ups, 11 chin-ups and ran the 300 yards in 49 seconds for a sum score of 229. Meeks also topped his squadron in the tests last November.

Pvt. Martin Bocola of the 448th Squadron took fifth place with a PFR of 75 but his sum score was 225, to knock him out of a tie for fourth place. He did 54 sit-ups, 21 pull-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 50 seconds.

Cpl. E. W. Thomas of the 322nd, finished in sixth place with a PFR of 70. He did 64 sit-ups, 14 chin-ups and ran the shuttle in 51 seconds for a sum score of 208.

In seventh place was Pfc. Antonio DeLion of the Medics with a PFR of 63. He performed 52 sit-ups, 11 chin-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 51 seconds for a sum score of 189.

Eighth place honors were taken by S/Sgt. R. W. Stechmann of the 683rd band squadron. He did 56 sit-ups, 8 pull-ups and ran the 300 yards in 54 seconds for a PFR of 55 and a sum score of 167.



How would you like to climb into the cockpit of this P-47 Thunderbolt and head into the wide blue yonder? Shown above is the clever model plane built by Sgt. A. C. Falke of the 55th squadron which was a prize winner in the hobby show. Sgt. Falke devoted 300 hours to the construction of his model plane.



Looks like the real thing doesn't it? This M-4 American tank shown above as it moves over rough terrain is really a model, photographed on a pile of Kansas soil. Pfc. Vernon A. Rosenblum, 448th squadron, spent 350 hours building the model which was a prize-winning exhibit in the SF hobby show this week.

## Medal-Heavy War Vet Tells Cadets His Story

Capt. Tom A. Thomas, Jr., American ace of the North African, Sicilian and Italian fronts, and wearer of 15 decorations earned in the current war, spoke to cadets and officer personnel of Strother Field Wednesday afternoon. His address was part of the educational program of the Central Flying Training Command to bring to aviation cadets the experiences of outstanding fliers.

Captain Thomas wears the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal and 10 Oak Leaf Clusters and the French Croix de Guerre, medals awarded as the result of his 75 missions. By shooting down five enemy planes (in this case two Junkers 88, two Focke-Wulfes, and one Messerschmitt) he won the right to the title "ace."

Within two hours' time, Captain Thomas met a German flier he had just shot down and the man who fired the ack-ack that turned his own P-40 into a burst of flame and forced him to parachute behind the enemy lines.

In a bitter aerial battle while Captain Thomas was on the tail of the Focke-Wulf, he was struck by ack-ack. He knew it had been hit, but was so busy using the little ammunition he had in successfully downing the Focke-Wulf that he had no time to investigate. With the enemy plane streaming earthward, Captain Thomas discovered his own ship a mass of flames, and he bailed out, only 500 feet above ground. He had no time to count and delay pulling the ripcord, and when his chute opened, it caught on the tail of his own

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## SF Hobby Show Awards Won by Falke, Rosenblum

Strother Field's first hobby show was held in the enlisted men's service club Sunday and Monday with Sgt. A. C. Falke of the 55th squadron and Pfc. Vernon A. Rosenblum of the 448th squadron sharing first place honors.

The model division was judged as best among the exhibits and Falke's P-47 entry and Rosenblum's M-4 tank tied for first prize. Cash awards of \$3.00 each were given the winners.

Entries in other classifications included the following: hand-made rug by Pvt. D. E. Darling of the 1082nd squadron; water color and oil paintings by Sgt. Don Nicholas of the Medics and waters colors by Pvt. A. D. Craig of the 448th squadron; Sgt. W. F. Hamilton and Sgt. J. F. Baldwin, of the 448th squadron, photography.

Original plans called for prize awards in each classification, but due to the limited number of entries it was decided by the judges to give only one prize and that in the model divisions. The many hours of work devoted to construction of both the P-47 plane and M-4 tank by Sgt. Falke and Pfc. Rosenblum resulted in the awarding of two first prizes.

Available rooms and apartments in Arkansas City and Winfield desired by military personnel to accommodate visiting relatives and friends are listed in the enlisted men's service club, according to Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, club hostess.

## Soldiers Will Get A Break This Year On Income Taxes

By Camp Newspaper Service

Have you filed your income tax report yet? If not, hold it up a minute. Here are a couple of hot tips for you:

In the first place, when you sweat your way down to the bottom of the form, you may find you don't have to pay anyone a dime. That's because servicemen get a big break from the Treasury Department this year.

Congress has permitted those in the armed forces to exclude from their gross 1943 incomes the first \$1,500 of their regular service pay, on top of the regular personal exemption, which in the case of single men amounts to \$500. This will relieve the great majority of the nation's GIs from the responsibility of paying any taxes at all.

This doesn't mean, of course, that you get an exemption for all that dough you won on the races last year. That ain't Army pay. Income from civilian sources is taxed on civilian rates. You've got to pay through the nose for that kind of money, just like anyone else.

Now then, let's suppose you were on active duty with the armed forces during 1942 as well as 1943. In that case, you may be entitled to further benefits from Uncle Sam.

Most servicemen who paid a quarter or a half of their 1942 tax last March or June will be entitled to a refund under the forgiveness section of the new tax law. If they had no tax at all on their 1943 income, or if it is less than their 1942 tax, they are also entitled to the benefit of the forgiveness feature and if their 1943 tax is greater than their 1942 tax, three-quarters of the 1942 tax will be forgiven if it is more than \$66.67 or up to \$50 if it is \$66.67 or less.

In a nutshell, here's how you determine whether or not you

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## Thoughtless People Full Theatre Capacity Not Being Utilized

A week ago, when "Broadway Rhythm" came to the post theatre, quite a number of people were turned away from the second show because there were not seats enough to accommodate them. Yet when the show was half over, the house was only partly filled. Evidently some men were coming to the show in the middle of the first performance and occupied their seats until the middle of the next, causing the theatre to be overcrowded one moment and half-filled the next.

This is not the first time this incident has occurred, and in order to seat as many as possible of the people coming to the shows, especially the hit shows, the theatre officer has issued the following requests:

1. Come either to the first or second shows—1800 hour or 2000 hour—ON TIME.
2. Do not come DURING the first show and occupy a seat over into the second.

This way the theatre officer feels that not only will the patrons be satisfied, the theater capacity utilized, but it will secure uninterrupted entertainment for those attending. Please respect these requests, otherwise steps may have to be taken to protect the many who are injured by the thoughtlessness of the few.

## War Bond Quota Exceeded; 448th Leads Cadets and EM

\$52,875.00 in cash purchases of War Bonds were made by the military personnel of Strother Field in the 4th War Bond Drive, according to 2nd. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, War Bond officer. This figure exceeded by \$2,381.25 the quota of \$50,493.75.

## ARC War Fund 1943 Fund Figure Already Exceeded

In a preliminary report before the end of the 1944 American Red Cross War Fund Drive, Herbert A. Thomson, field director, announced that already last year's total figure had been exceeded, and that the amount contributed this year by the men at SF would probably be double that of 1943.

The total amount collected so far this year is in the neighborhood of \$1400. Of this the officers have given over \$600, the cadets have contributed \$373, and leading the EM squadrons is the hard-working 1082nd with approximately \$254 tossed into the pot.

As yet, there have been no reports from civilian units on the field, but they are expected soon. The SF campaign ends today, March 10th, but the national drive will continue until the end of the month. If you haven't already given your share, do so now! Remember the Red Cross, because it won't forget you.

## 'All Is Well,' USO-Camp Show Tonight

A colorful revue brimful of entertainment and surprise will make its appearance at the post theater in two performances at 1830 and 2000 tonight when the USO-Camp Show, "All is Well" comes to Strother Field. There will be comedy, dancing and novelty acts for the entertainment of all military personnel. There is no admission charge.

Take all you want in the mess hall but eat all you take

Cash purchases of War Bonds made by officers of this field totaled \$39,744.15. This total was in addition to the regular monthly purchases made by the group.

Cadets and enlisted men totaled \$13,130.25 in cash purchases of war bonds, with the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron leading with \$4,756.25. In second place is the 1082nd Maintenance Squadron with purchases of \$3,330.00. Aviation cadets took third place honors with total cash purchases of \$2,568.75.

The 55th Basic Flying Training Group totaled \$1,492.75 to take fourth place honors. In fifth place is the Medical Detachment with purchases of \$375.00. Sixth place honors go to the 322nd Aviation Squadron with cash purchases of \$225.00.

The 683rd Army Band purchased \$213.75 in additional war bonds, placing this unit in seventh place while the 1088th Guard Squadron purchased \$168.75 for eighth place.

All purchases by cadets and enlisted personnel were in addition to the war bonds bought each month by allotment plan.

## New Lt. Col., Major and Captain Here

Latest promotions announced among the officer personnel were those of former Major James R. Williams, operations and training staff officer; former Captain Ned S. Hays, director of instrument training; and former 1st Lt. Elbert E. Hall, post operations officer. Lt. Col. Williams is from Chattanooga, Tenn.; Major Hays is from Clinton, S. C., while Captain Hall is from good old Abilene, Texas.

Buy YANK magazine at the PX.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT War Savings Staff Office of State Administrator

Winfield, Kansas, March 2, 1944

Joseph F. Carroll, Colonel  
Strother Field  
Winfield, Kansas

Dear Colonel Carroll:

The patriotic cooperation rendered by the military and civilian personnel at Strother Field is greatly appreciated by the Treasury War Finance Committee. Cowley county passed its quota as a result of the bond rally at Strother Field, February 6. When final tabulations were made at the close of business February 15, the following sales were shown:

	PURCHASED	QUOTA
E .....	\$ 751,120.75	\$736,100.00
F and G .....	204,267.00	119,300.00
All other issues .....	1,284,700.00	855,500.00
Total .....	\$2,240,087.75	\$1,710,900.00
Excess sales over quota .....		\$529,187.75

These figures include the sales made at Strother Field and credited to Cowley County.

The example set by the officers and men in service has had a powerful and stimulating effect upon the civilian response. I attribute the fact that Cowley County made its quota first in the Fifth District to the fact that the civilian and military forces are impressed with a common objective—that of winning the war as promptly as humanly possible.

Very sincerely yours,

WALTON GOODE,  
County Chairman  
Treasury War Finance Committee

WG:js

# Speaking of-- This Way to Tokyo

"I'm going to make a speech—and it'll be the last one of its kind in captivity—so don't get a short circuit between your ears.

"Well, you made it—you're a flight officer in the air forces of the United States. Those wings are like a neon light on your chest. I'm not going to wave a flag at you—but some things you must never forget.

"Every country has had a hand in the development of the airplane—but, after all, the Wright brothers were a couple of Dayton, Ohio, boys—and Kittyhawk is strictly in North Carolina—the hallmark of the United States is on every air craft.

"So you find yourself in a position to defend the country that gave you the weapon with which to do it. But it wasn't just you who earned those wings—a ghostly echelon of good guys flew their hearts out in old kites to give you the know-how.

"And some smart sliderule jokers sweat it out over drawing boards to give you a machine that will keep you up there shooting. I recommend you for fighter aircraft and I want you to be cocky and smart and proud of being a buzz-boy.

"But don't forget that every bullet you shoot, every gallon of gas and oil you burn was brought here by transport pilots who flew it in over the worst terrain in the world! You may get the glory—but they put the lift in your balloon!

"And don't let me ever catch you being high-bicycle with the enlisted men in your ground crew! Without them you'd never get ten feet off the ground. Every grease monkey in that gang is right beside you in the cockpit—and their hands are on that stick, just the same as yours.

"You'll get angry as the devil at the Army and its so-called red tape—but be patient with it! Somehow the old eagle has managed to end up in possession of the ball in every war since 1776—so just humor it along.

"Okay, sport! End of speech! When you get up in that wild blue yonder, the song talks about, remember there are a lot of good guys missing from the mess tables in the South Pacific, Alaska, Africa, Britain, Asia, and back home who are sorta counting on you to take it from here! Good night, kid!

"This way to Tokyo! Next stop U. S. A.!"

This dramatic strip from "Terry And The Pirates" by Milton Caniff, which appeared originally in the Chicago Tribune of October 17, 1943, is reprinted here by popular request. Inserted in the Congressional Record as "deserving of immortality," it represents one of the finest pieces of writing to come out of the present war. Millions of readers have found it inspirational. These words were spoken by Col. "Flip" Corkin to Terry on the occasion of the latter's graduation as a flight officer.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Remember when we were kids? Many of us were church attendants. More of us went to Sunday School. Our fathers and mothers were Godly people. Unquestioningly we gave ourselves to God, His Christ, and His Church. We learned Bible verses. We prayed. REMEMBER? But soldier, what about it today? Are you a church attendant? Do you read and study your Bible regularly? Are your busy days begun and ended with a prayer? Are you walking close to God? If not perhaps you need to do what a young Indian prince once did.

"Many years ago, in the reign of Queen Victoria the Good, the Punjab came under the British Crown. The young Maharajah, then a mere boy, sent as an offering to his new monarch the wonderful Koh-i-noor diamond, and it was placed, together with the other crown jewels, in the Tower of London. Several years later, the Maharajah, now a full-grown man, came to England and visited Buckingham Palace, asking to see the Queen. He was shown to the state apartments, and after making his obeisance to her Majesty, he asked that he might see the Koh-i-noor. Greatly wondering at his request, the Queen, with her wonted courtesy, gave orders that the jewel should be sent for, and that it should be brought under armed guard from the Tower to Buckingham Palace. In due time it arrived and was carried to the state apartments, and handed to the Maharajah, while all present watched eagerly to see what he would do. Taking the priceless jewel with great reverence in his hand, he walked to the window, where he examined it carefully. Then as the onlookers still wondered, he walked back with it still clasped in his hand, and knelt at the feet of the Queen. 'Madam,' he said, greatly moved, 'I gave you this jewel when I was a child, too young to know what I was doing. I want to give it again, in the fullness of my strength, with all my heart, and affection, and gratitude, now and forever, FULLY REALIZING ALL THAT I DO.'

Soldier, have you in your manhood given again to God and His Christ the precious jewel of your heart and life? Have you given it in the fullness of your strength, with all your heart, and affection and gratitude, now and forever, fully realizing all that you do? If you haven't, may God help you to do it today.

## small Talk

Cpl. Thwattletwat P. U. Lemondrop, the only man in his squadron to wear an ankle bracelet, was skipping along the road toward the mess hall for evening chow. He was as happy as a Corporal could be. In fact, that was the reason: he was a two-striper, and after 16 years service as a Pfc, too. But his gay spirit was a bit dampened by the premonition that any moment some merciless shavetail just out of OCS would breeze along lusting for power and rip his second stripe off, or maybe both of them.

He was so busy skipping along the road, kicking little stones with his left foot and thinking what he was going to do when he got to be a Staff that he laced his fingers over the top of his head and looked at the sky with his warm brown eyes, and did not notice the Captain approaching.

"HALT!" shouted the Captain, a man with the personality of a mess-hall grease-trap, and the big red veins on his neck stood out in anger. P. U. halted. He trembled. He wished he were a thousand miles away down in Texas chasing jackrabbits and brown-eyed Mexican girls. He heard the Captain's leaden footsteps resound on the hard pavement as he approached, and by the time the Captain had pushed his big red nose into his face he was trembling like a movie heroine in a murder mystery.

"Doncha know ya gotta saloot soupeeriyers?" demanded the Captain, and his neck veins bulged. Thwattletwat's words turned to stone in his mouth, and he felt his Adam's apple freeze solid.

"Gulg—gulg—," he said feebly, and shivered more than ever. By this time the Captain had his pocket edition of ARs and Articles of War out, thumbing thru for a reference.

"It says here ya gotta—," and the Captain pointed out the spot in the book where somebody had marked it for him.

"Glug—glub—," gasped Lemondrop, and with this he fainted dead away. When he awoke, he was on his own little bunk surrounded by pin-up pictures. He looked at his sleeve. The strips were gone. P. U. bit his lip, "Glub—Glug," he said, a bit inarticulately, and he ran out the door, heading for the Chapel double-time.

## Ye Liftings

"What's the matter little boy?" asked a nice grey-haired old lady of a little boy crying on the steps of his house.

"Awww—Mom drowned the little kittens this morning," he said.

"That's too bad. I'm sorry for you," the lady said.

"Yeah, she said she'd let me do it!"

Little Jeanie: I yam sorry big boy, but I never go out wid perfect strangers.

GI Joe: But Baby Honey, who the hell said I was perfect?

Santa Claus is the only guy we know of that can wag around with an old bag all night and never get talked about.

Poil from Ponca and I were sitting on the couch.

"I'm afraid you can't see me any more," she said.

"What do you mean?" I asked.

She reached up and turned out the light.

"Who did you marry, Prunella?" her friend asked.

"A lug from the village fire department."

"Volunteer, honey!"

"Hell no, Dad had to make him."

## This Week . . .

— at the service club things are popping as usual. The English club has changed its night, but as a whole the program runs as smoothly as before.

Special events this past week were the Spring Cleaning Dances, one on Tuesday sponsored by the 448th Squadron, and the other regular 322nd affair on Thursday.

- Coming soon we find:
- Friday—GI Party—free java and cookies—Movies—Song Fest
  - Saturday—Open night
  - Sunday—Also
  - Monday—1900 Foto Club; 2015 Bingo—Free Prizes!
  - Tuesday—Regular Dance—sponsored by 1088th Guard Squadron
  - Wednesday—1900 English Club; 2015 Quizzer—Plenty of Prizes
  - Thursday—1900 Little Theatrah Group; 2000 322nd Squadron Party
  - Friday—GI again.

Members of the SF photography class met Monday evening in the enlisted men's service club where a talk on photographic composition was made by 2nd Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, field photographic officer. A number of Kodochrome transparencies taken by Lt. Armstrong in various sections of the United States were shown class members.

### This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 11 March

\* THE IMPOSTER  
Jean Gabin, Ellen Drew  
Richard Whorf  
This is America

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Sun. and Mon., 12-13 March

\* RATIONING  
Wallace Beery, Marjorie Main  
News of the Day  
Army-Navy Screen Magazine

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Tuesday, 14 March

\* HEY ROOKIE!  
Dogie Round Up  
Snapshots—Cartoon

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Wed. and Thurs., 15-16 March

\* TENDER COMRADE  
Ginger Rogers, Robert Ryan  
News of the Day  
How to be a Sailor

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Friday, 17 March

\* BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS REY  
Frances Lederer, Lynn Bari  
A Day in June

\* Family



**Q.** I was discharged after overseas duty and later I was recalled to the service. Under the provisions of the new Muster-Out law, may I get my discharge pay now or must I wait until after the war?

**A.** You've got to wait. Men recalled to active duty are not eligible for muster-out pay until they are again discharged or relieved from active duty.

**Q.** What's all this "limited service" malarkey? I thought the Army no longer accepted men for limited service.

**A.** The Army no longer uses the term "limited service" in inducting men. In some cases, however, men who do not meet the standards for combat service may be inducted because of their special skills.

## Have You Read—

*Such Interesting People*  
by Robert J. Casey

Yes, when you're a reporter you meet such interesting people—and they're all in the newspaper business! In hilarious case histories, Casey has demonstrated that not only is this theory true, but that the newspaper business and pandemonium are the same thing.

Since the majority of newspaper men meet more policemen than members of royalty, *Such Interesting People* are lesser-known names with big personalities. The gamut of human types is run and their multitude of experiences lend basis for stories which have become, or will become, legends—legends of an era that is past yet not gone. As a veteran newspaperman, Bob Casey can speak with authority on the figures who peopled this just-past period in a business that holds fascination for us all.

Written in a pause before another assignment (he's already covered France, Germany, Belgium, England in the blitz, Egypt, the Mediterranean, Midway and other great battles), the war is entirely unmentioned in this reminiscence. Famous for his shop-talk conversations and Irish-American humor, Casey has let himself go and the result is a riot deserving of the front page.

## Vaynes Has Dood It

Social reports have it that Sgt. Steve Vaynes of the Finance Detachment is no longer a single man. When he went home to Welch, West Va., he gathered up a little chick named Ruby Jane Smith, hurried her off to Pike County seat in Pikesville, Kentucky, and married her. Mrs. Vaynes is a nurse at the Stevens Clinic in Welch.

This marriage business seems to be the rage over in the money-counting gang, because just a few weeks before Tech Julius Leeds had led a lass up the aisle in Chicago. Ah, life! Life!

## What's new in your home town?

Burbank, Calif. (CNS) — Mrs. Helen Smith telephoned police and asked: "Where is my husband? I shot him and now I can't find him anywhere." The police found husband Harry in a hospital and if he wants to find his wife, she'll be in jail, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Detroit (CNS) — Plagued with rats, John Gremblewski prepared a tasty ham sandwich, then poisoned it and left it for the rodents. Later he became hungry and ate the sandwich himself. Doctors say he will live.

Haverford, Pa. (CNS) — To Johnny Crampton, 2, smoke means "choo-choo." So when he began hollering "choo-choo" the other day, his grandmother peeked into the nursery. She found a mattress had been ignited by a short circuit, setting the house afire. Damage was slight.

Los Angeles (CNS) — Prisoner Ponciano Pena sawed his way through his cell window on the 13th floor of the county jail. He was spotted on the roof by a keeper who casually remarked that dinner was ready. Pena immediately abandoned his escape efforts to tie on the feed bag.

Minneapolis (CNS) — Paul Revere, a truck driver, paid \$13.50 in court fines for his wild ride through Minneapolis the other night. Revere was arrested on a charge of speeding. "Your namesake had a good reason to be in a hurry," said the judge, "but you didn't."

Chicago (CNS) — Mrs. Marge Wilson told the judge that she was to blame because her son had stolen an automobile. "You see," she explained, "I wasn't at home. I was serving on a jury in this courtroom." The judge ordered her son placed on probation.

Kansas City (CNS)—Bill Peterson, a night club manager, was troubled by the manpower shortage. So he hired his two daughters as waitresses, his wife as hostess, his ex-wife as cashier and his father as doorman.

USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)	
Sat.	Win. Dance
Ark.	Informal dancing in Jukebox
Sun.	Win. Program. Free call
Ark.	Bingo. Free call
Mon.	Win. Kitchen party night
Ark.	Bridge and game night
Tues.	Win. Service club dance
Ark.	Do-as-you-please
Wed.	Win. Specialty numbers—Members 322nd Sqdn. of SF
Ark.	Snack-bar party
Thurs.	Win. Bridge party. Shuffle Board
Ark.	Ping pong tournament for GI's, wives and GSO's
Fri.	Win. Game night
Ark.	Married couples night

# PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.  
MAJOR J. W. BOXLEY, Special Service Officer

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Miss Roxie May McNally, formerly a double needle operator for the Mid-American Uniform company of Ponca City and the Fruhauf Uniform company of Wichita, has been accepted for service with the armed forces as a Wac. She was sworn in at Strother Field, Kansas, by Lt. Geraldine Levy, WAC.

By donning the uniform Uncle Sam provides for his nieces of the Women's Army Corps, Miss McNally feels she is helping pay an obligation to her brother, Pvt. Jesse J. McNally, 20, Air Forces engineer who was killed in combat in North Africa last November 26. She has a second sincere purpose, too:

"I've heard a lot of soldiers talk about how much they wanted to go home and I decided if more of us women got in the armed forces the sooner everybody would get back home. That's why I'm signing up with the Women's Army Corps," Miss McNally told a reporter.

For several years Miss McNally has made her home with her cousin, Charles Reynolds, and Mrs. Reynolds of 521 East Jackson avenue, Arkansas City. She is a daughter of Mrs. Ellen McNally of 225 Asher St., Chillicothe, Mo., and is a native of Chillicothe.

Miss McNally is the first Cowley county young woman to enter the Women's Army Corps through the facilities of Strother Field.

### Kownick's Korn

By Sgt. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Wolf Notes: "He must be a Russian. Look at the advances he's making!"

Foreign Reporter: "These Jap Zero planes are just a like a pair of step-ins. It takes only one Yank to bring them down!!!"

From the Staggering Reporter: Know a fellow who would make a great song writer—if he could get past the first two bars!!!"

Beauty notes: Nothing is less attractive than an elderly woman with bleached (or hennaed) hair. It seems, only the young dye good.

### Pro Baseball Player Completing Basic Here

Robert Martin Garrison, 21, of Benton, Ill., who was under option to the Cleveland Indians when he volunteered for air crew training with the Army Air Forces, is nearing end of the basic phase of his course at Strother Field.

For three years before he entered the Army Air Forces, Garrison was with the Cleveland Indians' farm system. During that time he played shortstop and third base for Cedar Rapids of the Three I league (Indiana, Iowa and Illinois) for Fargo, N. D., and Wausau, Wis., of the Northern league, Flint of the Michigan State league, Appleton of the Wisconsin State league, and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., of the Eastern league. When he volunteered in 1942 for air crew training with the Army Air Forces, Garrison was under option to the Minneapolis, Minn., club of the A. A. A. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Garrison of 800 West Main St., Benton, Ill.

### 448th To Have Second Beer Bust

The second squadron party held by members of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron is scheduled for this Saturday evening, March 11th, in the Veterans of Foreign Wars clubroom at Arkansas City.

Party activities are scheduled to begin at 2030 but members of the squadron are welcome to time their arrival as early as 1830. Squadron representatives will be on hand to see that early arrivals get off to a good start for the evening's affair.

Members of the Edler School of Dancing in Wichita will provide entertainment during the evening. There will be lots of food, beer and soft drinks for guests. Refreshments will be served by civilian employees. 1st. Sgt. James T. Williford will be in charge of the entertainment program while Sgt. Montelle Harvey sees that everyone gets plenty of food and refreshments.

S/Sgt. Joseph Paulk has been appointed official bouncer by the orderly room strategists.

### 50 Out of 40 -- Not Bad

"Shucks, maybe the bullets turned around after they hit the target and came through a second time," was the explanation recently given by an enlisted man of Strother Field who found 50 bullet holes in his target following his firing of the carbine. Remember, you fired only 40 rounds at the target?

We don't know whether he qualified even after 10 extra shots, but if he did he should receive only half a medal—after all, the nervous soldier either to his right or left should share in his glory.

### Ark City USO In New Location

The Arkansas City USO has been moved from the old location, the corner of Second street and Central avenue, to its new up-town quarters in the former Townsend building in the 200 block South Summit street.

The formal opening of the building has been scheduled for Saturday, March 18th, but enlisted men have been using the new building all this week, thoroughly enjoying the central location and facilities of the new building.

All furniture and equipment was installed in the building the first of this week, following redecoration work on the structure. The walls are a light cream color and new draperies are being made for the windows. A powder room for GSO girls is to be located in the basement of the new location and a room to be used by soldiers for pressing their clothing is also planned in the basement of the building.

USO officials stated that the Strother Field-Ark City bus would make stops in front of the building, which is less than one-half block south of Summit and Fifth avenue, the regular starting place of the bus line in its run to Strother Field.

Know a fellow, when his car was stolen he refused to notify the police—because his wife was in it! Now he won't have to worry about her driving him to the poorhouse. Sgt. Warren is a smart man. He hasn't let a woman pin anything on him since he was a baby.

New Comerstown, O. (CNS)—Arrested for beating a woman he sat next to in a movie, Earl Sayre had a logical explanation. "I thought she was my wife," he said.

### Soldiers Will Get

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have to pay an income tax this year:

You must file a tax return IF—  
1. You paid or owed a tax on 1942 income.

2. You are single and had an income in 1943 of more than \$2,000 (including service pay of \$1,500 and civilian income of \$500).

3. You are married and had a combined income in 1943 of more than \$1,200 excluding your service pay.

Clear enough?

As a parting suggestion, the Treasury Department has recommended that you use tax form 1040A—a new simplified type of income tax form—if your total income is less than \$3,000, which it probably is.

North Stage:

Instructor (just before spin): "I'll bet 50% of the people down there thought we were going to spin in."

Student: "Yes, sir!! And 50% of the people up here thought so, too."



From their "desert ships" on the sands of the Sahara, 1st. Lt. Louis A. Marignoni, now a Strother Field tactical officer, and his Uhrichville, Ohio, chum, T/Sgt. Roger Cahaney, see the Pyramids. Their chance meeting at the other end of the world inspired a "holiday" trip aboard camels, and the picture above.

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE GENERALS? —DO YOU ALLOW STRIP POKER IN THE ARMY? MAY I SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING?

THEY'RE IN THEIR WORKING CLOTHES, MISS LACE... YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO THEM—THEY-AH—SMELL...



THAT EVENING... THE COLONEL'S COMPLIMENTS, MISS LACE... MAY HE CUT IN?

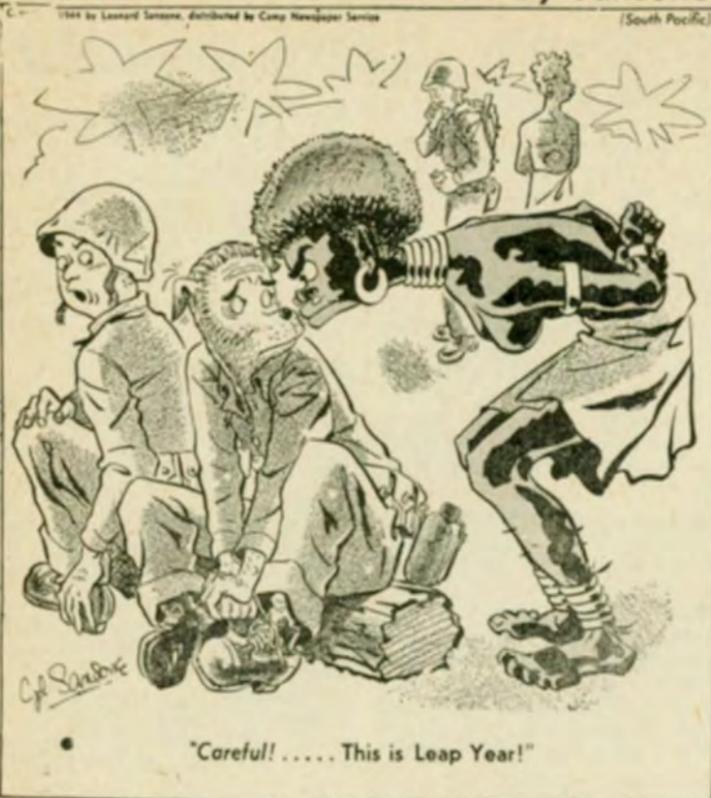
### He'll Have To Go Through Chanel's



MY REGRETS TO THE COLONEL! TELL HIM I'M IN MY WORKING CLOTHES... HE WOULDN'T WANT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO ME — I SMELL!!

MILTON CANIFF

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"Careful! . . . This is Leap Year!"



## Baseball Season Getting Near

Spring is in the air, and main sound-effect of the season should be hickory smacking against rawhide—baseball practice.

The Strother Field team members of last year's victorious aggregate are rarin' to go—Capt. T. R. Hottenfeller and Capt. O. P. Stoner are ready to issue equipment—M/Sgt. Johnnie Harding, ace hurler of last season has returned to SF and is anxious to start burning them across the plate. In fact there are only two things holding up the start of playing practice: 1. Whether Arkansas City will have a league this year; 2. Army ruling against traveling by government vehicle distances exceeding 25 miles.

Bill Burton of Arkansas City, one of the town's leading baseball enthusiasts, is now working on the formation of a league and said he and all other Arkansas Citizens would want Strother Field to enter the league if it can possibly be organized. "The way our young men are being taken into service makes it difficult in many instances for local firms to know how long they can keep a complete team together, but we'll have a league if I have to organize it myself," said Mr. Burton.

The ruling against using government transportation for service baseball teams traveling over 25 miles from their station, would of course, have nothing to do with playing in the A. C. league, but it does mean that games could not be scheduled with other service teams as was done last season. All such travel would have to be by chartered transportation, cost of which would be up to the team itself. This of course is an expensive proposition.

Anyway, if Ark. City organizes a league Strother Field should enter a team. The service players were very popular with civilians attending last year's games, and a lot of fine entertainment is provided the military personnel of the field through this sports medium.

## Cadets Set PFR Record

Cadet class 44-E set a new record in average PFR during the recent physical fitness tests given the group. The class members averaged 73.4 which surpasses cadet results for any previous class stationed at Strother Field. Two cadets of class 44-E had a PFR of 90 and six hit the 85 mark.

James S. Denning had the highest sum score, 266, as a result of doing 114 sit-ups, 21 pull-ups and running the 300-yard shuttle distance in 45 seconds. In second place was Charles L. Wilson, with 114 sit-ups, 23 pull-ups and 46 seconds for the shuttle run. This gave him a sum score of 265.

In third place is Herman R. Rosoll with 114 sit-ups, 20 pull-ups and 48 seconds for the shuttle run, and a sum score of 256. Fourth place honors were won by Kent L. Copenhaver with a sum score of 254. He performed 108 sit-ups, 14 pull-ups and covered the shuttle distance in 50 seconds.

Tied for fifth place were T. J. Dunlap and Raymond A. Firman with a sum score of 253. Dunlap did 114 sit-ups, 20 pull-ups and ran the shuttle in 49 seconds. Firman also did 114 sit-ups, but only 19 pull-ups. He ran the shuttle race in one second less time however, 48 seconds.

Tied for seventh place were Albert T. Hinnenkamp and Richard R. Paskert with a sum score of 249. Hinnenkamp did 114 sit-ups, 16 pull-ups and ran the shuttle in 45 seconds. Paskert also did 114 sit-ups and totaled 20 pull-ups. He took 51 seconds to run the shuttle

## South Stage Takes Lead In Officers' Basketball Battle

The Strother Field officer basketball league reached the end of the first round of play Wednesday night and the South Stage team took first place honors in the standings when it whipped the Administrative officers by a score of 34 to 14. Capt. W. H. Carlisle's rapid-fire basketweavers were too much for Major J. W. Boxley's Administrative outfit.

The game started with Adm. Officers scoring two baskets before the South Stagers tallied a single point—then the fireworks went off. The SS team made 6 points while the Adm. team ran its total to 7 points at the end of the first quarter. In the second period the SS scored 12 points to the Adm. 2 points making the score 18 to 9 in favor of the former team. From then on there was no doubt as to the victor. Both teams had been tied with 2 games won and none lost up to Wednesday night's game.

1st. Lt. J. L. Sublett, South Stage forward was red-hot, scoring 14 points. Major Boxley was high man for his team with 8 points.

The defeat was a bitter pill for Major Boxley whose only comment was, "I don't see how in the hell a person with the ability and agility of 1st. Lt. Mize could play a whole game without scoring a single point."

In the other game of the evening the North Stage defeated the Center Stage by a score of 19 to 15. 1st. Lt. D. S. Campbell, NS

forward was high man for his team with 5 points. 2nd. Lt. W. E. Wendling made 6 points to lead in scoring for the Center Stage outfit.

The game was close throughout, the Center Stage leading, 7 to 4 in the first quarter. The lead switched to the North Stage, 11 to 9 at the half. The NS led 14 to 13 at the third quarter and increased the lead to win 19 to 15.

South Stage—34		Administrative—14	
Sublett, f	7	Lange, f	1
Hinkley, f	2	Baldwin, f	0
Dunn, f	3	Stoner, f	1
Hardin, f	0	Switzer, f	0
Carlisle, c	4	Mize, c	0
Conte, c	0	Boxley, c	4
Gunther, c	0	Fair, c	0
Douglas, c	0	Armstrong, c	0
Neff, c	0	Sower, c	0
Saunders, c	0	Barnett, c	0
Otto, c	0	Brooks, c	0
Smith, c	0		
	16		6

Center Stage—15		North Stage—19	
Bramble, f	1	Dench, f	2
Henderson, f	0	Campbell, f	2
Gordon, f	1	Brooks, c	2
Bradley, c	0	Clancy, c	1
Shion, c	1	Thornley, c	1
Quisenberry, c	1	Rowe, c	0
Wendling, c	2		
Robinson, c	1		
Corrick, c	0		
Bartley, c	0		
	7		8

## From Superintendent to Cadet: Ouch!



Typical of the young Americans now training for combat in the Army Air Forces is William Merion Wilder, who is nearing completion of his basic flying training at Strother Field, Kansas.

Wilder, whose home is at 624½ North Jefferson Ave., Dallas, Texas, took a four-year correspondence course in bridge construction after he'd finished his high school course at Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1935. While he studied at night, Wilder worked at the building trade by day. His studies and his work equipped him to fill an important job as construction superintendent with United States Engineers building lend-lease air fields in South America and the Caribbeans. For two years, Wilder was busy building air fields—and during the course of his work visited most of the islands of the West Indies and traveled all along the northern and eastern coasts of South America.

"Construction superintendent of lend-lease air fields" is a title to be interpreted in much hard work, sweat and determination, in the

opinion of Cadet Wilder.

"My special assignment was supervising construction of runways and roads. That meant from the time the stone was quarried until the runways were paved smoothly for the landing of the fast planes Uncle Sam and his Allies hoped to speed to that special point of vantage. It also meant rounding up a new crew of natives almost every day to resume work. They didn't realize the importance of speed in the work we were to accomplish and sometimes a worker wouldn't show up for days.

"I hope when I finish cadet training and get my commission and my silver pilot's wings that I am assigned to the Southwest Pacific. I've put in a lot of time in the tropical countries. I know how to get along down there."

Besides having a civilian background that is typical of young America, Wilder reflected a typical young American spirit when he jotted down on his Strother Field information sheet:

"Like flying and am anxious for combat duty."

## SF Carbine Shooters Splatter Bulls-Eye

When it comes to shootin', the military personnel of Strother Field draw a mean bead, as evident in this list of individuals who have successfully completed the prescribed course of firing the carbine, cal. 30. (If your name is not listed below you'll have to wait until next week's installment of this "wild-west" continued story.)

### Carbine Expert

1st. Sgt. Clovis H. Robbins, M-Sgt. Grover C. Young, Sgt. Warren H. Menk, Cpl. Orville K. Schultz, Pfc. Herbert A. Riquelmy, Pfc. Lee C. Skipworth, Pvt. William C. Branstetter, T-Sgt. John T. Barber, S-Sgt. Franklin F. Hudgins, S-Sgt. William E. Noonan, S-Sgt. Morris J. Phillips, Sgt. Burl S. Alexander, Sgt. Thomas E. Burg, Sgt. Willard F. Dickson, Sgt. Bruce C. Martin, Sgt. Boyd L. Miller, Sgt. Raymond F. Zann, Cpl. Douglas E. Opsahl, Pfc. Wayne C. Craig, Pfc. Alden L. Doane Jr., Pfc. Oscar F. Duron, Pfc. Eino M. Kangas, Pfc. William T. Lohrke, Pfc. William G. Nold, Pfc. John H. Pierce, Pvt. Clifford S. Hunt, Pvt. Charles H. Logelin, Pvt. Don L. Patrick.

### Carbine Sharpshooter

M-Sgt. Joseph S. Haldek, T-Sgt. Willard M. Baumbardner, T-Sgt. Herbert L. Fulton, T-Sgt. Peter Keshless, T-Sgt. John T. Pinkney, T-Sgt. Thurman E. Kidwell, S-Sgt. William T. Moreland, S-Sgt. Gordon S. Oswald, S-Sgt. Thomas E. Phillips, S-Sgt. Richard G. Pokorski, S-Sgt. Jackie Webb, S-Sgt. William J. Werner, S-Sgt. Samuel R. Wood Jr., Sgt. Garret H. Aigner, Sgt. Willis G. Barnett, Sgt. Karl T. Burros, Sgt. Jesse L. Dunn, Sgt. Edward A. Fry, Sgt. Edwin F. Gaddis, Sgt. Myron J. Gordon, Sgt. Beryl E. Gray, Sgt. Frank W. Halford, Sgt. Howard L. Haney, Sgt. C. B. Hardy Jr., Sgt. Earl R. Harris, Sgt. Charles A. Hetrick Jr., Sgt. Ernest H. Layton, Sgt. Floyd H. Marcott, Sgt. Raymond V. Rupp, Sgt. Oran H. Smith, Sgt. Harvey A. Twichell, Cpl. Gordon W. Cobb, Cpl. William J. Doolittle, Cpl. Edward R. Fastner, Cpl. Almon B. Godfrey, Cpl. Erving P. Hansen, Cpl. Melvin R. Harper, Cpl. John N. Hoffernan, Cpl. Edward C. Henry, Cpl. Paul Keeskes Jr., Cpl. Paul E. Kettwig, Cpl. Floyd G. Kodalen, Cpl. Harry C. Lutge, Cpl. James T. Moore, Cpl. Joseph V. Otowski, Cpl. Lewis A. Perry, Cpl. William L. Toney, Cpl. Lovard Wedgeworth, Cpl. Donald N. Wiedeman, Pvt. Eugene W. Carr, Pfc. William R. Arnall, Pfc. Edward L. Beckett, Pfc. Norman K. Bithell, Pfc. Fremont D. Flory, Pfc. Bill C. Gill, Pfc. Roscoe E. Hays, Pfc. Jay C. Herem, Pfc. Robert A. Hortvet, Pfc. Clyde A. Kane, Pfc. James Mann, Pfc. Charles E. Millisp, Pfc. Raymond J. Murray, Pfc. George A. Muirbrook, Pfc. Dale E. Shintaffer, Pfc. Hershel L. Smith, Pfc. Harold C. Swan, Pvt. Frank L. Anderson, Pvt. Nick Capp, Pvt. Ray M. Edward, Pvt. Charles E. Enfield, Pvt. George W. Flaim, Pvt. Andrew J. Hipp, Pvt. Richard E. Hollows Jr., Pvt. John Hoskins, Pvt. George R. Johnson, Pvt. Harry F. Marty, Pvt. Cecil R. Mayes, Pvt. Eulice A. McCaffity, Pvt. John V. McDonald, Pvt. Joseph F. Simunice, Pvt. John B. Stebar, Pvt. George D. Szulereki, T-Sgt. Estil L. Chrisman, S-Sgt. Bob L. Newbill, S-Sgt. Harold M. Pearson, S-Sgt. Lester E. Stockamp, Sgt. Eugene W. Bieghler, Sgt. Laverne R. Etling, Sgt. Lloyd L. Hunsucker, Sgt. Leo M. Jostad, Sgt. Austin Nelson, Sgt. Marion Pere Jr., Sgt. Milton H. Rasmussen, Cpl. Elbert S. Davis, Cpl. Ellick B. Kocurek, Cpl. John H. Martin Jr., Pfc. Maurice G. Bieheray, Pfc. Glen V. Child, Pfc. Chester R. Glenn, Pfc. Richard Gonsoulin, Pfc. Cecil A. Harrell, Pfc. Glea Heller, Pfc. Elwood W. Rindahl, Pfc. Michael P. Tronecale, Pvt. Louis F. Addeo, Pvt. Wilben G. Gathings and Pvt. Hector E. Simons.

Sub-Depot: She has a son in the Army who is too handsome for one boy. He should be divided up into squads.

## Medal-Heavy Vet

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plane. However, by a stroke of fortune it broke loose and he reached ground safely. His clothes had been burned from one badly burned leg, and his face was somewhat seared. Immediately he was surrounded by Italians—not warring enemies but souvenir hunters.

Two hours later as Captain Thomas lay on a hospital stretcher, a German sergeant walked in to chat. He was the pilot of the Focke-Wulf Captain Thomas had just downed. He spoke good English, and calmly and apparently without hard feelings discussed the battle that had brought two planes to earth and two pilots to the same hospital.

Within a short time, an Italian asked admittance. He was the man who fired the ack-ack gun that had set Captain Thomas' plane afire. He apologized solicitously, said he was forced into the army by his country at war and that as was true of many Italians he had no wish for fighting.

When the German armies retreated, Captain Thomas escaped to join the Americans, later was evacuated and taken to North Africa for recuperation. There he was made a squadron commander and informed that his flying days over enemy territory in the European theater were at an end. Under terms of the Geneva treaty, an escaped prisoner of war becomes classed as a spy if he again is caught in enemy territory and may be shot preemptorily.

Captain Thomas will be 24 years old next May. He is the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Thomas of Ada, Okla.

## 'Oh What a Beautiful Mixup!

1st. Lt. G. W. Black had a PFR of 81 instead of 78 in the recent physical fitness tests given officers of Strother Field. The wrong PFR figure appeared in the Prairie Flier last week as the result of too much tabulation by a PF reporter. Lt. Black was also ranked as a second lieutenant instead of a first. This error was not due to the PF, thank goodness. Lt. Black ran the shuttle distance in 47 seconds instead of 51 seconds as appeared in print, this gave him a sum score of 241 instead of 231.

In making these corrections we find that due to the tie for first place between 1st. Lt. G. D. Allen and 1st. Lt. F. W. Holbein, 2nd. Lt. Clarence Henrickson who had a PFR of 81 with a sum score of 248 finished in third place instead of second, as erroneously reported last week, therefore placing Lt. Black in fourth place instead of third.

Met a fellow who's so dumb—he thought an army bugle was a weapon . . . because it dealt some awful blows.



## Seven Husky Muskegon Men Represent Wolverine State Here

Seven Muskegon, Mich., men serving Uncle Sam in the Army Air Forces are stationed at Strother Field, army basic flying school in South Central Kansas. They are: Cpl. Hugh O. Abbott Sgt. Edward J. Stewart, Cpl. William E. Garrison, Pfc. Floyd A. Gee, Pvt. Emil M. Carlson, Pfc. Leland N. Griggs, Pfc. Robert B. Knapp, and Pfc. Arthur E. Lamoreaux.

Cpl. Abbott, son of Mrs. Jack S. Abbott, 785 Evanston Ave., before enlisting was employed with the Liquor Control Commission. He is one of three brothers now serving in the armed forces. As a civilian Abbott was a popular member of the Old Milwaukee Soft Ball Club. His present duty at Strother is clerical work in the adjutant section.

Sgt. Stewart, son of Mr. Eugene H. Stewart, 1729 Superior St., and Mrs. Jenny H. Stewart, 35 E. Iona Ave., also was employed by the Liquor Control Commission before becoming a G.I. As a student, he was active in basketball, baseball, football and track. Stewart's with the post technical inspector's office.

William E. Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Garrison, 1868 Manz St., is a former member of the Muskegon High School band and was employed by the Continental

## SF Civilians Beat War Bond Quota

Civilian personnel of Strother Field beat their Fourth War Bond drive quota by the sum of \$337.50 according to figures released this week by 2nd. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, war bond officer.

The quota of \$29,250.00 was surpassed when these workers purchased \$29,587.50 during the drive. Civilian workers in the Post Exchange purchased \$2,700.00 in war bonds, which boosts the total purchases of civilian personnel to \$32,287.50. The PX group was not included in the original quota figure.

Ye men from Michigan are: (l. to r.) Pvt. Emil M. Carlson, Cpl. Hugh O. Abbott (low man), stargazer Sgt. E. J. Stewart, Pfc. Arthur E. Lamoreaux, (in cockpit) Pfc. Floyd A. Gee, Pfc. Leland M. Briggs, and Cpl. William E. Garrison.

Aircraft Motors Corporation before his enlistment. Cpl. Garrison is with the public relations office.

Pfc. Leland N. Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto M. Griggs, 1527 Montgomery Ave., was a member of the Muskegon high football, basketball and track teams in 1939 and 1940. After he finished school, he worked at the Muskegon Piston Ring Co. Briggs is on duty with the 1082nd Basic Flying Training Squadron as a mechanic.

Pfc. Arthur E. Lamoreaux, also a mechanic with the 1082 BFT Sq., is the son of Mrs. Marie Lamoreaux, 1820 Cherry St. In civilian life, he was an employee of the Shaw Box Crane as a layout man.

Pfc. Floyd A. Gee, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gee, 371 W. Western Ave., prior to his enlistment was butcher with Smith's Packing Co. Now assigned to the 448th Base Hq. & A.B. Sq. Gee is still a butcher but for Uncle Sam. He works in the Strother Field Central butcher shop where meats for all the post's mess halls are prepared for cooking.

Pvt. Emil M. Carlson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Carlson, 2184 Torrent St. Before joining the ranks, he was employed by the Muskegon Tanning Co. His duties now are with the field lighting crew.

Hey youse guys! Don't forget the monthly tea dance this coming Sunday, 19 March. The leaping Lenas from Wellington will be rarin' to zoot it out with yuh, so don't miss the boat!

And remember, chums, the dance starts at four bells and lasts until seven, with music provided by the post orchestra.

## 1082nd Shindig to Be on Saturday

Beginning at 1900 tomorrow, Saturday evening, members of the 1082nd Squadron, their officers and invited guests are scheduled for a great time—a squadron party in the Veterans of Foreign Wars clubrooms at Arkansas City.

There is to be food, drinks and dancing on the program according to 1st. Lt. Sherman L. Elliott, Jr., squadron commander. Speaking of the food situation for the party, here is the "line-up," baked chicken, dressing, potato salad, hot rolls, pickles, potato chips, beer and soft drinks.

The Airchords, Strother Field dance orchestra, will be on hand for the occasion, so everyone in the squadron is assured of the best in musical entertainment.

It is hoped that flying on Saturday can be called off early so that members of the 1082nd squadron can attend the party, according to Lt. Elliott.

## Time Extension For Insignias

The Strother Field insignia contest has been extended until March 24th in order to allow more time for officers and enlisted men to submit entries.

Colonel J. F. Carroll, commanding officer of SF, recently announced that entries should be symbolic of this field and should contain no lettering either for use of the field name or activities on the base.

A \$25 prize is being offered for the best entry submitted in the contest.

## Cadet Class 44-E Completes Basic; New Class 44-G at SF

From three primary schools in the Central Flying Training Command another swarm of fledgling pilots settled down on Strother Field this week to take up the rigorous air and ground training at an Army Air Forces basic installation as Class 44-G.

The flutter of their wings followed close on the whirring swish of departure of one of the largest classes of young army fliers to take their basic flying training at Strother Field—Class 44-E. During last week-end and Monday of this week, Class 44-E wound up its heavy schedule of combat preparation at Strother Field, packed up and left for advanced school. Cadets who indicated a preference for flying single-engine ships were sent to Eagle Pass Army Air Field, Eagle Pass, Texas. Those who wanted twin-engine advanced school assignments went to Frederick Army Air Field, Frederick, Okla., to Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Texas, or to South Plains Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas. Representatives of 36 states of the Union and of the District of Columbia, they now enter the final nine weeks' training of the aviation cadet pilot course that for most of them has consumed more than one year's time in preparation.

Members of Class 44-G came from three primary flight schools of the Training Command—Harvey Parks Airport, Sikeston, Mo., Corsicana Field, Corsicana, Texas, and Hicks Field, Fort Worth, Texas. They arrived at Strother Field Monday.

## Strother Field Has Annual Inspection

Remember this line in "A Visit from St. Nicholas"? "Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." The GI version has been going on all week at Strother Field, only the visit has been by members of the Inspector General's staff from the Central Flying Training Command headquarters at Randolph Field, Texas, and members of the air inspector's department of the 32nd Flying Training wing at Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas.

## To Equip Two Tennis Courts

Add to the list of spring and summer sports at Strother Field the long-awaited name of tennis. Nets and posts for two courts have been ordered by the athletic department and installation of this equipment will take place upon its arrival.

The courts will be located on the asphalt play areas north of the post theater, so come rain or shine the officers and enlisted men of this field can bang away at this popular sport.

## Slips That Pass In the Trite

Annual inspections have their humorous side—take for instance the corporal on Strother Field who met his squadron adjutant in the orderly room and said, "Hello, sergeant."

The officer, being a swell guy and probably a little jittery over the inspection, answered, "Hello," and went on his way!

"Not a creature was stirring" was true of military personnel, unless you could count reflex action of weary body-muscles every time a door opened. Everyone had scrubbed, racked, swept, polished (no apples in this case) until their backs and arms were weary. 'Twas rumored that some enlisted men passed by their own offices—couldn't recognize the buildings and areas that were so immaculate.

As for the "mouse," he has not dared stick his head out of his hole in the wall for fear of being GI'd along with the rest of the building. And too, he didn't have his "mouse tags" or paybook on him.

Here's hoping the inspection party found Strother Field in A-1 condition during their thorough checking of all activities, and investigation of each organization, department and office.

The inspector general's staff included Lt. Col. John L. Warren, Major Andrew E. Prosser, Capt. Frank E. Dixon, Warrant Officer Charles A. Malesky, Warrant Officer Sheldon L. Staples and S/Sgt. Ralph M. McDanolds. Results of their findings will serve a dual purpose, for in addition to making an annual investigation for the inspector general at Washington, a copy of their findings will go to the commanding general to Central Flying Tng. Command.

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# Speaking of--Killing Germans

The simplest way to kill a German is to place a bayonet against his belly and push. Even on the field, where bayonets are seldom seen and the daily routine of work on the line or in an office seems far-removed from battle, our main job is to kill Germans. We may be doing our killing indirectly, but we must not forget that anyone who kills the enemy is helping us do our job, helping us win the war, and helping us get back to our homes and families.

Right now the Russians are killing a whale of a lot of Germans. In spite of this, a lot of soldiers seem to think that we're fighting one war against Germany and Russia is fighting another. A few soldiers are getting involved in arguments about Communism, what Russia will do after the war, how far Stalin can be trusted, and whether or not Russia will sign a separate peace. Some of these arguments spread around the barracks, and some of them are heard by civilians downtown.

If the Germans could hear these discussions they would rub their hands and smile, for that is just the way our enemies want us to argue. The Germans want us to distrust our allies, for they know that their only hope of avoiding complete defeat lies in driving a wedge of suspicion between the allies.

Let's quit helping the enemy by doubting our friends. Let's leave politics and peace plans to Washington, where better heads than ours are working on these problems. Let's concentrate on winning the war.

And—however we may feel about politics and international relations—let's give thanks to the common Russian soldier for the magnificent way he has mastered the knack of placing a bayonet against a German belly and pushing. For the fields of Russia from the Baltic to the Black Sea are littered with the bodies of German soldiers who, but for the Russians, might have opposed our own men when the final big push comes. —By Lt. David R. McLean, A.C.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

The Chaplain's message for this week comes from the far Pacific, where the going is tough and our comrades are "playing for keeps." It comes to me by the way of a brother-in-law, Cpl. Wm. Defay Costner, somewhere in England, and is from the heart and pen of Chaplain Peter A. Dunn. Let's note what one who faces the worst the enemy can do feels is of supreme value:

"What is the use of being good? Why? Because it pays dividends. It brings positive results. Sure, sin looks mighty attractive. Lust, drunkenness, dirty language have the appearance of 'real living.' Alongside of them, virtue seems mighty dull and drab. But wait for a few years, check up on the payoffs. Then decide who is the winner.

"The stumblebum of paresis had plenty of 'fun' in his indiscretions. But what a payoff he finally got.

"The roaring drunken parties of the past were 'hot stuff' but rotting kidneys, faulty liver and wasted brain tissue are a tragic price to pay.

"The thief may chuckle at his ability to get something for nothing, but the haunted look bespeaks a fear that the showdown will someday come.

"No difficulty was ever solved by salty tears in a beer glass.

"No illicit dabbling ever brought contentment and peace.

"We may think that those 'stepping out' high, wide and handsome are getting the most out of life. In the words of St. Paul, they are just like a runner in a race putting in an extra spurt to get ahead of the pack but they are breaking their hearts in doing it.

"Professional gamblers always let the suckers win, at first. Then follows the deluge. When the showdown hands are 'called' the fool who flung everything on the board in the belief that he was winning finds out he is 'the low man on the totem pole.' The payoff finds virtue taking in the chips.

"The wheels of God's justice grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly well. Christ lost on Calvary; Satan lost on Easter Sunday. Hitler was winning yesterday, today the accounting approaches. Vice always plays a king, but virtue holds the ace.

"History has no record of a dying person regretting that he lived a good life."

## small Talk

The mess Sgt had his feet up on his desk and his service cap over his eyes. The day was over now, and the only sound audible was the night KPs softly peeling their potatoes. The Sgt wasn't asleep. He was day-dreaming. He had been day-dreaming about once each day after work every year of his long Army career, and no one had ever found him out. They all thought he was a rough old geezer with a thirst for blood, but really he was an easy-going home-loving mug who liked to hear the melody of children laughing and do a little day-dreaming every so often.

This evening he was dreaming about Sgts on KP—because they would probably be due in just a little while—and how he would treat them. He was PO at them as a whole, because they thought they were too good to work in his shining kitchen. He didn't like this because altho his job was dirty and rough, it was just as important as sitting behind a desk or pushing a wrench.

"But I tell ya I know a lot about cooking and food," sounded off one mythological Sgt in his dream, "I think I should be given a more responsible position than crew chief on that steam BT-13." One slim little Pfc, also a dream-person, looked out from behind a sliced carrot and grinned grimly, knowing what was coming.

"You are right," said the Mess Sgt himself in his dream, "So I shall fix you up. I shall put you in charge of Conservation for Explosives.—We begin with grease, and that means grease traps. I trust you will be happy in your new executive assignment, for we have three excellent, well-stocked traps. Come and see me when you get settled and let me know how things turn out," said the Mess Sgt to his dream-Sgt on KP, and in his mind he saw the pusher leading the three-striper away.

Then the dream faded a little, and the Mess Sgt's mind wandered away dreaming about some other pleasantries, while the night KPs went on softly peeling their potatoes.

## One Beer . . . One War Stamp

Just a minute, Chum, while you're on your way to the theatre or the beer bar, how about thinking about Uncle Sam and the boys across the pond? A good idea might be for you to buy a War Stamp for every show you attend or every beer you buy. Hell, you can't lose anything, and you'd be doing your share. How about it?

## This Week . . .

— — — in the service club things are rolling along "according to plan" as our pal Adolph used to say. Special features are the dances—the tea scramble on Sunday, and the regular Tuesday and Thursday jive drives.

The GI party is now an established custom among Strother men, so after Gling, don't forget to drop over and bat the breeze with the rest of the gang.

We have—  
Friday—GI Party, free cookies, java, movies and scuttlebut.

Saturday—Open night

Sunday—Guest Day—show the family or girl friend around. Tea Dance 1600 to 1900—Wellington girls.

Monday—1900: English Class in the Game Room, Foto Club in War Room; 2015 Bingo with lotsa swell prizes.

Tuesday—Dance and Jive, sponsored by the Medics.

Wednesday—2000 Quiz Program—Musical Program

Thursday—322nd Birthday Dance.

Friday—Start all over again.

## Ye Liftings

Little Winfield Girl, (adolescent about 25): Mommy can I go out and play? I finished my piano practicing.

Mother (head of the house): Yes, my darling daughter, but don't play with soldiers, they're rough.

Little Girl: Yah, Mommy, but if I find a nice smooth one, can I play with him?

Poil from Ponca: Whatcha slowin' down for?

Strother Sam: Aw somethin's the matter with this damn engine.

Poil: Don't be a joik, Sammy, wait till we get off the main road.

First Hahvahd Man: I say, who's that aht tha door?

The Janitor: (yelling outside) It's me chum, lemme in!

Second Hahvahd Man: What's he trying to sahy?

GI: Honey, Lovey, Baby, I just can't find words to tell yuh how I loves yuh.

Gertie: Well chum, you won't find 'em where you're looking.

Sally the Burlesque Stripper Queen woke up one moning to find herself fully clothed. "Yaaaaaaah!" She screamed. "Somebody come in here—I've been draped!"

And then comes the old standby:  
A Wolf is a guy with a biological gleam.  
And a Fox is a Wolf that sends flowers.  
A Weasel is a Fox that steals other guy's chickens,  
And a Minx is a Weasel that concentrates on Quail,  
While an Otter is a girl which shouldn't But does anyway.

### This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 18 March  
\* STAGE DOOR CANTEEN (Revival)  
All Star Cast  
Merrie Melodies

Sun.-Mon., 19-20 March  
\* THE UNINVITED  
Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey  
Donald Crisp  
News of the Day  
March of Time

Tuesday, 21 March  
Double Feature  
\* MOJAVE FIREBRAND  
Wild Bill Elliott, Gabby Haynes  
\* WEEKEND PASS  
Martha O'Driscoll,  
Noah Berry, Jr.

Wed.-Thurs., 22-23 March  
\* SEE HERE, PRIVATE HARGROVE  
Robert Walker, Donna Reed  
News of the Day  
With the Marines at Tarawa

Friday, 24 March  
\* LADY, LET'S DANCE  
Belita, James Ellison  
Little Lulu Cartoon  
Sportsopes  
\* Family



Q. Are airmen eligible to receive the Bronze Star?

A. Yes, under certain circumstances. The Bronze Star, newest Army award, is given "for heroic or meritorious achievement, in combat or in support of combat on the ground." It is expected that members of the ground forces will lead eligibility lists although airmen may win it too—but not in the air.

Q. I'm a sergeant with three years of service in the National Guard and three more with the A.U.S. Should I receive longevity pay for six years or three?

A. For six years. Longevity pay is based upon a soldier's total service.

Q. Is a soldier required to salute captured enemy officers?

A. Yes, the Prisoner of War Section of the Provost Marshal General's office says that he is, and the Prisoner of War Convention rules signed in Geneva in 1929 require that officers who are prisoners of war shall be treated "with the regard due their rank and age."

## Have You Read—

C/O POSTMASTER  
By Thomas R. St. George

This collection of narratives about Army life, formerly published in a series in the San Francisco Chronicle, by St. George is a book written by a GI for a GI. In common language it relates the happenings to a bunch of Joes just out of Basic, their troubles on the ship on the way over, which are damn funny, and their impressions of Australian life.

If you've read See Here, Private Hargrove, It's a Cinch, Private Finch, you won't want to miss the belly laughs in C/O POSTMASTER.

It's in your post library!

Lincoln, Neb. (CNS) — Draft board officials, rummaging through their instructions, were puzzled to discover that they now must consider for deferment all persons "engaged in the production of tetramethyldiaminodiphenylethane."

USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)	
Sat.....Win.....Informal dancing	Ark.....Informal dancing a la Jukebox
Sun.....Win.....Come be with Friday nite "Streamliners".Free call	Ark.....Bingo.Free call
Mon.....Win.....Kitchen party night	Ark.....Bridge and game night
Tues.....Win.....Service club dance	Ark.....Do-as-you-please
Wed.....Win.....Dance.Games	Ark.....Snack-bar party
Thurs.....Win.....Bridge party.Ping pong	Ark.....Ping pong tournament night
Fri.....Win.....Do as you please	Ark.....Married couples night

## Gadgets Give Talent Show

Busy upperclass cadets at Strother Field last week crowded an evening of fun for all into their heavy schedule, drawing upon their ranks for talent to present a variety show in the post theater for a large number of their wives, girl friends, instructors and other guests. Following the show, the cadets were hosts at a formal dance in the post gymnasium, the Airchords dance band from Strother Field playing for the dancing.

From start to finish, the program was planned by the cadets, with the Airchords providing the musical background. Jerry Zwelling, of Zanesville, Ohio, a tall talker whose stories ran the gamut from a word or two to a long-winded one about the sale of a pool table in which cadets jibed from the audience and which boos of the cadet delegation finally ended, was the master of ceremonies. Herbert Helfman of Somerville, N. J., was director of the show and William Whitset of Akron, Ohio, assistant director.

## What's new in your home town?

Beckley, W. Va. (CNS) — Arrested here as a phony "applesauce and preserve tester," a local resident admitted to police that he went from door to door in his district testing the preserves of housewives. He could then declare the preserves too sweet—a violation of rationing rules—and collect \$25 to guarantee the housewives' appearances in court, he admitted.

Caldwell Springs, Tenn. (CNS) — Cupid matched June with December and a heavyweight with a bantamweight here when W. C. Buckles, 81 years old and 115 pounds, wed Mable Sarah O'Dell, 34, who tips the scales at 356 pounds.

Chicago (CNS) — Thomas McLaughlin walked into a soda fountain and ordered a double chocolate sundae. When the girl fountain clerk served it without whipped cream he became so infuriated, he knocked her down and kicked her. Now he's eating beans—in the lockup.

Hartford, Conn. (CNS) — Five thousand Connecticut residents are hoarding \$68,929.80 in uncashed checks issued by the state last year, according to the state treasurer. The largest hoard is for \$11,000, the smallest is four cents.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. John H. Morse won a divorce from her husband on the grounds that he used to leave her in a cheap movie while he attended a more expensive one.

Lake Zurich, Ill. (CNS) — Because he lost by only one vote in last year's election for village trustee, Arthur Froelich ran again this year. He lost again—by one vote.

# PRAIRIE FLIER

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### Junior Visits His Pop at Chapel

Father and son of Uncle Sam's army held a brief reunion on Strother Field a few days ago when Russell L. Young, Jr., came from Commerce, Texas, for a visit with his parents, Post Chaplain Russell L. Young, and Mrs. Young. The accompanying picture was taken by a Strother Field photographer while Russell was a guest here.

Russell, who is 21 years old, was graduated last June from Duke University, Durham, N.C., with a degree in chemistry. That technical knowledge was being supplemented by a chemical engineering course at East Texas State Teachers college at Commerce, as a part of the Army Specialized Training program, when it was determined that because of manpower shortage the A.S.T. program would be terminated. Between A.S.T.P. and his assignment with the infantry to Maxie Field, Paris, Texas, Russell, Jr., an only child, spent a three-day pass here with his parents.

### SWC Girls To Give Concert

Friday, March 17, the Southwestern College Girls Chorus of thirty-eight voices, will give their formal spring concert in Richardson Hall at 8:00 o'clock. The Chorus is conducted by Luther O. Leavengood, Director of the School of Fine Arts. The program will have several innovations. With the exception of two or three numbers, the program runs the gamut of choral music, including Old English Tunes, Modern American Songs, Negro Spiritual, Russian and Hungarian Folk Songs.

Accompanist for the chorus is Clara Marie Light. Miss Graham, head of the dramatics department, is in charge of special lighting. President of the Choir is Martha Jane White of Wellington.

### Inspection

(Continued from page 1, col. 5)

Inspectors from the 32nd Flying Training Wing were: Lt. Col. Kenneth L. Johnson, Major Lee R. Clemons, Capt. J. O. Payne, T/Sgt. Mordecai Abromowitz, and T/Sgt. Aubrey L. Shippet. They accompanied the group from the inspector general's staff on their tour of the 32nd Wing and at the same time were making their quarterly inspection of the fields, posts and stations within the Wing. Lt. Col. Johnson is training inspector, Major Clemons administrative, and Capt. Payne technical inspector.

### 322nd Men Mask For Mardi Gras

Last Thursday night, the 322nd Squadron gave another unique social affair in which they excel. This time the theme was the spirit of Mardi Gras, with costumes, (as much as Army Reg's will allow) gala club decorations and music and fun.

Special feature was the stage show consisting of five acts put on by Squadron men and local gals. The first number was a two-couple dance with Juanita Fordson, Pvt. Phillip Roe, Jackie Morris and Pvt. Melvin Armstrong. Second came the Singing Sgt — Sgt. Meredith Knox, accompanied by Pvt. Ashton Williams. The third number was a "Pistol Packing Mama" routine by Roe and Kemper (Pvts. Phillip Roe and James Kemper), fourth was a sax solo by Pvt. James Robinson, and then, The Jitters, featured Bernice McGilbray and Pvt. Ossie Bowen.

The costumes were judged by a committee of three, Mrs. Hilliard Mitchell, Mrs. Martha Branch, and Mrs. Gloria Washington. The post orchestra provided the music. Much credit goes to it and to the 322nd Social Committee for making these parties a success.

### ARC Workers Help GIs Disembark During Rain

— For forty-one hours straight American Red Cross clubmobile workers, assisted by British volunteers, served coffee and doughnuts, and distributed cigarettes, matches, chewing gum and candy to American servicemen arriving at a dock "somewhere in England."

During that time American troops were served 42,300 doughnuts, 22,800 cups of coffee in addition to the distribution of the other supplies. E. P. Freeman, Assistant Director, was in charge of the Dock Service. He was assisted by Edward Ingle, 110 Morningside Drive, New York; Miss Joan Banker, 20 Pittsfield St., Cranfield, N. J.; Miss Virginia Ellis, Harvard, Mass., and Miss Camilla Moss, 163 E. 81st Street, New York City, all clubmobile workers.

A second Dock Service began two days later and was completed in 18 hours. This time 19,800 doughnuts and 16,200 cups of coffee.

Expressions of appreciation for the service came from commanding officers, including Col. C. C. Sibley, who said:

"Your service was rendered for a continuous period of 41 hours during trying conditions of rather cold and very wet weather. The spirit of Mr. Freeman and his assistants, both men and women, during this trying period, was commendable. The services rendered helped materially in keeping the morale of the troops at a high point."

This story from the ARC Overseas News is a good example of what the Red Cross is doing for the men over there. Help them continue their work. Contribute your share now!

### 448th Squadron Party a Success

Members of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron turned out by the numbers for the squadron's party held Saturday night in the Veterans' of Foreign Wars clubroom at Arkansas City.

Guests included a number of Strother Field officer personnel and Major Andrew E. Prosser and Capt. Frank E. Dixon, members of the Inspector General's staff from Central Flying Training Command headquarters, Randolph Field, Tex.

The party was an even greater success than the first one held several months ago in the same location. There was food, beer and soft drinks galore. The group of entertainers from the Edler School of Dancing in Wichita made quite a hit with party guests. Their numbers were clever and presented in a highly professional manner.

1st. Sgt. James T. Williford was in charge of party entertainment and Sgt. Montelle Harvey ably handled the refreshment supply.

### Postpone USO Opening

Formal opening of Arkansas City's USO center, now in its new location on Summit street, has been postponed until April 1st — no foolin'. The event had been scheduled for tomorrow, March 18th.

### Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Most of us know how to say nothing but few of us know when.

Sgt. Hines' grandma sent him some hankies for his birthday. He thought they were hankies until he saw the safety pins and talcum—he's still a baby to his grandma.

"I'm going to show you," said the flying instructor in mid-air, "that I've got complete confidence in your flying ability." He threw his stick out of the plane.

"Oh, that's how you do it," remarked the student, and threw his stick out too.

Mess Officer: (sampling new cook's first soup) "You served in the AEF back in 1918?"

Cook: "Yes Sir, I did. I cooked for two years, and I was wounded twice."

Mess Officer: "You're a lucky guy, it's a wonder they didn't kill you."

Our airplane plants are turning out new bombers and fighter planes with dizzying speed. Last week at Boeing, it is reported, they built a plane in eight hours flat. Five minutes later a pilot took off in it. Six hours later the plant received a cable from him. It read: "I am in Australia. Please send motor."

Hempstead, L. I. (CNS) — The Kiwanis club took a sixth grade reading test and the only member to score 100 was a newspaperman.

### PX Profits Are Divided

Post Exchange profits for the three-month period, 24 October to 24 January have been apportioned to the Welfare and Recreation Fund, Headquarters Fund, 683rd Army Band and distribution made to all organizations on the field, according to announcement made by 1st. Lt. J. F. Francella, PX officer of Strother Field.

Purposes of these profits are to afford military personnel additional facilities for comfort, recreation and amusement and to foster and increase the physical and spiritual welfare of military personnel.

The non-commissioned officers post exchange committee is comprised of first sergeants from each squadron on the field and their purpose is to work with exchange council members and the commanding officer of the field in the interest of the enlisted personnel on the base.

New York (CNS)—Mrs. Adele Hammerman, 22-year-old wife of a sailor, came home one night and found a man in her bedroom. She hit him with a shoe and grabbed him by the seat of the pants when he tried to escape. Police arrived and found her sitting on the fellow's chest. He was intent on robbery, he admitted.

Heard of another fellow who figured his income tax so the government had to give him something and they did—two years.



### Six More Sharpies Join the Khaki Crowd

Six Wichita young women have been sworn into the Women's Army Corps at Strother Field during the past few days, among them Margaret Groebli (left) and Nadine V. Kelso, pictured above with Sgt. Elmer Selvidge as he fingerprints them at the provost marshal's office here. Both Miss Groebli and Miss Kelso have been accepted for service with the Army Air Forces. Miss Kelso hopes to do radio work as an Air Wac and Miss Groebli wants to continue in the Army Air Forces the riveting and sheet metal work she has been doing as a Wichita aircraft worker. Three of the other four new WAC privates likewise are Wichita aircraft workers—Alene M. Orth, Mary Elizabeth Forbes and Esther L. Marshall. Sixth of the Wichitans to be sworn in was Fern R. Van Allen, restaurant employe and a former defense plant worker at Wichita. With the exception of Pvt. Marshall, who has asked duty with the Service Forces, all of the new recruits are Air Wacs.

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### What You Hear Is A Roamer





"Oh! ... you men are all alike!"

### More Enlisted Men Qualify with Carbine

Strother Field military personnel continues strutting their stuff with the carbine, cal. 30 as 194 more enlisted men recently qualified as marksmen by completing the prescribed course of firing this weapon. Following is the latest group of men who are now authorized to wear appropriate insignia for their shooting ability:

M-Sgt. George W. Lowther, T-Sgt. James W. Conn, T-Sgt. Layton L. Sheffield, S-Sgt. John C. Anderson, S-Sgt. Francis E. Armenta, S-Sgt. Carl M. Brown, Jr., S-Sgt. Clifford B. Cunningham, S-Sgt. Victor M. Fernandez, S-Sgt. Thomas F. Finkle, S-Sgt. Robert L. Fryer, S-Sgt. Frank A. Gutauckas, S-Sgt. George F. Kehl, S-Sgt. John E. McKee, S-Sgt. Charles F. Riley, S-Sgt. Raymond A. Tucker, Sgt. Herbert J. Bartlett, Sgt. Sidney M. Bigby, Sgt. Christian J. Fisen, Sgt. George F. Hall, Sgt. Ralph D. Lineberger, Sgt. Floyd Moffatt, Sgt. Joseph B. Nichols, Sgt. John T. Odum, Sgt. Henry A. Sullivan, Cpl. John T. Burleson, Cpl. Jerry Daniels, Cpl. Alvin W. Eggers, Cpl. Dick D. Ellis, Cpl. Edward W. Kaplanek, Cpl. Frank J. Mazuca, Cpl. Denzell L. Peterson, Cpl. Bernard P. Porter, Pfc. Ray K. Clark, Pfc. Mark A. Denney, Pfc. George H. Frazier, Jr., Pfc. William F. Frohlich, Pfc. Otto V. George, Pfc. Allen R. Greene, Pfc. Richard E. Jones, Jr., Pfc. Lloyd T. Munter, Pfc. Woodrow W. Peoples, Pfc. William P. Russell, Jr., Pfc. Donald S. Whittlesey, Pvt. Robert D. Burcher, Pvt. Charles G. Capezio, Pvt. Byron R. Vandyke.

M-Sgt. Herman C. Burleson, M-Sgt. Byrnes T. Long, T-Sgt. Ray Colwell, T-Sgt. Earl E. Hedge, T-Sgt. Deuard E. Jackson, T-Sgt. Christopher Ruska, T-Sgt. William R. Standerfer, T-Sgt. Leon J. Vann, S-Sgt. Ted A. Barton, S-Sgt. Elmo H. Bevington, S-Sgt. John L. Burrell, Jr., S-Sgt. Dossie A. Cottler, S-Sgt. Harry D. DeBerry, S-Sgt. George N. Esken, S-Sgt. Lawrence A. Flaherty, S-Sgt. Eugene P. Garrett, S-Sgt. Raymond W. Habluetzel, S-Sgt. George M. Hartman, S-Sgt. Raymond Hooks, S-Sgt. Carl Hoosier, S-Sgt. Joseph M. Ludwig, S-Sgt. Dale H. Martens, S-Sgt. Benny A. Mergule, S-Sgt. Richard H. Mohrbacher, S-Sgt. John F. Mudgett, S-Sgt. Mike F. Pellerite, S-Sgt. John H. Swinney, Sr., S-Sgt. Adam E. Theiss, S-Sgt. Keith J. Vegors, S-Sgt. Walter D. Warren, S-Sgt. Lowell A. Warrington, S-Sgt. Ivan I. Wescoatt, Sgt. Kenneth R. Bass, Sgt. Elmer H. Berg, Jr., Sgt. Edward J. Flett, Sgt. James C. Flint, Sgt. Leo E. Getta, Sgt. George C. Hammontree, Sgt. Floyd G. Hastings, Sgt. George W. Herrick, Sgt. Joe F. Hilliard, Sgt. Benjamin F. Hunter, Sgt. Donald E. Jamison, Sgt. Steve Kristich, Sgt. Lyle C. Mikelson, Sgt. John Steller, Sgt. Ernest J. Stidston, Jr., Sgt. Melvin H. Stinebaugh, Sgt. Earl Q. Stinnett, Sgt. George E. Toothaker, Sgt. John W. Watkins.

Cpl. John G. Anick, Cpl. Carl K. Armour, Cpl. Richard S. Armstrong, Cpl. Alphonse P. Attardi, Cpl. Paul G. Becker, Cpl. John L. Bridges, Cpl. Curtis W. Buie, Cpl. Lewis J. Carter, Cpl. John B. Dahoney, Cpl. Edwin R. Etgen, Cpl. Frank F. Fenwick, Cpl. Glenn W. Gaddie, Cpl. Charles H. Goodwin, Cpl. Charles L. Hefferman, Cpl. Sam. W. Innon, Cpl. Wilbur L. Jacobs, Cpl. Aatos R. Kotila, Cpl. Gordon J. LaLiberty, Cpl. Everett S. Lawing, Cpl. Julius P. Lengyel, Cpl. George K. Lindsey, Cpl. Edwin A. McGee, Cpl. Eugene C. Misurelli, Cpl. Frederick D. Oliver, Cpl. Stanley L. Stolba, Cpl. Daniel Swopes, Cpl. Daniel J. Tomporowski, Cpl. Edward H. Uncapher, Cpl. Louis J. Wajda, Cpl. Floyd L. Watson, Pfc. Raymond J. Beall, Pfc. Carlton H. Bennett, Jr., Pfc. Frank J. Biello, Pfc. Thomas W. Branch, Pfc. Lester P. Brown, Pfc. Nunzio R. Debio, Pfc. Charles S. Dombrowski, Pfc. Allan C. Emmons, Pfc. Richard E. Faris, Pfc. Harold A. Forsyth, Pfc. Roy W. Frederickson, Pfc. Robert W. Goodwin, Pfc. Dwight S. Hall, Pfc. Charlie L. Jackson, Pfc. Raymond Pfc. Edward Halliday, Pfc. Paul G. Ikler,

A. Jacobson, Pfc. Peter J. Kantsos, Pfc. Niles E. Kingsley, Pfc. Robert B. Knapp, Pfc. Charles S. Kominoski, Pfc. Leo H. D. Kuhlman, Pfc. Richard D. Laing, Jr., Pfc. Victor L. Lewis, Pfc. Eugene R. Loper, Pfc. Roger F. Moore, Pfc. Vincent J. Raulinaitis, Pfc. Murray Rosenmertz, Pfc. Houston E. Scott, Pfc. Billy H. Simmons, Pfc. Sam F. Sovey, Pfc. Percy E. Stevenson, Pfc. William J. Sullivan. Pvt. Joseph J. Adams, Pvt. Thomas W. Anderson, Pvt. Murlin F. Bonewell, Pvt. David S. Bortnick, Pvt. Oscar P. Branham, Pvt. Herman M. Bridges, Pvt. Salvatore Cicero, Pvt. James R. Celland, Pvt. Alvin G. Cooper, Pvt. Donald E. Darling, Pvt. Dennis J. Doyle, Pvt. Edwin L. Foster, Pvt. Charles B. Gee, Jr., Pvt. Frederick E. Graydon, Pvt. Oscar E. Henderson, Pvt. Roy L. Kennedy, Pvt. Norman C. Knudstrup, Pvt. Robert V. Marion, Pvt. Joseph P. Meadows, Pvt. Percy E. Morris, Pvt. Harold D. Mulanax, Pvt. Alvin F. Mullens, Jr., Pvt. Willis N. Overton, Pvt. Charles J. Paskett, Pvt. Oscar H. Schenk, Pvt. William R. Thorpe, Jr., Pvt. John T. Tribe, Pvt. Orville L. Van Hooser, Pvt. Cyril J. Chauvin.

### No. 1 Caribbeauty.



Meet "Mona," No. 1 pin-up girl of some 500,000 servicemen in the Caribbean area, drawn by Tech. Corp. Charles B. Flory, former Chicago commercial artist, for "Thunderhead," Antilles Air Command magazine, as his idea of what a Queen of the Caribbean should look like.

"Mareseatoats and Doeseatoats and do the Randolph Shuffle." The above words don't rhyme and neither did the vocal and gymnastic endeavors of several SF officers who presented their little number in honor of recently promoted Lt. Col. James R. Williams during the field officer's dance last Saturday evening. Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty suggested the unusual number and 1st. Lt. George D. Allen, physical training officer, led the group. His recently injured left knee took somewhat of a beating, but he lasted through the routine.

### Spend Many Off-Duty Hours on PT

Military personnel who consider three hours weekly an adequate amount of physical training for themselves should drop by the post gymnasium during their off-duty hours and see the number of officers who go "all-out" for indoor athletics.

Heading the group of men who can be seen nearly every day taking advantage of the gym facilities is Major R. B. Mosher, supervisor of supply. Although over 50 years of age, the major can be seen doing sit-ups and running extra laps around the gym interior, and thoroughly enjoying it.

Others among the group are Capt. E. S. Vicars, 1st. Lt. F. W. Holbein, 1st. Lt. R. A. Gnospeilius, 1st. Lt. C. T. Baldwin, 1st. Lt. G. D. Allen, 2nd. Lt. W. S. Thornley and 2nd. Lt. L. V. Douglas.

Their extra weekly hours in the gym are spent in playing badminton, volleyball, basketball, weight lifting, and running.

### Warming the Bench

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS  
By Camp Newspaper Service

They'll be either too young or too old on major league diamonds this season. Rosters of the 16 big league clubs are limited to players classified 4F, 4H (overage, 4C (honorably discharged) or unclassified because of extreme youth.

Take a look at the Brooklyn Dodgers; they're always good for a laugh. Them Bums have 10 spavined 4Fs this year, five rickety overage destroyers, a pitcher who has been discharged from the Army and three adolescents under 18. Their tottering outfield of Paul Waner, Lloyd Waner and Johnny Cooney totals 123 years of age, and they have three first string pitchers whose average age is less than 20.

The Chicago Cubs, better fortified than most teams in the National League, nevertheless have sent up a Very pistol flare for James Emory Foxx, a mighty man was he, to come back and play first base for them this year. Old Double X has been inactive since 1942 when he blew a sinus gasket, but because he was recently rejected by the Army, the Cubs want him back on the hassock.

HERE'S YOUR LATEST BIG LEAGUE DRAFT BOX SCORE: Tex Hughson, ace pitcher of the Boston Red Sox, will report for duty in the Navy early in April. Ned Harris, Detroit outfielder, has been inducted into the Army in Detroit. Al Milnar, St. Louis Browns' lefthander, passed his pre-induction physical at Cleveland. Pete Suder, Athletics' infielder, has been called for his physical at Aliquippa, Pa. Ray Mueller, Reds' catcher, has been classified 4F.

The most interesting comeback of them all is that of Pepper Martin, now 40, who says he is ready to burn up the basepaths again for the Cardinals. The old Pepperpot, for years the fastest runner and loudest belcher in the National League, should be good for 80 games if his chest holds out. That's where Pepper always caught those line drives—right off the old drum.

### South Stage Wins 4th Game In Officer Basketball League

The South Stage officers basketball team took a firm hold on first place position in the officers league when it defeated the Center Stage by a score of 45 to 24 in a second round game played in the post gym Wednesday evening.

### Play Basketball for Benefit to Red Cross

Basketball fans of Strother Field and Arkansas City are in for a big evening next Friday, March 24th, when two teams from Strother Field composed of officers and enlisted men play a double-header with the Kanotex Refining Company team and the Ark City all-star quintet.

The basketball games are being played as a benefit for the Red Cross drive and proceeds from the event will go to this worthy cause. The Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority in Arkansas City is sponsoring the sports program. The game between SF officers and the Kanotex team will be played at 8:30 p.m. following the SF All-Stars and A. C. All-Star game scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission price for enlisted men and high school students will be 25c. Admission for civilians and officers will be 50c.

The probable starting lineup of officers playing the Kanotex will include 2nd. Lt. R. P. Brooks and 1st. Lt. J. L. Sublett, forwards; Capt. W. H. Carlisle, center; Capt. O. P. Stoner and 1st. Lt. J. S. Neff, guards. Other officers forming the SF team will be Major D. E. Dunn and 1st. Lt. W. E. Gunther, forwards; 1st. Lt. M. L. Mize, center, and 2nd. Lt. R. J. Beck and 2nd. Lt. W. A. Wendling, guards.

The probable starting lineup of enlisted men on the all-star team will include Sgt. Brej, Cpl. Vance, forwards; Pfc. Smith, center; S/Sgt. Dalak and Sgt. Nicholas, guards. Other members of the team include Pvt. Bova, Cpl. Reed, Pvt. Murbrook, Pvt. Stebar and Sgt. Ferrell.

The Kanotex team boasts an All-American player, Frank Grove, tall and rangey center who is a former member of the Phillips 66 team. Grove attended Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kans., where he set a Big Six scoring record that was unequaled for several years after his graduation. The Strother Field officers will have their hands full guarding this former big-time basketeer.

The South stage team has won four games and lost none for a perfect record this season. Center Stage continued its losing streak with Wednesday night's game making it four in a row. 1st. Lt. J. L. Sublett, South Stage forward, made 14 points to lead in scoring. 2nd. Lt. W. H. Tumlinson and 2nd. Lt. B. J. Bramble, Center Stage forwards, and 2nd. Lt. W. E. Wendling, Center Stage guard, tied for their team's scoring honors with 6 points each.

North Stage advanced to a tie for second place in league standings when it defeated the Administrative team 29 to 28 in a thrilling and close game. This victory makes two games won and two lost for each of these teams.

2nd. Lt. J. J. Clancy, North Stage center, made 9 points to lead his team in scoring. Capt. O. P. Stoner, Administrative guard, also made 9 points to head his outfit.

The Administrative team made a bid for victory in the last quarter but fell two points short of winning. At the end of the third quarter the Adm. team was four points behind, 23 to 27. While able to hold the North Stage to only 2 points in the last quarter, the Adm. players scored 5 points in this period, not quite enough to bring them another victory.

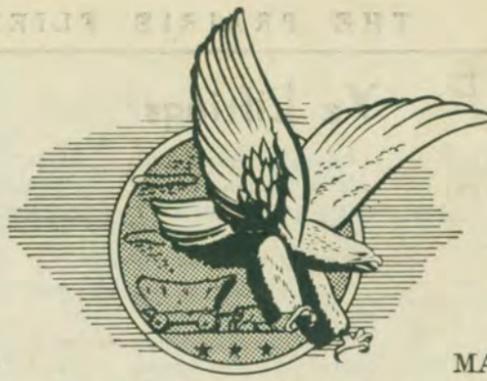
South Stage—45		Center Stage—24	
Sublett, f	6	Gordon, f	1
Otto, f	1	Tumlinson, f	3
Hardin, f	2	Bramble, f	3
Saunders, f	0	Henderson, f	1
Carlisle, c	4	Peters, c	0
Neff, g	5	Corrick, c	0
Conte, g	1	Wendling, g	2
Douglas, g	1	Lance, g	0
		Morris, g	1
	20		11
	5		2

Quarter scores:	
South Stage	7-21-33-45
Center Stage	4-12-18-24

North Stage—29		Administrative—28	
Creager, f	0	Boxley, f	2
Stiverson, f	1	Barnett, f	1
Cambell, f	0	Low, f	0
Scott, c	1	Mize, c	2
Clancy, c	3	Switzer, g	1
Gillett, g	0	Armstrong, g	0
Dench, g	0	Stoner, g	4
Bower, g	1	Baldwin, g	0
Yost, g	1		
Brooks, g	2		
Thornley, g	0		
	9		10
	11		8

Quarter scores:	
North Stage	9-19-27-29
Administrative	7-15-23-28





Instructor becomes student of instructor who was formerly student when present student was an instructor!

It isn't as confusing as you think. When 2nd. Lt. Donald D. Sollenberger was a member of Cadet Class 43-J at Strother Field he had a tactical officer by the name of 1st. Lt. Eugene G. Parker. Cadet Sollenberger later received his silver wings and commission and has returned to SF as a flying instructor. One of his students in Class 44-G is Cadet Parker. Yep, the same 1st. Lt. Eugene G. who decided to become a flying officer and is now taking his basic here.

## Da Woim Toins; Tac Now Student

The worm has turned at Strother Field. In fact, the worm has tied itself in a knot at Strother Field where Lt. Eugene J. Parker of Decatur, Ga., is taking lessons these days from Lt. Donald D. Sollenberger of Kansas City, Mo. And you can throw away deference to age and rank, too, for Lt. Sollenberger, age 22, who these days is telling what must and what must not be done wears the gold bars of a second louey; his pupil, Lt. Parker, 24, who murmurs "Roger," "Roger Wilco"—meaning "O. K." "O. K. I will comply"—wears about the shiniest silver first lieutenant's bars on Strother Field.

The Sollenberger-Parker story, which began last summer, picked (Continued on page 4, col. 4)

## Camera Addicts Take Tour

Members of the Strother Field camera club are scheduled to go into "action" next Monday evening at 1645—providing old man weather gives with sunshine.

All members with cameras will meet at the photo lab at the mentioned time and "take" the field, that is the non-restricted buildings and areas may be photographed, under the supervision of 2nd. Lt. E. W. Armstrong, photographic officer, who will accompany the group.

When the picture-taking session is over the group will return to the photo lab where each class member will develop his own film and see the individual result of the future Steichens.

## SF Gives \$2,847 to ARC Fund; Almost Triples 1943 Total Figure

Strother Field military and civilian personnel have contributed over \$2,800 to the Red Cross War Fund for 1944, nearly tripling the amount given during the 1943 campaign, according to figures released this week by Herbert A. Thomson, field director.

Of the \$2,847.12 contributed this year the SF officers have given \$1,250.76. This includes \$400 which was a collective gift of the three flying stages and was over and above individual contributions. The Center Stage gave \$200 while the North and South Stages contributed \$100 each.

Cadets and enlisted personnel gave \$813.66. Cadets contributed \$373 of this total and the enlisted men of the 1082nd squadron topped EM contributions with a total of \$254.

In second place among the squadrons is the Headquarters and Headquarters Sqdn., 55th., Basic Flying Training Group, with \$70.20 contributed. The 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron is in third place with contributions totaling \$59.26. Fourth place stand-

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## Now Have Own Daily News Service

Strother Field's own news service made its appearance in the form of bulletin No. 1, last Saturday. The bulletin is headed by a colorful design which reads, "The News This Morning."

Each morning this news medium will be distributed to the field to officers and all departments. In it will be the very latest news from the war fronts. The feature is prepared by the radio section of the Ground School and distributed by the Public Relations Office and the Special Service Department.

# Military Training Classes For EM Started This Week

## 9 Million Yanks Now in Service

Washington (CNS)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of the Selective Service System, has released a breakdown of the draft situation in the U.S. which shows that of the 22 million men now registered for the draft, more than nine million are already in the service.

Gen. Hershey's figures, which cover draft registrants between the ages of 18 and 38, follow:

Total living registrants	22,138,000
In the armed forces (inducted)	6,540,000
In the armed forces (enlisted)	2,530,000
Disqualified physically	3,357,000
In process of classification	1,090,000
Occupational deferments	3,834,000
Dependency deferments	4,645,000
Deferred for other reasons	152,000
Unclassified	90,000

Included in the 1,090,000 men now in the process of classification, examination or induction, are 43,000 men who have been found qualified for induction for limited service under present requirements but whose services have not been required by the armed forces as yet, Gen. Hershey said.

Miami (CNS) — Fashionable Miami shops are featuring hand painted neckties — a bargain at \$250 each.

Classes for training of enlisted men in the study of sanitation, first aid, malaria control, supply procedure and care of equipment and in chemical warfare began Wednesday in the post theater. The program is directed by Major M. W. Allen, Personnel and Training Officer, and Capt. Joseph V. Farmer, Assistant Training Officer, who returned to Strother Field this week following several months DS in Ohio.

## War Info Center In EM Service Club Is Popular Spot

In the northwest corner of the EM service club, a War Information Center, which furnishes current battle news, and other related intelligence about the war, our allies and our enemies, has been set up for the benefit of those who wish to follow the struggle closely.

Knowing the way GIs shy away from the word "orientation," the Special Service Office, responsible for the installation and operation of the room, has gone all out to make the Center a place to come in, look around, consult maps and globes, read up-to-date authorized material on the armies of the world, and shoot the breeze with the other men on the war in general.

The room has a large Mercator projection map of the world covering one wall, with the battle areas and late developments indicated. Located on the other walls are bulletin boards containing information about major campaigns, the enemy, our allies, and the home front. A small globe also is available.

Newspaper clippings are posted daily in the Center, so that EM have the latest dope gathered in one spot. Newspapers, magazine articles related to the war, and other pamphletary material have been placed at the disposal of the men in order to encourage their interest in our fight.

New tactical training orders necessitate enlisted men of Strother Field taking this course of training. This applies to all EM, including those who missed this phase of training in basic because of being assigned direct from basic training centers before completing their training and those who have completed basic a year or longer ago. New training methods have been devised and substituted for older methods and this refresher course is necessary in order to bring back the exact procedures to follow in reference to the above mentioned subjects.

Even though these courses may seem dry, they are not as dry as the bones on beaches and in jungles of the men who made the mistake of not paying attention to these important procedures during their preparatory training before going overseas.

Classes are held five days each week on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There are five periods on each of these days when enlisted men will attend the classes. The same hour of class will be followed throughout the series.

Squadron commanders have formed class rosters for each of the daily periods and all enlisted men in each organization will attend their specified classes throughout the series.

Following are the daily class time periods: 0845 to 1000, 1000 to 1115, 1300 to 1415, 1415 to 1530 and 1530 to 1645.

The post exchange will be closed Saturday, March 25 at 1300 for monthly inventory and will open again at regular time on Monday morning, Mar. 27th. The beer room will be open as usual to provide you with beer, soft drinks, cigarettes, etc.



Cpl. L. L. Becham, 1082nd Maintenance Squadron and Cpl. E. J. Geraux, 448th Base Hdqts. and AB Squadrgn, are shown standing before the information board in the war room of the enlisted men's service club. The board carries late war bulletins and news stories.

## Speaking of--Here's to the AAF

In England the Royal Flying Corps became the Royal Air Force—and so it was spoken of until the Battle of Britain. Then, the boys in the Spitfires wrote three initial letters on the wings of Goering's bomber and fighter planes. RAF was the nickname after that—repeated with pride and love by every Englishman.

And in our own country, the Air Service became the Army Air Corps and the Army Air Corps grew into the Army Air Forces. Then came the great battles of the Bismarck Sea . . . Tunisia . . . Pantelleria . . . Sicily . . . Hamburg and Rabaul. Our lads who flew the Fortresses and Lightnings had no time to spell out United States Army Air Forces on German and Japanese skins. They wrote their signature in fire and smoke. A . . . A . . . F. They made it brief and bitter.

So here's to the AAF. Terse as the dive of a Thunderbolt and blunt as a burst from a Liberator's guns—let our nickname stand. It was won in battle. It is spoken affectionately by Kanakas of the South Pacific; Chinese coolies in Hainan; Arabs of the Middle East; good fighting men in the Britist Isles and along the Dnieper.

Even our enemies must applaud this shortening of our name. Tojo San and Heinie Kraut need only to shout "AAF . . . AAF!" and dive for the bomb shelters. Much can be said in little. U.S.A. . . . Old Glory . . . AAF. Work, fight, win, oh, flyers. Look to the day when the skies above Tokio and Berlin are rent asunder and we burn our brand upon those wicked hearts. Forward, AAF!

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

One of the big-time names on the war production front is Donald M. Nelson, the man who left a top-flight job at Sears, Roebuck and Company to head up Uncle Sam's entire program for turning out machines and implements of war on time.

Did you know that back home in Chicago, Mr. Nelson has someone who constantly prays that God will strength and guide her husband in his gigantic task? It is Mrs. Donald M. Nelson.

A few months ago she spoke to the Sunday School of the Midwest Bible Church on Chicago's northwest side. In part, she said:

"I thank the Lord for saving my soul. He had a big job on His hands. I had a rebellious soul. I loved the things of the world. I didn't want the things of the Lord. I had been too busy serving the devil.

"I had to have my heart broken before I came to the Lord. My mother prayer for me and so did a friend of mine who is here this morning. Today, this girl and I are both saved. Since I have served the Lord, He has blessed me mightily.

"I hadn't touched my Bible until the evening after my mother's funeral service. I opened her Bible to the 116th Psalm. You might think this a happen stance, but the Lord spoke to me. He was giving me comfort. The first verse of that Psalm reads, I love the Lord because He hath heard my voice and my supplication.' He heard my mother's prayer. She knew I was going to give my heart to the Lord and I will thank Him as long as I have breath in my body."

## small Talk

"Please, Mr. Staff Sgt. Sir," spoke Pvt. Riptipple Z. Cucumber, the only latrine orderly to wear spats, to a paunchy four-striper who dirtying up a clean bowl in the latrine said before inspection, "Please don't smudge up that nice clean sand-soaped bowl. It's all nice and pretty for inspection."

The Staff glared at him in his most fearsome manner.

"Do you know what I am?" he asked pointing to the stripes tattooed on his arm.

"May I tell you?" asked Riptipple, a little anxious to reveal his educated tongue.

"Why you pipsqueeke!" shouted the Staff, ignoring the remark, waving his arms and rolling his big bloodshot eyes, "I'm a STAFF SGT! I'm one of the elite! I walk with the gods, sleep on feathers and drink ambrosia for breakfast! I'm infallible, divine,, unique and above reproach! And you—," went on the Sgt., "You miserable, stinking little Pvt., you dare address ME?"

"Excuse me Sir," interrupted Rip, "but I presumed upon the length of my service—six years to be exact, to approach you."

"Utter insolence!" bellowed the Staff, remembering this was his eighth day in the Army. And with this, he lifted up his shaving kit, jacked up his belly, and floated out the door, like Superman.

"You see," said the Squadron Adjutant, who had been listening with the inspector outside of the latrine door, "That's why we gotta pay Sgts more. They always have to tolerate the insults of those low creatures!" And with that they strolled off, not even bothering to open the door.

Riptipple sighed sadly, cleaned up the dirty bowl and the floor, walls and ceiling where the Sgt had been fussing around, and sat down. "I'll be glad," he thought to himself, "When all of these soda-jerks and bell-hops get back to their jobs after the war."

### Schedule of Off-Duty Education Classes

SUBJECT	DAY	TIME	PLACE
Photography Class	Mondays	1900-2000	Service Club
Shop Mathematics	Wed. & Fri.	1830-1930	Room A Ground School
Basic English	Wednesdays	1900-2000	Service Club
Typewriting	Tues.-Thurs.	1830-2000	Winfield H.S. (Free bus leaves service club at 1800.)
322nd Orchestra	Mon.-Fri.	1800-2000	322nd Day Room No. 2

Enlisted men wishing to enroll in these or additional classes should contact the special service office.

## Ye Liftings

"Here is your ring back, sojuh," said a luscious blonde. "I cannot marry you because I love someone else."

"What's da guy's name?"

"You won't kill him will you?" she asked frantically.

"Kill him? Hell no sis," he answered. "I just wanna see if he'd like to buy this ring."

A little oyster was telling her mommy the next morning about a date she had the previous night with an octopus.

"He was so charming," she said. "So thoughtful. Later in the evening we sat on a bench in the park, and we snuggled up very close. Then he whispered many sweet things to me. He took my hands. He put his arm around me—and—oh!" she screamed as she touched her throat.

"Whatsamatter daughter?" her mother asked.

"Ohmigosh!" the little oyster shrieked, "My pearls!"

Then there's the story about Klondike Harry, the most handsome GI this side of the Alcan Highway.

Harry: Okeh Babe, let's neck.

Babe: Well—(hesitating) OK!

Harry: Too late, you waited too long.

## This Week . . .

— in da service club this week two sparkling events shine on the marquee—one a bridge tournament, and the other—a program by the St. John's College Choral Club.

The jack jousele will take place on Wednesday, and is open to all EM who know what's trump and the dif between a duce and a trey. Before the party howevah, you better turn your name in to Mrs. Bernheisel so that she may figger on how many's comin'.

Don't forget the schedule runs like —

Friday—GI Party—Free cookies, java, gossip and movies.

Saturday—Open Night—do as yuh please.

Sunday—4:00 p.m. Service Club—St. John's College Choral Club, Mrs. W. H. Wente, director; Program, sacred by whole group; secular by quartet comprised of Leslie Ludwig, Willard Starks, Walter Rau, Edward Goehner; secular by girls ensemble, nine girls.

Monday—Bingo! at eight bells straight up. Come and getta prize for yusself.

Tuesday—Regular Tuesday Frolic—Wellington kids—sponsored by 683rd Band.

Wednesday—1900 Little Theatre—see Pvt. Alden Craig; 2000—Bridge Tourney—Prizes.

Thursday—322nd Birthday Party.

Friday—Ho hum! Another week.

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 25 March

\* NINE GIRLS

Ann Harding, Evelyn Keys  
Traveltalk—Cartoon  
Pete Smith Novelty

Sun. and Mon., 26-27 March

\* PURPLE HEART

Dana Andrews, Richard Conte  
News of the Day  
Army-Navy Screen Mag.

Tuesday, 28 March

\* ROSIE THE RIVETER

Frank Albertson, Jane Frazee  
MGM Miniature—Cartoon  
Barefoot Judge

Wed. and Thurs., 29-30 March

\* LADY IN THE DARK

Ginger Rogers, Ray Milland  
News of the Day  
This is America

Friday, 31 March

\* CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK  
Donald O'Conner, Peggy Ryan  
Sportlight—Cartoon  
Animal Short

\* Family

## QM's Beer Bust Was No Bust

Not to be outdone by the 448th and 1082nd squadrons the Quartermaster organization threw a beer bust in the clubroom of the Courier building in Winfield Thursday night of last week, the event was to bust all beerbust records.

The fact that the organization is a small one with considerably smaller funds didn't phase the QM boys and girls. They had beer, eats and the Airchords, Strother Field orchestra, just like the larger organizations do. The floor show was strictly extemporaneous and included a boogie-woogie selection on the piano by Miss Wanda Grant and Conga rhythm beat out on the drums by 2nd. Lt. William Price. There would have been more entertainment of this type had not the orchestra members rushed to the platform to rescue their instruments.

The enlisted men, officers and civilian workers of the Quartermaster all attended the party as well as Col. and Mrs. J. F. Carroll and other officers and their wives.

If you have ever been in the QM office you know why the civilian cuties were so welcome! O-o-o-w-w-w-w!!

### USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dance. Out-of-town show
Ark.	Informal dancing a la jukebox	
Sun.	Win.	Music. Games. Free call
Ark.	Bingo. Free call	
Mon.	Win.	Do-as-you-please
Ark.	Game and bridge night	
Tues.	Win.	Informal night. Dancing Games
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Wed.	Win.	Dancing. Ping pong
Ark.	Snackbar party	
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge party. Hamburger fry
Ark.	Ping pong tournament for GIs and GSO's	
Fri.	Win.	Sports night. Dancing
Ark.	Married couples' night All GIs and wives invited	

## Steel Company Owner Taking Basic at SF

Michael John Gorzik, 27, one of the two brothers who own and operate the Central Steel company plants in Kansas City, Mo., and Pittsburg, Kansas, is an upper-classman in pilot training at Strother Field.

While Michael Gorzik is preparing for combat—he hopes in a twin-engine plane in the South Pacific—his brother Paul, 32, has assumed full management of both branches of the Central Steel company, a firm which fabricates steel and building materials, with bridge steel as the main line. The Gorziks, who have owned the plants for the past five years, employ approximately 80 men in addition to a bridge construction crew of about 20 men.

Hollywood (CNS)—Strip teaser Betty Rowland "The Red Headed Ball of Fire," was hospitalized here after she had dislocated one of her hips while doing a bump.

## PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Sub-Depot—tant: "How can a girl keep her youth?"

Maizie: "Never introduce him to another girl."

A writer described love as a series of beautiful pictures. He should have added, marriage is the same old wall paper.

Know a fellow who gave up his girl because she spoke only in words of one syllable. . . All she could say was "No, no, no."

Remember a knock is as good as a boost . . . unless you're trying to look over a transom.

The Internal Revenue's song for delinquents—"I'll be down to see you for the taxes, honey."

Had my hair cut the other day. . . The barber told me a few hair-raising stories.

## What's new in your home town?

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS) — City Manager Charles Walls has asked the OPA for ration points to buy meat for the city's rats. The meat will be poisoned, he added.

Brooklyn (CNS)—Isidore Weinstein was fined \$3 on a speeding charge for scorching along the Coney Island boardwalk — on a bicycle.

Chicago (CNS) — Larry Klein asked the court to cut his alimony payments from \$15 to \$10 a week. When the judge asked why, Klein replied that he needed the extra five dollars so he could conduct a courtship—with his former wife.

Columbia, S. C. (CNS) — Rep. Lane Talbert listened to his fellow members of the State Legislature introduce bill after bill, then asked permission to introduce a bill of his own. Permission granted, he presented two grocery bills owed him by members of the House.

Dallas, Tex. (CNS)—The Dallas Bonehead Club, a fraternity of funmakers, has announced formation of the Bonehead Party to obtain 10,000 miles of gasoline rations for each of its 57 members by making them candidates for President of the United States.

Des Moines (CNS)—A man and his wife, both over 90, had \$2,800 in the bank but were receiving home relief. "Why didn't you spend the money to support yourselves?" they were asked by State investigators. "We were saving it for our old age," they replied.

Garden City, L. I. (CNS)—Mrs. Lucia Baumwart was fined \$2 in Hempstead Village Court on a traffic charge. "I won't pay it," her husband replied, "it's a matter of principle." So Mrs. Baumwart spent a night in the pokey.



Popularity of the Army Air Forces as a field of service for patriotic American young women is attested in the above photograph, taken by a Photo Lab photographer while the young women were signing up at Strother Field a few days ago for service with the Army Air Forces as Air Waacs.

Left to right in the picture are: Virginia F. Dunn, 30, silversmith the past five years for the Wichita Art association; Lucille R. Long, 20, of 321 West Eleventh, Newton; Margaret Garnett, 22, of 337 North Broadway, who is employed by the Swallow Airplane company of Wichita; Valeria Louis Way, 23, worker for Beech Aircraft living at 243 New York, Wichita.

Pvt. Way and Pvt. Garnett hope for foreign service. Pvt. Long wants to go wherever she can do the most to help her husband and brother, both overseas, get home quickest. Pvt. Dunn, highly skilled in the arts of making rings, bracelets, silverware and other articles, expects to give up her art for the duration, giving the best of her talents to precision tool work, chauffeur service, or perhaps helping train war dogs. She has a great fondness for dogs and likes training them.

### Ark City USO Has New Plan

A change in policy of the USO center in Arkansas City now makes permissible the taking of your girl friend to the many social functions for enlisted men. Previously single members of the armed forces were not permitted to take dates to the center; GSO girls were on hand to dance and play games with the boys in uniform.

Under the new policy there will still be an attractive lot of GSO cuties to entertain the men who do not bring dates to the center, but those enlisted men who do have dates are welcome to bring them to the USO. There is one regulation that must be complied with however, when a young lady is escorted to the USO she must accompany the soldier when he leaves the center. After all, if an enlisted man thinks enough of a young lady to take her to the USO he should accompany her home, not make a dash for the field bus, leaving the young thing stranded.

The formal opening of the USO in Arkansas City which recently moved to the uptown location is scheduled for April 1st. Enlisted men of Strother Field are cordially invited to bring a civilian couple to the opening a week from tomorrow night.

The policy of the USO in Winfield has been to allow enlisted men to bring their dates to the center in that city.

### 1082nd Packs VFW Hall in Big Beer Buster

The Veterans' of Foreign Wars clubroom in Arkansas City is probably a little bit larger than its overall dimensions prior to last Saturday night—it has to be, as nearly every member of the 1082nd Squadron, their officer and civilian guests, packed the place during the squadron party on March 18th. The walls bulged and the floor must have sagged with the great turnout of party-goers.

There was plenty of beer, soft drinks and excellent food for everyone. The Airchords, Strother Field dance orchestra, gave out with the very best in jive — all fourteen members of the musical organization were plenty hot.

In a jitterbug contest Miss Peggy Reiter of the QM office and Pvt. S. A. Swartz were judged the best dancers and won the first prize of \$7.50. Miss Virginia Dawson and Pfc. Nunzio R. Dedio won runner-up honors and a cash prize of \$2.50.

Weather conditions gave the boys on the line a nice break as they were able to get to the party early and enjoy an entire evening of fun. It is reported that the affair was the finest and most successful of all squadron parties held by the 1082nd.

Have you noticed the recent inauguration of a "safetygram" in the Daily Bulletin of Strother Field? Articles, pictures, graphs, diagrams, and safety items appropriate yet not small enough for daily dissemination in the Bulletin are desired for publication in the Prairie Flier.

A progressive program using every means available to build up and maintain safety consciousness at all times is the objective desired. The wholehearted and enthusiastic cooperation of military and civilian personnel will aid in bringing V-Day about sooner. Work well done is its own reward—in satisfaction.

Watch the Safety Columns of the Daily Bulletin and the Prairie Flier for results of the work and accomplishments of the Strother Field Safety Committee and submit your ideas to this group through the suggestion box now installed in your squadron.

### When Dying Bushemi Asks for Camera

Eniwetok (CNS) — "What happened to my camera?" asked Sgt. John Bushemi, YANK photographer, after he was hit by a blast of Jap mortar fire during the invasion of Eniwetok Atoll.

Three hours later, Bushemi was dead; the first YANK correspondent to be killed in action.

Bushemi received his basic training at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and was one of the first enlisted men assigned to the staff of the Army Weekly.

### SF Gives

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ing goes to the 1088th Guard Squadron with a total of \$24.24 contributed. The 322nd Squadron gave \$18.10 to place this group in sixth position. Members of the 683rd Army Band donated \$9.80 and the Medics gave \$5.06.

Civilian workers contributed \$782.70 with Sub-Depot employees donating \$409.00. Civilians in the post engineers department are second with a total of \$201.25. The Quartermaster workers are third with contributions totaling \$64.50. Miscellaneous contributions by civilian personnel on the field totaled \$50 for fourth place honors. Workers in the post exchange gave \$30.45 to take fifth place and sixth place went to station hospital employees who gave \$27.50.

Strother Field's total contributions are to be equally divided between Winfield and Arkansas City, whose quotas were not established to include the base, thus increasing their total funds.

"I want to thank every individual who has contributed to the Red Cross War Fund, on behalf of myself and national headquarters for this fine cooperation," said Mr. Thomson.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Seeking a divorce, Mrs. Lee Van Belden charged in court that her husband was cross at breakfast, went around with other women and once threatened her with a teaspoon.

### Extra Milk By Order Only

"How come that Joe gets extra milk and I can't get some?" Such has been the question uttered by a number of men during daily meals in the 1,000-man-mess hall.

Here is the answer by T/Sgt. H. W. Pennington. "It is not a question of playing favorites on the part of men working in the mess halls, as some enlisted men evidently think. The men who receive additional milk do so through the authorization of the station hospital, post headquarters and the quartermaster department. When such official requests come to us for certain individuals the extra milk is then issued them."

### Bridge Tourney In Service Club

For you men who throw a wicked spade, there's going to be a bridge tournament in the service club on Wednesday next. Bring your soft-toed coaching shoes, your small talk, and your Sunday manners and show up at the club about 1900 in order to do battle with the SF minor league Culbertsons.

Oh yes, don't forget to turn your name into Mrs. B. the hostess sometime before the affair so she can arrange the seating and mirrors. See you behind a no-trump Bub.

### Don't Miss

#### 'The Purple Heart'

This Sunday and Monday "The Purple Heart," a movie about the "trial" of the American aviators who were captured by the Japs after participation in the Tokyo raid will be shown in the post theatre.

For those men in the Army, and especially those in the AAF, this film represents more than just an historical incident. It is the tragic story of a number of their buddies who fly who were unjustly prosecuted and killed, in order to appease the fears and hates of the Japanese people.

Don't miss "The Purple Heart." Burn it in your memory.

### Many Attend Off Duty School

Off duty education classes for enlisted men of Strother Field are now being held each evening in the week excluding Saturday, and many men are taking advantage of this training opportunity by attending classes in one or more subjects.

Among the subjects being taught are photography, shop mathematics, basic English, typewriting and orchestra work.

Pvt. E. H. Mertz of the Special Service department, who is in charge of the educational program on the field, said today that there is room for additional students among military personnel interested in attending any of the classes.

Then there was the movie actor who got drunk on the set and passed completely out of the picture.



### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### Who Threw That Section Eight?





## South Stage Continues Its Basketball Victory March

The South Stage officers basketball team continued its red-hot brand of play when it met the North Stage team in a third round game Wednesday night. Led by 1st. Lt. J. L. Sublett, forward, the South Stage made 37 points to their opponent's 22 points. Lt. Sublett scored 8 points and Major K. D. Culbertson, North Stage guard, and 2nd. Lt. D. R. Balls, center, shared scoring honors for their team with 7 points each.

There was never any question as to the outcome of the game as the league leaders took off to a 10 to 5 lead in the first quarter. This was increased to a 19 to 7 lead at the half and the same margin was held during the third period when the score read 25 to 13 in their favor. The lead had been increased to 15 points when the game ended.

The Administrative officers team defeated the luckless Center Stage outfit by a score of 32 to 25 in the second game of the third round. In the first quarter the Center Stage team had a 10 to 0 lead and it looked as if the quintet might win their first game of the season. At the half the score was 21 to 6 in their favor and victory seemed certain. Then the Adm. team came back for the second half with determination in their eyes, scoring 16 points to their opponents one lone point, tying the score at 22-all when the third period ended. In the final stanza the Adm. team scored 10 more points while the Center Stage outfit could only total 3 more, making the final score read 32 to 25. 2nd. Lt. R. B. Barnett, Adm. forward, set the scoring pace for his teammates with a total of 11 points. 2nd. Lt. B. F. Bramble, Center Stage forward, led his team in scoring with 8 points.

The Administrative team victory and the North Stage defeat Wednesday night breaks the second place tie between the two teams as a result of last week's encounters. Adm. now holds this position all by itself while the North Stage dropped back to third position.

South Stage—37		North Stage—22			
Sublett, f	3	2	Brooks, f	0	0
Saunders, f	0	0	Fritz, f	1	1
Dunn, f	3	1	Yost, f	0	0
Hardin, f	0	0	Balles, c	2	3
Carlisle, c	3	1	Thornley, g	0	0
Gunther, g	1	0	Clancy, g	1	0
Beck, g	2	0	Culbertson, g	3	1
Hinkley, g	1	0	Stiverson, g	1	0
Neff, g	1	1			
Conte, g	2	0			
Douglas, f	0	0			
Otto, g	0	0			
	16	5		8	6

Administrative—32		Center Stage—25			
Barnett, f	5	1	Bramble, f	4	0
Switzer, f	1	0	Tomlinson, f	0	0
Baldwin, f	1	1	Morris, f	3	0
Law, f	0	1	Gordon, f	0	0
Mize, c	2	1	Quisenberry, c	1	0
Armstrong, g	1	0	Markland, c	1	2
Stoner, g	3	2	Wendling, g	2	1
			Bartley, g	0	0
			Robinowitz, g	0	0
			Corrick, g	0	0
	13	6		11	3



Winners of the recent Physical Fitness Tests given officers and cadets at Strother Field are shown discussing their scores. At the left is 1st. Lt. George D. Allen, physical training officer who tied 1st. Lt. F. W. Holbein, shown at right, with a PFR of 85 and a sum score of 253. In the center is shown Cadet James S. Denning of Class 44-E who had a PFR of 90 and a sum score of 266.

## Baer Brothers' Visit Doubtful

According to recent reports the appearance of the Baer brothers, heavyweight boxers, at Strother Field seems rather doubtful.

When last heard of Sgt. Max Baer was in Sacramento, Calif., and Sgt. Buddy Baer was in a Miami hospital. Max is quoted as saying that Buddy will undoubtedly be given a medical discharge from the Army Air Forces. The latter has been in the hospital for several weeks suffering from leg and neck injuries received during his fighting days and which have recurred while in service.

Roll Call Reporter: Punctuality is the art of guessing how late the other fellow is going to be.

## Both EM and Officers Play in ARC Basketball Benefit Tonight

A doubleheader basketball benefit for the Red Cross drive is scheduled for tonight in the auditorium-gymnasium at Arkansas City beginning at 1930. In the opening game the Strother Field all-star team composed of enlisted men will meet an all-star quintet from Ark City. In the second game of the evening the SF officer team will play the Kanotex Oilers.

There are added features scheduled for the program, sponsored by the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. Members of the post team will be presented athletic medals for their participation in the 1943-44 basketball schedule. This will take place between halves of the first game played tonight. Between halves of the Kanotex-SF officers game there will be a jitterbug demonstration by several members of the 322nd squadron and their gals. The SF Airchords, dance orchestra, will liven up the evening with their sparkling musical presentations.

The probable starting lineup of officers playing the Kanotex will include 2nd. Lt. R. P. Brooks and 1st. Lt. J. L. Sublett, forwards; Capt. W. H. Carlisle, center; Capt. O. P. Stoner and 1st. Lt. J. S. Neff, guards. Other officers forming the SF team will be Major D. E. Dunn and 1st. Lt. W. E. Gunther, forwards; 1st. Lt. M. L. Mize, center, and 2nd. Lt. R. J. Beck and 2nd. Lt. W. A. Wendling, guards.

The probable starting lineup of enlisted men on the all-star team will include Sgt. Brey, Cpl. Vance, forwards; Pfc. Smith, center; S/Sgt. Dalak and Sgt. Nicholas, guards. Other members of the team include Pvt. Bova, Cpl. Reed, Pvt. Murbrook, Pvt. Stebar and Sgt. Ferrell.

## Major A. A. Sprong Tells Value of PT Training Overseas

Major Aaron A. Sprong, who left Strother Field hospital staff this week for a new station at St. Petersburg, Fla., who won an air Medal for service in the South Pacific, took occasion before his departure to comment on the necessity for all men to be in the best physical trim before going into foreign service.

A skilled physician and surgeon, Major Sprong was quick to see the ravages of strain upon his close friend, a captain, and the captain's crew who for three months hid from the enemy after their plane was shot down in the world down under. Only the fact that they were in the prime of good health saved them, in the opinion of Major Sprong.

"My friend was a pilot in a B-24 squadron when his plane was downed on a 700-mile search mission. Five Zeros hopped his B-24. One waist gunner was killed outright; one navigator was shot in the foot and one engine was shot out. The plane flew on and on and when another engine conked out, the pilot landed it in the water. Eight of the men took to a life raft and floated for 12 days. Their total food supply was two K rations and they had only one canteen of water for the eight men. Two weeks later they were taken under the wing of friendly natives on the small islands of the South Pacific and under cover of night they began their long, arduous trek back to their own base. In small boats they were taken from island to island, and after three months' hiding and traveling they made their way to their home base 700 miles away. Their good physical condition was the only thing that brought these men back. I am convinced of that."

To the men of Strother Field, who like all other soldiers elsewhere are training for possible combat, Major Sprong gave the advice that each man get and keep himself in as good physical condition as possible.

"Take all the physical training you can get. Know your physical limit. Don't be a gold bricker."

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"Hey, Blue-eyes! ... th' boys tell me you're a howl!"

## Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service  
By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

According to Sgt. Jerry O'Leary, a Marine Corps combat correspondent, Jap troops charging Marine lines at Cape Gloucester had a strange battle cry indeed.

"To hell with Babe Ruth," they cried.

In New York Babe Ruth had a ready reply.

"I hope every Jap that mentions my name gets shot," the world's greatest fat man said. "And to hell with all Japs, anyway."

Bobo Newsom, America's last great ham tragedian, paid his new boss, venerable Connie Mack, a recent visit to talk contract turkey. But Bobo, now 4F, was so busy interviewing himself for the Philadelphia press that he forgot to come to terms.

The Montreal Royals should be tough this year. They have signed Elmer (Red) Durrett, an infielder, who was one of the Marine heroes of the initial landing at Guadalcanal. Shellshocked in the attack, he was sent to a hospital in California and then discharged.

## Da Woim Toins

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up interest again a few days ago when Lt. Parker reported as a student officer with the new class of cadets, Class 44-G. It was a regular homecoming for Lt. Parker for from Dec. 17, 1942 until Nov. 4, 1943, he was stationed at Strother Field as a tactical training officer in the cadets detachment.

Among the long line of cadets who passed under Lt. Parker's surveillance when he was a tac officer at Strother Field was a young chap named Donald D. Sollenberger, a cadet of Class 43-I, which last July 23 met all requirements, was graduated and progressed to advanced school. With that course completed and wearing his silver pilot's wings, 2nd Lt. Sollenberger was sent to Central Instructors' School at Randolph Field, Texas. Good news awaited him at completion of that course in November, 1943—his assignment for teaching cadets to fly was back at the "old school" where he himself flew his first military plane, Strother Field, Kansas. Checking up on his officer acquaintances at the cadet detachment, Lt. Sollenberger missed Lt. Parker and was advised that six days before he reported at Strother Field to begin teaching, Lt. Parker himself had entered cadet training. Four months later on the ramp at Strother Field 1st. Lt. Parker presented himself to 2nd Lt. Donald D. Sollenberger as a pupil.

## The Joe on the Line

Here's a rhyme  
To the bird on the line,  
The greaseball that flyers know:  
Regardless of rank,  
On this you can bank—  
He's just a G. I. Joe.

At the crack of dawn  
When the night has gone  
You're cleaning off the grease,  
It's Fall In Joe—  
And off you go,  
In your oily coat of fleece.

So off you go  
And God only knows,  
You're needin' to hit the bunk—  
Ten hours in the cold,  
You needn't be told  
The job you had sure stunk.

Then hit the sack,  
Stretch out that back,  
Relax—and the hell with it all:  
You've earned your rest,  
Yet your dreams are blest  
With some formation call.

Get up now!  
It's time for chow:  
The cook can't wait all day!  
G. I. can't you see,  
You're on as K. P.—  
A change is good they say.

Scrub on those trays  
And dream of the days  
When your rank pulls you out of this dump  
You damn sure can't win,  
But Joe it's a sin  
To leave and go "over the hump."

You sure have a gripe—  
You know it ain't right,  
To lead the life you do;  
To hell with the mob  
That shirks its job—  
You've got yours and do it too.

And then comes the day,  
When the Eagle, you know,—Pay  
Look at those poor simple saps!  
A circle, a floor  
A game you adore,  
"Make way for a Joe who shoots craps."

Too soon it's done,  
You've had your fun—  
Well hell, you can borrow smokes—  
The Sarge was hot,  
You had, he's got—  
You hope to God he chokes.

You drill, You learn  
You kick and yearn  
And gripe like hell to boot  
And yet you crew  
A plane or two  
For some gold-barred young coot.

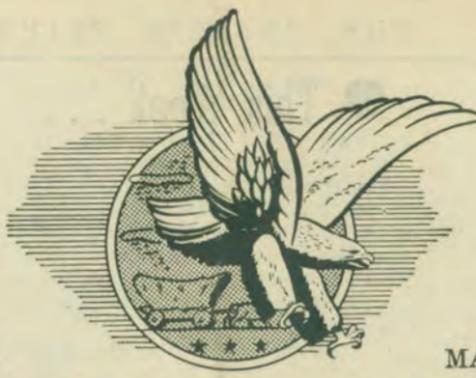
G. I. Joe,  
You're tops I know:  
My helmet's off to you  
You've checked my ship  
On every trip,  
There's nothing you can't do.

This Army ain't  
For gold braid saints,  
But only G. I. Joes—  
Who live and die,  
Yet lick the sky,  
By working down below.

Then here's a rhyme,  
To a guy on the line,  
A guy who's in the know,  
You're winning the war,  
A pride to the corps—  
We salute you G. I. Joe.

—Capt. R. J. Kostka.

Two-Ton Tony Galento, the beer keg that walks like a man, bounced into the Newark (N.J.) induction station and said he wanted to join the Marines "because I'm a tough guy and they're a tough outfit." But Army physicians, prodding Two Ton's suet, found him acceptable only for limited service in the Army. "I'm disapernted," said Tony, belching dramatically. "I wanted to get a crack at dem bums."



Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, Strother Field executive officer, presents a check for \$500.25 to Red Cross War Fund Drive officials during last week's basketball program in Ark City. The check represented the proceeds of the event sponsored by the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. Ark City. Mrs. Grace Stoner, shown at the right, sorority president, presented the check to Lt. Col. Beatty. At the left is shown Charles Manney, Cowley County ARC drive chairman. Next to Lt. Col. Beatty is Marshall Hill, Ark City ARC chairman.

### 448th Planning A Hobby Room

The 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron is to have a hobby room, according to announcement made this week by Pvt. E. H. Mertz, in charge of the orientation program and war room of this organization.

The hobby room will occupy the area east of the war room and enlisted men of this outfit interested in artwork, sketching, painting, clay modeling and the construction of models, such as airplanes, tanks, etc., are asked to leave their names with Pvt. Oral Anderson in the 448th day room.

## Strother Field To Be Placed On "Stand-By" Basis In July

Strother Field is one of twenty-two camps and air force installations due to be placed on a "standby basis" according to an announcement issued by the war department last week-end. This basis is all ready in effect at some installations and will become effective at Strother Field sometime in the month of July. Coffeyville, Kans., air field will be placed on this basis in May.

A war department public relations officer in Washington has issued the following definition of the term "standby basis." "On a standby basis operations will be suspended and caretakers will be stationed at the installations to keep them in readiness for future use."

Col. Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Field, said today that further inquiries through military channels were still in progress and that nothing definite pertaining to the status of this field after July has been received here.

Here are the air forces installations scheduled for the changeover in addition to Strother Field and Coffeyville, Kans., army air field:

Scribner (Neb.) Air Field; Keystone (Fla.) Air Field; Ainsworth (Neb.) Air Field; Dunellon (Fla.) Air Field; Cross City (Fla.) Air Field; Alachua Air Field, Gainesville, Ga.; Winters-Davis Air Strip, Winters, Cal.; Harrisburg, (Pa.) Academy; Newport (Ark.) Air Field; Walnut Ridge (Ark.) Field; Montebrook (Fla.) Air Field; Kearns (Utah) Air Field and Blythe (Cal.) Air Field; George Field at Lawrenceville, Ill.; Blackland Field, Waco, Tex.; Stuttgart (Ark.) Air Field and Eagle Pass (Tex.) Air Field.

### Formal Opening Saturday Night At A.C. USO

The USO center in Arkansas City will have a formal opening of its new location in the 200 block South Summit street tomorrow evening, April 1st.

Enlisted men of Strother Field are cordially invited to attend the affair and to bring their date and also a civilian couple as guests, according to announcement made this week by USO officials.

The Airchords, post dance orchestra, will be on hand to give out with the best in rhythm and there is to be special entertainment presented by a group from Wichita, Kans. Plenty of refreshments will be served during the evening.

Tell your cutie to wear a formal as the event is to be a super affair—and notify the feminine member of your civilian guest couple to dress accordingly. After all, you enlisted men will want the gals to be happy and if you forget to tell them the party is formal they will never forgive you.

For enlisted men who desire to stag it to the affair, there will be plenty of GSO chicks to guide you around, so let's go, everyone.

### 55th to Have First Sq Party

On Saturday, April first, the HQ and HQ Squadron, 55th BFT Group will have its first exclusive squadron party at the swank Winfield Country Club just south of Winfield. Eight bells is the time set for the opening, and from then on, according to details released by the committee, the party really promises to be a wow!

The Country Club is being decorated especially for the affair by Wanda Williams of Winfield, and the theme that has been chosen is that of a ship. Nautical props are being gathered, from life preservers, portholes, the MC's spot behind a large ship's wheel, on down to a ship's helm with the name of the Skipper on it, the skipper being popular Captain Charles H. Frederick, veteran of two world wars.

Door prizes will be given, and the lad and lassie winning them will be crowned king and queen of the evening, and they will lead the juke-box dancing. Entertainment, refreshments, (eats to you (Continued on page 3, col. 3)

In the top picture Groves, Kanotex center, takes tip from Lt. Beck, center, as the Red Cross War Fund Drive benefit game between Strother Field officers and the Kanotex Oilers played last Friday in Ark City got underway. No. 7 is Major Dunn, forward, and No. 11 is Lt. Neff, guard on the SF team. Smith, Strother Field all-star center, stretches for the opening tip in last Friday's game with the Ark City high school all-stars. Brej, SF forward, is shown at the far left, and Bova, SF guard, is at the far right.

### Cage Games Get \$500 For ARC

Arkansas Citians and members of the Strother Field military personnel filled to capacity the auditorium-gymnasium in that city last Friday night to see the double header basketball benefit program held in connection with the Red Cross War Drive Fund. The event was sponsored by the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority in Ark City.

Two Strother Field teams representing officers and enlisted men met the Kanotex Oilers and high school all-stars, the former losing to the Kanotex by a score of 45-37 while the post team of enlisted men defeated the all-stars by a score of 25 to 19.

Ticket sales for the event amounted to \$500.25; a check for this amount was presented by Mrs. Grace Stoner, sorority president, to Lt. Col. Beatty, SF executive officer, who in turn presented the check to Marshall Hill, Arkansas City Red Cross Chairman and Charles Manney, Cowley County Red Cross Chairman.

Between halves of the enlisted men's and all-star game Col. J. F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Field, presented athletic medals to members of the post team which had such a successful season this year.

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The National Geographic Society is cooperating with Camp Newspaper Service in publishing a series of maps on farflung regions of the world where American servicemen are stationed.

# Speaking of--Why I Fight

Winner of an enlisted men's essay contest on "Why I Fight," conducted by the 91st Infantry Division orientation office at Camp Adair, Ore., was T/5 Bernard H. Smith, whose prize winner is printed below. There were 162 entries in the contest. Bonds and stamps were prizes.

The people of the United States are the government. Therefore I, who am one of the people, am a part of the government of my country. When the property of the people or the honor of my country is imperiled, it is my property or myself or my honor which is imperiled, as well as if my house or my person were attacked or endangered. That which affects my government and my country affects me also, for I am a part of them. If my country prospers, then I prosper. If my country is bound in miseries, then likewise I am bound in miseries.

So it is in a larger sense with all of the free peoples of the Earth, held together by a bond more lasting than any written laws and enforced by a will far stronger than any physical might. This is the bond of understanding between people who possess an inherent desire for the common peace, for an utter absence of fear for any man or any group of men, a desire for the simple occupation of pursuing the course of life in freedom and equality.

If a free people of any race or creed or color on this Earth be imperiled as to property, person or honor, it is logical that I consider the peril as great to my property, person and honor as it is to the one endangered. For I am a free man and the rights of all free men must be respected and protected over the Earth. If I allow them to be disregarded in Europe or in Asia, I may expect them to be disregarded in my neighborhood.

This is why I fight: Those rights of freedom that belong to all men have been imperiled and endangered. Even as I prospered through them in peace, so must I share the responsibilities and the miseries that have come since they were attacked. In a smaller sense, the property and the people and the honor of my government have been attacked. Thus, since I am a part of that government, it is my property and my honor and myself that have been attacked.

If the danger to these rights and liberties is not at once removed and forever crushed, I will be forced to stand guard over them, and my family and my children after me; I will live in constant fear that the danger might overwhelm me, I will be enslaved to a routine of watchfulness and my self respect will amount to naught.

Living thus in a state of fear and slavery, I would not be free. That is why I fight.

T/5 Bernard H. Smith  
Service Co., 36th Inf. Regt.  
91st Infantry Division.  
—Army Times, March 11.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

### THE OLD ORDER STILL STANDS

What do you think of profanity? Do you think it a part of the Army—evidence of a good, tough, he-man, soldier? George Washington, our first general, was not a sissy and he had men who had a pretty tough job to do. Let's see what he thought about it. Here's his order:

"The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice hitherto little known in our American Army, is growing into fashion. He hopes that the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it and that both they and the men will reflect that we can little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our army if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this it is a vice so mean and low without any temptation that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

Need I say more? Yes, I know from experience how hard it is to break the habit once you get started to letting them "roll." Those of you in the habit have my sympathy. I do not condemn but pity you. You started when you thought it was manly. Now that you have become a man you have not put away childish things.

Profanity is the most uncalled for habit or sin in the Decalogue. When one stops to think about it there is absolutely no excuse for it. It is evidence of shallow thinking and sometimes shallow living. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." It is an indication of irreligion, lack of Church attendance, Bible reading, prayer and faith in God. Profanity and the higher and better things of life just do not go together.

No the General's orders and the Decalogue still stand. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord Thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

## small Talk

When Cpl. Wothington Q. Croupsnoot, the only man in his barracks who still wore a long nightie, looked out of the window, it wasn't snowing at all. He hurriedly dressed, put on his hand-knit mittens, peeked outside again to make sure that it wasn't blizzarding, and making sure, he slipped out the door, and ran across the frozen Kansas earth toward the day room for a juicy VD lecture.

When the lecture was over, Wothington opened the day room door a crack, and peered out to see if the weather had changed.

"Nope. It's still fine," he said to himself, "I'll certainly have time to run down to the PX for some Feenamint Gum!" And with a bound of energy saved up from last week's PT, he leaped into the open, running like a bat outa hell for the exchange. As he paced down the road he felt the kiss of a few snow flakes on his cheek.

"Tain't nawthin," he thought, "I'll make the PX with time to talk to that smooth little honey before it snows."

But he was wrong. In a moment, a fresh gust of Kansas wind caught the snowflakes coming down in his grasp and decided to become a March blizzard. He did. He blew cold and hard, scattered his snowflakes by the millions, and blinded everybody on the road. He blinded Croupsnoot too. Our pudgy Corporal felt his way along, fighting for every inch of the way.

At last he found a door, pulled on the knob, fought against the wind, and finally got in.

"I'll take—" but he stopped. Then he noticed he wasn't in the PX at all. "Where am I?" he asked a girl at the counter.

"Ponca City, Oklahoma, Sonny-Boy First Class," came the snappy reply.

"Do you have any Feenamint?" he begged, with a tear in his voice.

"No Bub, this is Army Enlistment Post number 52," she said coldly.

"Oh fudge!" cried Wothington, and with a sigh he stepped out into the storm, running toward Ark City, but hoping to make Dallas by nightfall.

# This Week . . .

—at the service club things are pretty much the same as last. The past Sunday a choral group from St. John's College in Winfield, directed by Dr. W. H. Wenthe, gave an interesting and pleasing program of sacred, secular and semi-popular numbers.

Looking over the schedule we find:

Friday—GI party; free cookies, java, movies and shoot the breeze.

Saturday—Open night.

Sunday—Visitors' day—show your girl around.

Monday—Foto Club 1900; Bingo 2015, Prizes!

Tuesday—Regular jam session.

Wednesday—Another Bridge Tourney 1900.

Thursday—322nd Squadron Party.

Friday—Start all over again.

## Ye Liftings

"Darling Lambykins," oozed a GI who had fallen like a ton of bricks for a local gal, "How shall we furnish the bedroom? Do you like twin beds?"

"Yeah, honey, plenty close together," she giggled.

"Say, Joe, you look kinda downcast. Whatsa drift?"

"Aww, my wife wuz away for a month and I kept writing her that I stayed home nights, and did a lot of reading."

"Well so what?"

"So she came home today and saw the light bill; it was for two-bits."

Pink elephant: A beast of bourbon.

Poil from Ponca says that these soldier typists should get further training because their touch system is far from perfect.

"Hey KP, dere's a fly in my soup!"

"Whatsamatter with you Joe, how much soup can a little fly eat?"

"Why are those MP's hauling that jerk out of the USO?"

"Well, he couldn't find any females, so he opened the door marked 'LADIES' and went in after 'em."

An ace newspaper correspondent asked one of the Midway heroes how he was certain he had plastered a Jap cruiser. The reply was: "My bomber done tol' me."

Cadet to Instructor: "Do we have to stay up here until we get the engine started again, sir?"

## This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 1 April

\* THE LADY AND THE MONSTER

Richard Arlen  
Eric Von Stroheim  
Musical—Popular Science

Sunday, Monday, 2-3 April

\* PASSAGE TO MARSEILLE

Humphrey Bogart  
Michele Morgan  
News of the Day

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## Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

"It won't be wrong now," said the modern girl, as she was led to the altar.

Man is but a worm. He comes along, wiggles a bit, then some chicken gets him.

She: "When we get married, I'm going to cook, sew, darn your socks, and lay out your pipe and slippers. What more could any man ask for?"

He: "Nothin', unless he is evil-minded."

I like the girls who will,  
I like the girls who don't  
But I hate the girls who say  
They do; then find out they don't.

Then, there's the one about the fellow who wouldn't go out with his wife because he heard she was married.

Do soldiers waste much time—  
No, most girls are reasonable.

Had a bad cold last week, I couldn't remember whether to stuff a cold or starve it . . . so I flooded it.

## Safetygram

According to the most recent statistics available, accident fatalities over a calendar year are still much higher than battle casualties during a year of war. In these different classes; the home, motor vehicles, and occupational; accident fatalities are more frequent. Strangely enough, it is a safer place at work than at home.

It seems incredible that at war and on the battle front where casualties are the deliberate intent, it is comparably as safe as the worker is while on the job. Safety is given lots of stress and consideration for the soldier and the worker while they are at work. The big problem is to educate everyone in such a manner that physical safety consciousness is always present with them, especially off duty and at home.

Have you any good ideas to help win the war and make peace times safer by reducing accidents and injuries and their resulting loss of time? If so, place them in the suggestion box in your squadron.

## SJ Choral Club Serenades at SF

Last Sunday the St. John's Choral Club from St. John's College in Winfield paid a visit to the EM service club and gave a series of choral selections which were both inspiring and beautiful.

The Choral Club, composed of nine girls and eight male voices, is directed by Mrs. William H. Wenthe, teacher of music at the College. Miss Margaret Scaer who also teaches music and piano at St. John's, played a short piano selection for intermission.

After the program of sacred and secular singing, the chorals were taken to evening chow.

## What's new in your home town?

Chicago (CNS) — Daniel Forsling, 47, admitted in court that he stole 75 checks worth \$600 from mail boxes. But, he asserted, he always sent \$5 from every stolen check he cashed to the chaplain of the Federal Penitentiary at Terre Haute "for the betterment of prison conditions."

Denver (CNS) — Edward Shepherd, a professional strong man, sued his wife for divorce, maintaining that her constant nagging had caused his weight to drop from 205 pounds to "less than 200."

Helena, Mont. (CNS) — The State Legislature recently repealed an old ordinance which prohibits girls under 18 from entering "noodle parlors." A noodle parlor, in Montana, is a chop suey joint.

Bangor, Me. (CNS) — Arraigned on a charge of failure to provide heat for her tenants, a landlady chose prison rather than pay a \$25 fine. "I'd rather go to jail," she said. "It's warm there."

Beaumont, Tex. (CNS) — A Beaumont resident overturned tables, broke a mirror and upset the free lunch counter of a local saloon when he discovered to his chagrin that the song "Mairzy Doats" wasn't listed on the juke box.

Bristol, Conn. (CNS) — Harry Williamson, principal of an elementary school here, who weighs 200 pounds, will have to pay \$9,140 damages for sitting on Donald Galway, a 10-year-old student who weighs 80 pounds, the Connecticut Supreme Court has ruled. Williamson said he sat on young Galway because the boy became unruly.

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS) — Jeff Davis, "King of the Hoboes," doesn't like traveling conditions nowadays. He arrived here, weary after having ridden in a de luxe coach from Chicago. "It was terrible," complained Jeff. "You couldn't get a seat. Give me the good old days when a bo could ride the rods in comfort."

She might have been a Pullman conductor's daughter but she gave me a wide berth.

### USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dance	Floor show
Ark.		Formal dance	Field band
Sun.	Win.	Music Games	Free call
Ark.		Bingo	Free call
Mon.	Win.	Do-as-you-please	
Ark.		Game and bridge night	
Tues.	Win.	Service club dance	Games
Ark.		Do-as-you-please	
Wed.	Win.	Games	Dancing
Ark.		Sitackbar party	
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge	Ping pong
Ark.		Ping pong tournament	for GIs and GSO's
Fri.	Win.	Married couples' night	All GIs and wives invited
Ark.		Married couples night	

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About the prettiest new shoulders to cry on when you've got troubles, Pal, are those of La Verne (nmi) Scott, general assistant, helper, and GI Jane for Mr. Herbert A. Thomson, Red Cross Field Director.

Affable and easy-to-talk-to Miss Scott recently arrived from a Red Cross post in Camp Robinson, Arkansas, where she began her Red Cross work two years ago. It was at Camp R. that Scottie made the acquaintance of Mr. Thomson, who, knowing her excellent qualifications for the job, called for her to come to Kansas and SF when a vacancy occurred on his staff.

Scottie is a native Arkansan, born just outside of Little Rock. After high school she attended business college for a year to get the necessary fundamentals, and then plunged head-first into ARC work. She is blazedly enthusiastic about Red Cross field work, because "Soldiers are nice people, and you really feel you're helping the war effort when you help them," she says.

Mr. Thomson, field director at SF wants it known that little Scottie knows her beans, and in his temporary absence from the office at any time, she can handle any emergency that might confront a soldier, for which he might seek ARC aid.

### Two SF Privates Made Flight Officers

In a single jump Tuesday afternoon, through the authorization of the War Department, two Strother Field flight instructors—Thomas F. Cottar, Jr. of Dallas, Texas, and Charles B. Branen of Glendale, Calif. — were advanced from private to the rank of flight officer. Col. Joseph F. Carroll, command pilot of Strother Field, gave them the oath and pinned the blue enamel bars of the appointment on the two new officers at a simple ceremony in his office at 2 p.m.

For the past three months, as service pilots Pvt. Cottar and Pvt. Branen have been teaching aviation cadets at Strother Field how to fly the Valiant training ships used at this station. (By making a man a service pilot, the army recognizes that his civilian flying training has been such as to compensate for aviation cadet training. However, the army requires that a service pilot must demonstrate thoroughly to operational officers his ability to fly a different type of military aircraft before he is permitted to fly that plane. Even then, he may not fly that plane in combat.)

F/O Cottar has 1,400 logged hours' flying time, of which about 250 were flown at Strother Field, the remaining 1,150 in civilian life. He was inducted into the army on Feb. 11, 1943, and after basic training and several months as an enlisted man at Texas and Florida bases, entered cadet training. He was taking his required college course at Oklahoma A. & M. college at Stillwater, Okla., when he was ordered to report to Central Instructors' School at Randolph Field, Texas.

Flight Officer Branen, who was inducted into the army last May 7, has 1,200 hours' flying time, 950 as a civilian, 250 as a Strother Field instructor. He was stationed at various bases in the Second Air Force before he was transferred to Dalhart, Texas, from Wendover, Utah, and subsequently was sent to the Central Instructors School at Randolph Field. He received his instructor's rating at Glendale in 1939, following a year's training at the Grand Central Air Terminal.



First prize in an AAF lottery in China recently was Paulette Goddard, who is touring U. S. air bases in the CBI theater. A hat-drawing was held for the privilege of piloting the shapely movie star on her trip and the winners, three officers and one EM, turned down offers of \$100 apiece to trade places with their eager comrades.

### The value of The Space in writing

The other day the Ed told me to sit down and write a fancy article on better English; he said my grammar was lousy. So I wondered just what was the first thing I should concentrate on. I tried to pick the smallest, the most obscure, yet the most fundamental unit in English today. It was the space.

What do you know about the word "space"? Nothing? That's the best answer possible, because that's what space is: just nothing. So in order to use it in English we got to master this little bit of nothing.

Each time you write a word, unless you put a hyphen (-), a comma (,), an em-dash (;) or a colon (:), after the word, you got to reach up into nowhere and pull down a little bit of this nothing called space, and put it behind, or after the word. Now if you have done this correctly, there should be a little patch of emptiness after most of your words.

When you read, don't read "space" after each word. Just ignore it as you go by as though there is nothing there (and you're perfectly right, too) and no one will criticize you, including Editors. But don't forget the little spaces there. Without them your paper would look like hell.

"Hey Joe, call up the machinist, this damn typewriter is on the blink again!"

### Build Shelter for Snow Machines

It looks like a little bit of Iceland down by the motor pool, because a cylindrical-roofed building is being built, similar to those you have seen in movies about the Marines in Iceland, in order to house Strother Field's snow-moving equipment during the summer months.

The building, about 26 by 78 feet, is located in the southeast corner of the motor pool, and is about ninety per cent completed. The engineers are working on it in their spare moments, and should have it finished in a short time.

### ARC Benefit

(Continued from page 1, col. 2)

During the halfway mark of the SF Officers-Kanotex Oilers game, two members of the 322nd Squadron and their girl friends from Ark City gave a jitterbug exhibition that drew plenty of applause from the spectators. Pvt. James Kemper and Pvt. Phillip Roe and Misses Jackie Morris, Jaunita Fordston and Bessie Grady presented the jam-session. The number presented by Pvt. Kemper and Pvt. Roe was really red-hot.

The 683rd Army Band occupied the stage of the auditorium-gymnasium and their musical presentations were greatly appreciated by the large audience. Members of the Airchords, SF dance orchestra, played for the jitterbug exhibition.

### PX to Have One Day Sale

An event planned for several weeks by 1st. Lt. J. F. Francella, post exchange officer, is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st—a sale of some clothing items and merchandise in a one-day event.

The sale makes possible the running of an advertisement in the Prairie Flier, the first display of this type to ever appear in your field newspaper.

All items listed in the advertisement are deeply cut in price and offer extremely fine values to the enlisted men and officers of Strother Field. All items on sale are priced at cost and some are reduced 50% below original cost.

Lt. Francella suggests that you be on hand at 8:30 Saturday morning as some items are very limited in quantity. There will be no refunds or exchanges on merchandise purchased.

Five second lieutenants, all graduates of Strother Field in cadet class 44-B which left here last December for advance training, returned to SF this week to assume their duties as flying officers.

The group is composed of 2nd. Lts. John M. Brownlee, John W. Kidwell, Robert N. Hochjesang, Ward D. Rae, David Christenson.

### 55th Party

(Continued from page 1, col. 4)

GIs) and more fun are planned, so that the EM, officers, guests and their wives, girl friends and steadies will have an enjoyable evening.

Among the honored guests will be none other than the CO of the field, Col. Joseph F. Carroll, who will present medals to the winning 55th basketball team, who swept thru the intra-squadron brawl without a mishap.

Committee members responsible for all these arrangements are: Sgt. James E. Bates, Chairman, Sgt. Edward W. Heney, Sgt. Jack Blackman, and Pvt. George H. V. Hunter. In order to show your appreciation, you men of the 55th should be there nose up at eight, rarin' to go!

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### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### Nice Lines Of Communication





## South Stage Ends Officers League With No Defeats

The South Stage officers' basketball team defeated the Administrative officers' team, 44 to 35 Wednesday night to win the league title with six games won and none lost.

For a while it looked as if the Adm. team was the one to finally hand the SS outfit its first defeat of the season. The first quarter ended 8-all and at the half the Adm. team led 24 to 20. In the third period the SS tied the score again at 33-all and scored 11 points in the final stanza to the Adm. team's 2 points.

Major Dale D. Dunn, South Stage forward, was high man for his team with 15 points. 1st. Lt. Marion L. Mize, Adm. center, made 16 points.

The North Stage team defeated the Center Stage by a score of 50 to 35, and by so doing ended the season in second place tie with the Adm. team with 3 games won and 3 lost.

2nd. Lt. David R. Ball, NS center, made 14 points to lead his team while 2nd. Lt. B. F. Bramble tallied 16 counters.

The game was close throughout the first half, the score reading 10 to 7 in favor of the NS in the first quarter and 23 to 22 at the halfway mark. In the third quarter the NS totaled 16 points while its opponents could only hit for 9.

Here are the team standings at the close of the season:

TEAM	W.	L.	PCT.
South Stage	6	0	1.000
Administrative	3	3	.500
North Stage	3	3	.500
Center Stage	0	6	.000

The 448th Base Hdqts. and AB Squadron defeated the 1082nd Squadron in a bowling match last week on the post alleys. The 448th won by a margin of 133 points.

448th B Hq & AB Sq	1082nd BFT Sq
Kreuter 468	DeRasmil 431
Biederman 516	Toothacker 450
Williams 430	Yazbeck 398
Chatelain 461	Healy 375
Jones 476	Lietzow 554
Total 2851	Total 2218

## The Fans Were Happy

According to the Arkansas City Daily Traveler's sportswriter, Jerry Mock, it has been suggested that the Kanotex play a game with the Strother Field post team—that the enlisted men could give the Kanotex a better game than the recent one between the officers and Kanotex team.

From the cheering of the more than 1,000 spectators at the Red Cross Benefit games last week which featured the officers-Kanotex and SF post team-A.C. all-stars, everyone thoroughly enjoyed both encounters. Wouldn't it look a little silly for a group of lieutenants, captains and majors to be playing a group of high school kids? No doubt many spectators would have walked out on such a game or never have gone in the first place.

The Kanotex featured two top-notch basketeers in its game with the officers, Frank Grove, 6 foot-6 inch former All-American with the Phillips 66 team. Grove made 22 points the other night and had perfect control of a good percent of the rebounds, from under his own and the SF goal. Dick Hatfield, former high school and junior college star, was in Ark City and played with the Oilers. He is now stationed at the army air field at Dodge City, Kans., where he has been high scorer in a base league. Hatfield only made 2 points in the game with the SF officers, but he was potent in floor work. Over half the Kanotex score was made by these two men.

At the last minute SF found itself without the services of two star-performers, 1st. Lt. J. L. Sublett, high-scoring forward and 1st. Lt. W. F. Gunther, 6-foot, 3-inch guard. The defense and scoring ability of the officers were affected by this loss.

After all, the event last week was for a great cause and spectators as well as players had a lot of fun, so what difference does it make as to which teams were matched together.

North Stage—50		Center Stage—35	
Brooks, f	6	Gordon, f	1
Kreeger, f	1	Lance, f	0
Fritz, f	2	Bramble, f	6
Clancy, f	3	Wendling, c	3
Ball, c	7	Morris, g	1
Stiverson, g	2	Robinowitz, g	2
Culbertson, g	0	Tumlinson, g	0
Campbell, g	2		
Bowers, g	1		
Thornley, g	0		
	24		13
	21		9

Quarter scores:	
North Stage	10-23-34-50
Center Stage	7-22-26-35

South Stage—44		Administrative—35	
Dunn, f	7	Barnett, f	2
Neff, f	0	Stoner, f	5
Gunther, c	4	Mize, c	8
Beck, g	7	Armstrong, g	1
Conte, g	0	Baldwin, g	1
Carlisle, g	3		
	21		17
	21		1

Quarter scores:	
South Stage	8-20-33-44
Administrative	8-24-33-35

## Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service  
By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Sammy Byrd, once Babe Ruth's shadow in right field for the Yankees and more recently a prominent professional golfer, expects to be called into the Navy within a month. Sammy is 36.

Lou Fonseca, former Chicago White Sox star and American League batting champion in 1929, has been touring GI stations in the U. S. His latest port-o-call was Pinney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga., where he showed World Series movies, autographed baseballs and told funny jokes.

## The Wolf

by Sansone



## EM Win, Officers Lose In ARC Cage Benefit

Strother Field officers lost a hard-fought basketball game to the Kanotex Oilers in the Red Cross benefit program held in the Ark City auditorium-gymnasium last Friday night. The final score was 45 to 37 in favor of the Kanotex. Strother Field held its own though, when the enlisted men's post team met and defeated a high school all-star quintet by the score of 25 to 19, so honors were evenly divided between Ark City and Strother Field.

KANOTEX			OFFICERS			
fg	ft	pf	fg	ft	pf	
Rogers	1	4	1	Neff	0	0
Creveling	1	0	1	Brooks	3	3
Duncan	0	0	0	Dunn	0	0
O. Rutter	4	0	1	Stoner	1	2
Groves	8	6	3	Carlisle	2	0
W. Rutter	0	1	4	Mize	1	1
Clark	1	0	0	Beck	6	1
Hatfield	0	2	4	Barnett	0	0
Thomas	1	0	0	Ball	1	0
				Wendling	1	0
Tot.—	16	13	14	Tot.—	15	7

ALL-STARS			ENLISTED MEN			
fg	ft	pf	fg	ft	pf	
Smith	3	0	2	Brej	2	0
Wilson	0	0	2	Murbrook	0	0
Howard	0	0	0	Vance	3	2
Grinnell	0	0	1	Reid	0	0
Brady	3	3	3	Smith	1	2
Braymer	1	0	2	Ferrell	0	1
Duncan	0	0	2	Dalak	1	2
Shanks	1	0	2	Nichols	0	0
Parker	0	0	0	Stelbar	1	2
Hollenbeak	0	0	2	Bova	0	0
Tot.—	8	3	16	Tot.—	8	9

Frank Grove, Kanotex center and former All-American basketeer, made 22 points to lead in scoring. His handling of the ball and accuracy in hitting the basket throughout the game showed why he was one of the best while playing with the famous Phillips 66 team, and while starring with the Kansas State team during his college career.

2nd. Lt. R. J. Beck of the Officers started the scoring, but the Oilers soon jumped into the lead and remained ahead the entire game, although they were threatened in the last quarter.

The scoring was slow in the first period and the Officers trailed 8-4. In the next quarter the Oilers extended their lead and held a 19-12 margin at the half.

After the halftime, the Kanotex ran up 12 points before Strother was able to tally. Then the Officers started their drive to overcome the 19 points by which they trailed. The score at the end of the third period was 35-18 in favor of Kanotex.

The officers put on a 19-point drive in the final period while holding their opponents to 10 but failed to overcome the wide margin. Lt. Beck was high scorer for the officers with 13 points.

In the preliminary game Max Shanks of the All Stars started the scoring with a field goal from the side. Neither team was hitting and at the end of the first period Strother Field led 5-4.

In the second period the All Stars were held to a field goal and a free throw while the Enlisted Men bagged five points on the free throw route to lead at the half 10-7.

The All Stars started rolling in the third period and pulled up within one point of the Enlisted men to make the score at the three-quarter mark read 17-16.

The Strother Field five dealt a final blow when they dropped in 8 points while holding the All Stars to 3 and came out on the top end by 6 points.

Brady of the All Stars was high point man in that game, tallying a total of 9 points. Cpl. A. D. Vance was high for Strother Field with 8.

Howard Ehmke, 50, has wired Connie Mack that he has been soaking his throwing arm in pickle brine all winter and now is ready to pitch again for the A's. But Mack, a kid of 80 himself, says he's going to hold up the rest of the league with kids, not old timers, this year.

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