



## Post Engineers Plan Improvements

Several Strother Field projects which have been in the Post Engineer hopper for some time or awaiting funds or approval of higher headquarters are getting under way or will be started in the immediate future, Capt. Robert Ralston, Post Engineer announced this week. Together they add up to the largest authorization for construction, repair and improvement that has come to Strother Field for some time.

One of the largest of the several projects is the improvement of the many air-conditioning units in the instrument training department and the station hospital. When the units were put in, copper was a critical item and as a wartime emergency steel coils were installed. Now they are being replaced with copper coils to protect the supply of freon gas, which is the vital element used in the cooling processes of the air-conditioning units.

Installation of tie-down rings and ground rods on the Strother Field ramp will be started soon. The rings will replace those now in use which were put in to anchor basic trainer planes. Heavier rings are needed now for P-47 aircraft.

Alteration of the crash station to house the new Class 155 fire truck is another sizeable Post Engineer project.

## Prairie Flier Has Second Birthday

This issue of the Prairie Flier is the second anniversary edition of your Strother Field newspaper. How we've lived so long amazes us, too, but here we are with an 8-page paper in honor of the occasion.

You'll find a four-page section devoted to a Caniff (Miss Lace) and Sansone (The Wolf) cartoon and pictures of field events that have taken place during the past year. There is also a Thunderbolt-eye view of recreational facilities at Strother Field for which you may find a place in your army scrapbook.

During the past two years nearly three-quarters of a million words have been printed in the base newspaper. (If they had all been laid end to end along with the editor, it might have been a better idea.)

The Prairie Flier again extends its thanks to 1st. Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, Miss Ruby Boory and Sgt. Edward Breese of the public relations office for their fine cooperation in gathering and writing field news; to the officers and

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# SF Boxers Win Four Titles and Team Trophy In Second Air Force Tourney

## LIVE MUSIC CONTEST

Military and civilian personnel planning on competing in the live music contest in the service club Monday evening are requested to notify the special service office tomorrow, giving names of contestants and instrumental or vocal selections to be presented.

Pvt. Joseph McKee, Lt. Harold O'Neill, Pvt. Charles Gwynn, Sgt. Edward Korycinski Win Championships at Topeka

The Second Air Force district boxing tournament held in Topeka, Kans., last week turned out to be almost an all-Strother Field affair when it came time to award the titles. Four of the eight championships were won by local team members and the winning team trophy was presented to 1st. Lt. Jack Williams, athletic director, and Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, boxing coach, of Strother Field. The four title holders received red robes.

Local team members who won titles and will compete in the finals

of the Second Air Force tournament to be held in Topeka next week, April 11, 12, 13, are: Pvt. Joseph McKee, 120-lb. class, of Squadron M; 2nd. Lt. Harold O'Neill, 128-lb. class, assistant provost marshal; Pvt. Charles Gwynn, 135-lb. class, member of Squadron C, and Sgt. Edward Korycinski, heavyweight, of armament.

Strother Field's two other boxing team entries, Lt. Arthur Miller, light heavyweight, and Cpl. Jimmie Roberts, 147 lbs., member of Squadron A-3, were defeated, Miller in a semi-final bout and Roberts in a title scrap.

In the opening championship bout on Friday night, McKee took an easy third round decision over his opponent, George Disque, of the Pratt army air field team.

Lt. O'Neill's long reach and skillful jabbing gave him the judge's nod after three rounds in which Jack Burke of the Salina army air field had put up a game but losing battle.

The only knockout in the title bouts came when Pvt. Gwynn dropped Oliver, of Herington army air field, for the full count thirty seconds after the second round of their match had begun. For Gwynn it was a repeat performance. He had koed Burke, Salina army air field, in the first round

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Strother Field's 2AF district tourney boxing champs, physical training officer, team coach, and second, pose with their team trophy and robes in the Topeka, Kans., auditorium ring following the final bouts last Friday. Kneeling, left to right: Lt. Harold O'Neill, Pvt. Joseph McKee, Sgt. Edward Korycinski. Standing, left to right: Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, coach; Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer; Lt. Pete Riley, second, and Pvt. Charles Gwynn. (Topeka Army Air Field Photo.)

## 7th War Bond Quota Set at \$87,000

Strother Field's quota for the Seventh War Loan Drive which opened officially April 2nd has been set at \$87,000, according to Lt. Edwin J. Shore, war bond officer. Quota for military personnel is \$45,000, and for civilian personnel it is \$42,000. To achieve this minimum, it will be necessary for military personnel to average cash purchases of \$37.50 per person during the three-month period covered by the drive. Average civilian purchases must reach \$67 per person.

In releasing these figures Lt. Shore said that during the first month of the drive emphasis would be placed on increasing Class B allotments by military personnel.

## USO-Camp Show, "Chicks and Chuckles," Coming Here Tuesday

"CHICKS AND CHUCKLES," a load of fun and laughter, will arrive at Strother Field from USO-CAMP SHOWS on Tuesday, April 10. Admission to servicemen is free. There will be one performance in the post theater at 1900. Following are the entertainers who will appear here next week:

### Winners To Tourney

Finalist from 11 states including the four district champs from Strother Field will meet in the 2AF tournament at Topeka next week. Forty district champions were chosen in last week's tournaments at Topeka, Sioux City, Colorado Springs, El Paso and Galveston, representing fighters from 2AF installations in Kans., Colo., Wyo., S. Dak., Texas, Nebr., Iowa, N. Mex., La., Ariz., and Utah.

TWO BLACK CROWS (George Moran and Rade Sadler) (Blackface comedy)

George Moran, the big blowhard of the original "Two Black Crows," record artists of several years ago, has been a vaudeville headliner for nearly half-a-century. He began 46 years ago as a blackface character in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in Wagner's Museum, St. Joseph, Mo. He has appeared continuously since then in grease-paint roles.

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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

In the rarefied upper realms of thought where Einstein and his fellows move there is said to be mathematical proof that all things move in circles. Reduce the theory and the mathematics to the homely level of the vernacular proverb and we find the familiar statements that "History repeats itself" and "There is nothing new under the sun."

Unfortunately it is a common trait of the human being not to read his history at all, or, at best, to give it only a cursory glance. With a singular and apelike perversity he refuses not only to profit by the lessons of the past but even to pay them the slightest attention.

Had the German people read their European history, had they even studied Tolstoy's monumental novel, "War and Peace," ten years ago, they could never have blindly followed little Hitler to the reward which their nation is reaping today. The lesson of the inevitable end of all attempts at super-conquest is written plainly for all to read. And the courts of history, like those of law, allow no brief for ignorance.

For the sake of all concerned it is to be hoped that the Tokyo warlords will prove to be greater realists, less determined to reap the full measure of the whirlwind. With command of the air and sea lost by Japan, with her empire over-extended and exposed, with the initiative lost and the power fast slipping away, Japan is already doomed.

If the Jap has read his history, he will know that once the tide of conquest begins to recede it must continue to full ebb. He will accept the verdict. If not, he will bring down upon his people and his country the full force of the American holocaust.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN HENRY J. HALEY

Once there was a man who was a Christ-hater. He began by refusing to have a cross in his home, and around his wife's neck. As time went on he grew more bitter and he destroyed all crosses by the roadside. Finally in the height of his frenzy he climbed the steeple of his parish church and tore down the cross. Then one summer evening as he was walking along the lane that led to his home, the chirpings of a bird caught his ear. He looked up just as the bird was flying away from its perch and saw that the little creature was made in the form of a cross. . . . Hatred came into his heart. The branch on which the bird had rested was made in the form of a cross. He looked into the mirror and saw his body made in the form of a cross. He broke his furniture because it was made of crosses, he burnt his house because it was made of crosses. They found him in the river.

Cross haters are very unpopular today but Christ haters are thriving by the millions. If you don't believe it just keep your ears open and listen to the way the Name of God and Jesus Christ is abused and then try to convince yourself that these men are Christians.

## THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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## ARMY DAY

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In accordance with the expressed wishes of our military leaders, and in view of the urgency of the military situation, we forego this year the full observance of Army Day.

Because of the significance of Army Day, however, I feel that I may take this occasion to express to the members of this command deep gratitude for the way in which they have worked together toward the achievement of final victory.

Let us together resolve to continue our whole-hearted efforts, pausing only long enough today to salute our fellowmen who have, and are even now, meeting and beating the enemy, whenever and wherever he is encountered.

(Signed) D. E. MEADE,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

Among the men honored at the review last Friday were two ex-Strother Field cadets, Lt. Daniel Sipe of 43-D and Lt. George Smith, Jr., of 44-D. . . . Visitors last week-end included Lt. Beatrice Tarnoff, former assistant special service officer here, who was sporting silver bars acquired since her assignment to Pratt, and Jean Douglas, long-time front-desk girl in the adjutant's office. . . . By mail came a visit from Lt. Fred Holbein, erstwhile ground school instructor, who now holds sway in swanky quarters formerly occupied by SHAEF in Greater London. Among other things he informs us that Lt. Rudolf Baum, ex-SF classification officer who is now in London, was recently promoted to first lieutenant. . . . Another interesting epistolary came from Capt. Gilbert Graham, former director of ground training here, who is in the Far East preparing to go to work in the Army's civil affairs program. "I haven't done any governing yet," writes the captain, "but from what experienced officers tell me it sounds okay." . . . The man who added the postscript to the newscast at noon Monday was Pfc. Rollin Bacher of Yank, just back from promotion work for the Army weekly which took him to Saipan, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, and a few other recent costly additions to our republic. . . . Most men reporting here list tours of duty in Alaska as foreign service. Pvt. Patrick J. Abercrombie of Fighter Control, reporting here this week, listed Anchorage, Alaska, as his hometown, and under foreign service wrote: "None." . . . Portrait of sentiment: CWO William F. Baker on the sidelines at the review last week, reliving in memory the pomp, the color, the martial atmosphere of hundreds of ceremonies in which Baker-led bands had performed.

## YE LIFTINGS

And then there is the girl who is so pure she won't even do improper fractions.

Sugar Daddy (as they finished dinner in a private room at a roadhouse): "Er, er—how about a little demitasse now, my dear?"

Chorine Cutie: "I knew it! You weren't treating me like this for nothing!"

Then there was the private who was so broke when he took his girl to the beach that he couldn't even afford to rent an umbrella. Instead, he sat there and told her shady stories.

There are three classes of women: the intellectual, the beautiful, and the majority.

Morale: The thing that keeps you going when you know it isn't possible.

## Have You Read .

In *The Moon and Sixpence*, W. Somerset Maugham novelizes the biography of a genius who sacrificed everything and everybody to artistic creation, preferring to seek the moon instead of the proverbial sixpence.

Facts from the life of the French impressionistic painter, Paul Gauguin, provided the basis for the characterization of Charles Strickland. A seemingly commonplace stockbroker, Strickland after seventeen years of apparently contented marriage deserts his wife and two children to study art in Paris. His brutal concentration on his art, his callous indifference to love, friendship and kindness are forcibly presented.

Strickland eventually goes native in Tahiti, where he dies as a leper, but through the intervening time "he made enemies rather than friends." In the bungalow where he dies, the French doctor found the walls of his room "from floor to ceiling covered with strange and elaborate compositions . . . primeval and terrible . . . beautiful and obscene." His black wife tells the doctor that Strickland had ordered her to burn the house when he died. "He had made a world and saw that it was good. Then, in pride and contempt, he destroyed it."

## Orchids . . . . .

To First Lieutenants John B. Bingaman, James F. Gaylor, and Donald C. Fee, who this week received notice of their promotion from second lieutenant.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open House until 1800.	SAT.
Theater—Circumstantial Evidence—Michael O'Shea, Lloyd Nolen. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	APR. 7
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies.	SUN.
Theater—Sudan—Maria Montez, Jon Hall, Turhan Bey. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	APR. 8
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess.	MON.
Theater—No showing.	APR. 9
Service Club—Section C Party.	TUES.
Theater—USO Show "Chicks and Chuckles"—one showing—1900.	APR. 10
Service Club—Enlisted Personnel Dance.	WED.
Theater—It's a Pleasure—Sonja Henie, Michael O'Shea, Marie McDonald. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	APR. 11
Service Club—Dance—Winfield and Ark City Girls.	THURS.
Theater—No showing.	APR. 12
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130.	FRI.
Theater—Molly and Me—Monty Wolley, Gracie Fields. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	APR. 13

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator







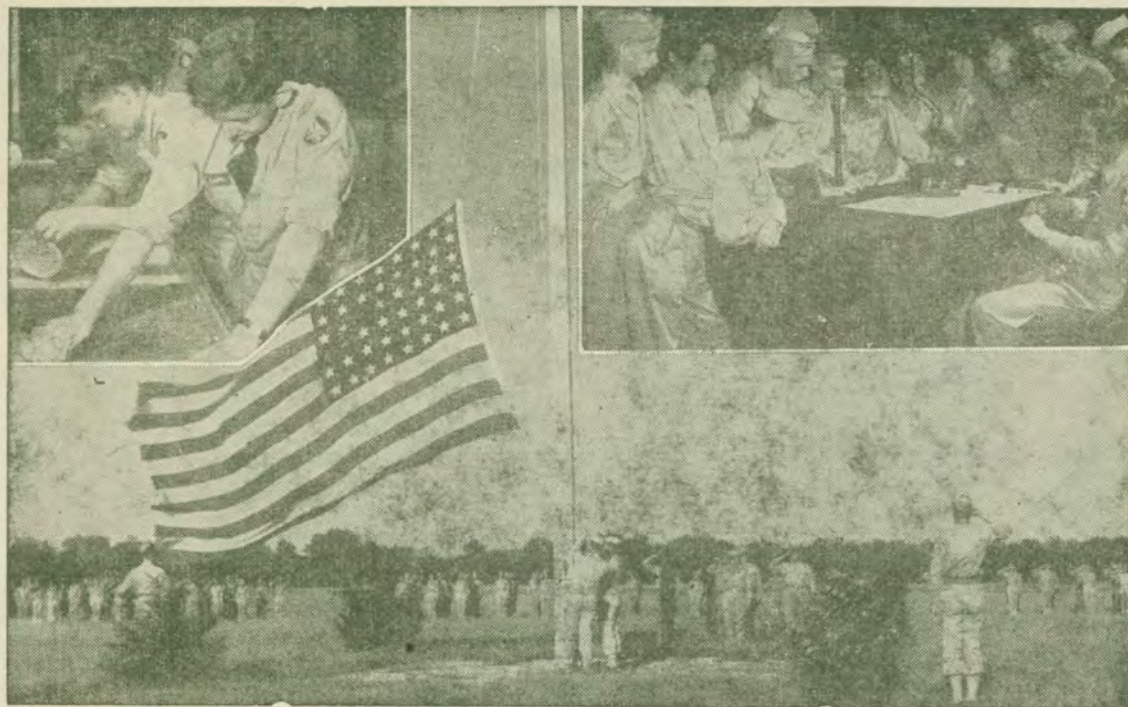
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TO THE  
**PRAIRIE FLYER**  
ON YOUR  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
AND BEST WISHES  
TO THE GANG AT  
STROTHER FIELD, KANSAS

from .....  
*Lace, WOLF*   
CAMP NEWSPAPER  
SERVICE .....

*Col. Sansone*





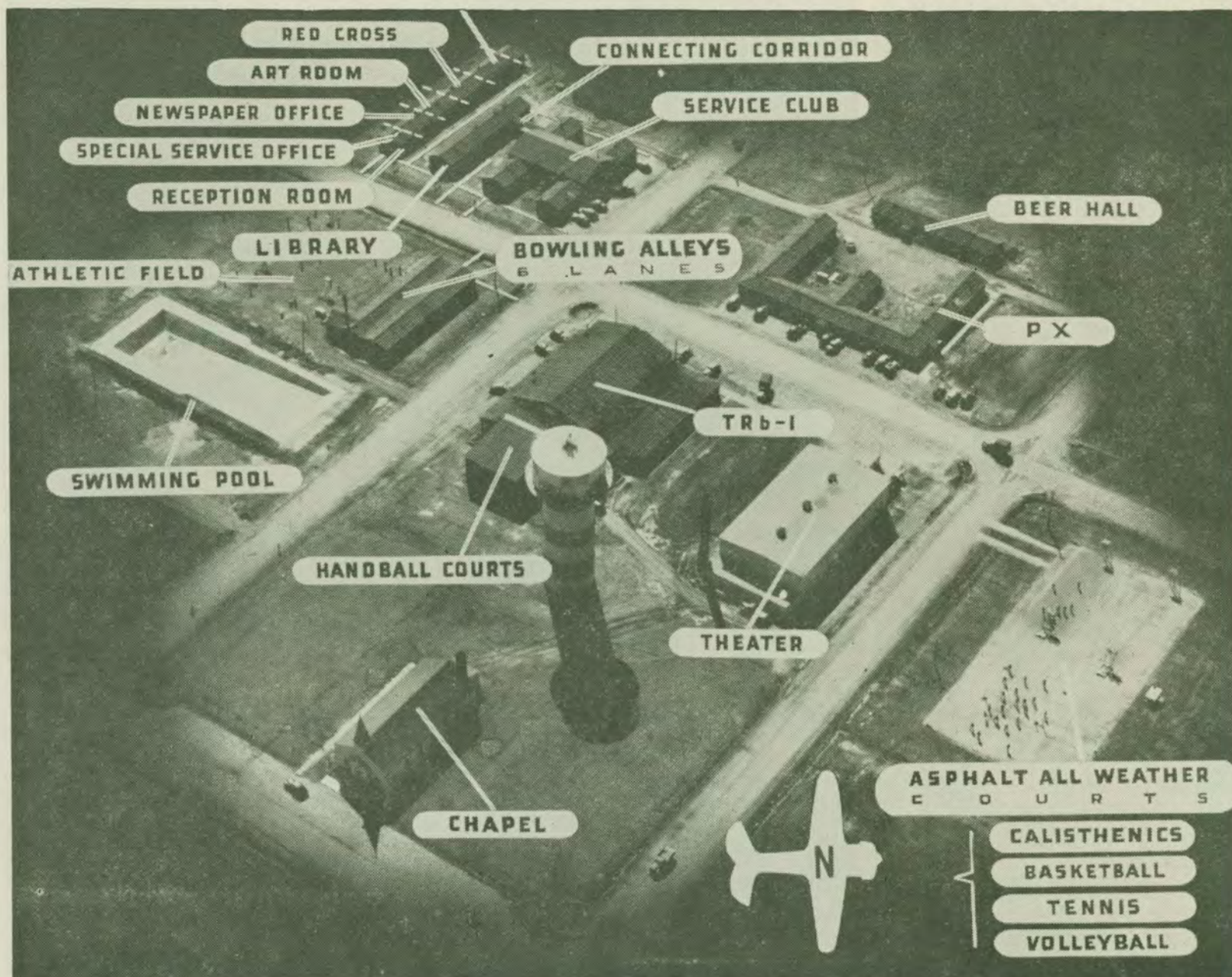








# An Aerial View of Recreational Facilities at Strother Field



## A Pictorial Review From The Prairie Flier File

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**LEFT TOP:** Kansas state Civil Air Patrol Cadets are shown in the various activities during their 10-day training course at Strother Field last August.

**LEFT CENTER:** Santa Claus (Sgt. Jack Blackman) passes out gifts to the children of officers and enlisted men during the Christmas party in the post theater.

**LEFT LOWER:** Military personnel battled flood waters in Winfield and Arkansas City last April and a few of the enlisted men are shown filling sand bags at Arkansas City on the Arkansas River dike.

**CENTER TOP:** Col. Lamont Saxton, right, CO of Strother Field under the Central Flying Training Command, is shown welcoming his successor, Col. Donald E. Meade, last May when this field became a 72d Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force.

**CENTER LOWER (left):** Jewel Nye, gorgeous Hollywoodite, who was chosen pin-up girl of 1944 at Strother Field.

**CENTER LOWER (right):** Second Air Force military personnel get their first look at Strother Field after leaving their troop train on the field spur last May.

**RIGHT TOP:** Thousands of citizens from nearby towns watch entertainers from Wichita during the 5th War Bond rally held in the sub-depot hangar.

**RIGHT CENTER:** Members of a Red Cross water safety class are shown going through their training in the post swimming pool.

**RIGHT LOWER:** Enlisted men are shown working in the post swimming pool last year. The EM were responsible for 90% of the labor on the project.



## "Queen Mary" Thrilled By Trip To Tourney

Although last Friday was the 30th of March it was in reality the first in many ways for Pvt. Mary Ognacevich, mail clerk at Strother Field. On that day she had her first ride in an airplane, saw her first boxing matches and entered the ring for the first time (to present the four Second Air Force district champs of SF with their bright red robes). Mary had been selected Strother Field queen and attended the finals of the boxing tourney in Topeka, Kans., along with queens from the Salina, Great Bend, Pratt, Herington, Kans., army air fields.

Pvt. Ognacevich, accompanied by S/Sgt. Elizabeth A. Virdin of the WAC squadron, left Strother Field by plane last Friday noon for Topeka. Shortly after arriving there Mary was interviewed by the Topeka army air base public relations office and that evening she and the other WAC queens attended the fight finals. Each of the honored guests was introduced to the audience and then escorted to their ringside seats.

Saturday morning the queens visited the state capitol building and were introduced to Governor Andrew Schoepel who posed with the girls while pictures were taken. Following a luncheon at the base Pvt. Ognacevich and S/Sgt. Virdin returned by plane to Strother Field.

"I had a wonderful time and greatly appreciate being elected Strother Field Queen. Thank you all very much for the honor. I also wish to thank the Topeka personnel for the excellent hospitality shown us," says Mary.

The Queen was busy doing kitchen police duty two days after returning here, adding somewhat of a Cinderella-in-reverse angle to the story.

Are you grateful to the men and women, over there, who are doing such a swell job? Don't you want to do your job here, to the very best of your ability, and work full time, too? Are you doing it, if you're lying in the hospital requiring the services of doctors, nurses and enlisted personnel, all due to a disabling injury?

Well — you know the answers. PAPPY.

## WAC Detachment News

By  
PVT. BETTY BARATH



Easter was celebrated in fashion by Wacs and their guests last Sunday. Traditional Easter bunnies and colored eggs decorated the white covered tables.

Sgt. Virdin, Sgt. Rovtar, Pfc. DiMatthews, and Pvt. Hughes volunteered for KP. After dinner the girls gathered up the bunnies and Easter eggs and took them over to the hospital to the Wacs who could not spend the holiday with the rest of the company. We thank the cooks and KPs for making it possible for all of us to have such a lovely Easter.

Pvt. Elsie Van Hara and S/Sgt. Robert Fisher recently announced their engagement.

## Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Section C's Mardi Gras Ball given on Saturday, March 31, proved quite a success. Wichita's contribution to the success of the party was a bevy of girls chaperoned by Mrs. Perry, who is president of the War Mothers Post U. S. O. They were also accompanied by Miss Pearl Lowe, junior hostess supervisor. Out of town guests were Miss Christine Nalls of Chicago, sister of the Nalls twins of Section C. The visitor from the most distant city was Mr. Harold Cottom, ex-Kansan, who now lives in Seattle, Washington.

The Wichita delegation brought an invitation to Section C to attend the spring formal, which will be Saturday, April 7, in Wichita. This affair is given by the Junior and Senior hostesses at 1221 Cleveland at Wichita.

"Ye scribe" ran into Sgt. Robert Green returning from a furlough. Sgt. Green, ex-Strotherite, seems to have made quite a record at the Greenville, Texas, A. A. B. during the late basketball season. He led all scorers with an average of 16 points a game and captained the "Thunderbolts."

Buy YANK at the PX.

## Field Receives Gift Of Art Reproductions

Prints and lithographs totaling over one hundred and offering everything in the way of art from pin-ups to reproductions of famous paintings, are now being distributed to the various day rooms on the field by the special service department.

The Citizens Committee, Army and Navy Inc., New York City, N. Y., was requested to provide Strother Field with available prints and came through in grand style.

The old ed, is having quite a time deciding on one of the pictures to brighten his office. It is now a toss-up between the picture of George Washington on a horse or a Varga gal.

## Auxiliary Firemen May Commandeer Cars

Soldiers who have been detailed as auxiliary fire-fighters have priority on transportation, and the authority of the CO to halt any vehicle (except crash truck or ambulance) and order it to proceed to the scene of the fire, the Post Engineer announced this week. In the past attempts at thumbing rides have been given the cold shoulder generally. To prevent abuse of this authority, however, auxiliary fire-fighters will have to wear brassards during their tour of duty.

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enlisted men who have contributed items and leads to news stories; to Chaplains Karl B. Smith and Henry J. Haley for their columns, and to 1st. Lt. E. W. Armstrong, 2nd. Lt. Andrew Koloniari, photographic officers and the enlisted personnel of the base photo lab. These men are responsible for the 382 local pictures that have appeared in the Prairie Flier during the last two years; to the Winfield Courier staff who do our printing work and who weekly put up with the idiosyncracies of the editor.

It is our sincere hope that the third anniversary issue never becomes a reality, that World War II is over by April of next year.

## Why Hairs Get Grey In Headquarters

The following letter was received this week by the Commanding Officer:

Dear Sir: I have been arguing with a cousin. Can you fly an open cockpit plane upside down without a safety belt on and not fall out?

Sincerely,

FREDDY STOCKING,  
Mayfield, Kansas.

PS: Indorsements are cryptographed and cannot be reproduced. But the basic letter remains unanswered.

## Stay Off the Grass Or the Guards Will Get'cha

Guards will start gunning for personnel violating the provisions of a Strother Field regulation concerning walking across seeded areas, according to word received from the Post Engineer. And for the skeptics who cite the fact that outdoor sports are played on seeded areas, the Post Engineer points out that foot traffic in such areas is well distributed and no one spot becomes solidly packed; consequently no path subject to wind and water erosion is created.

## Major H. D. Lewis New Hospital CO

Major Herbert D. Lewis of Portland, Oregon, has assumed command of the Strother Field station hospital, replacing Lt. Col. Edward T. Spunt, who was recently transferred to another Second Air Force station.

Major Lewis wears the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service with the Twentieth Bomber Command in the CBI theater from April to December, 1944.

Educated in the public schools of Marshfield, Oregon, and the University of Oregon, Major Lewis was ordered to active duty with the Medical Corps in January, 1941. He was promoted to his present rank December 30, 1942.

Mrs. Lewis and their two daughters have joined the major, and the family is living temporarily at the Osage Hotel in Arkansas City.

I tried to kiss her by the mill one starry, summer night.

She shook her head and sweetly said, "No, no. Not by a dam site."

Southington, Conn. (CNS)—A. E. Gomez, 80, has worn the same pair of pants for the last 45 years. He bought them in New York in 1899.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Dancing
	Ark.....	Do-as-you-please
Sun.....	Win.....	Sat. Nite Girls..Free Call
	Ark.....	Bingo
Mon.....	Win.....	Pop Corn Night
	Ark.....	Juke Box Dance
Tues.....	Win.....	Bridge..Rummy
	Ark.....	Ping Pong
Wed.....	Win.....	Do-as-you-please
	Ark.....	Fudge..Pop Corn
Thurs.....	Win.....	Field Dance
	Ark.....	Open House
Fri.....	Win.....	Ping Pong
	Ark.....	Bridge..Candy

## ator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Personnel Officer, Female, Civilian, Hep



MILTON CANIFF



## Strother Field Fliers Play St. John's Students In Practice Game Sunday

A practice baseball game, first of the current season, will be played Sunday afternoon between the Strother Field Fliers and a group of St. John's College students. The game is scheduled to begin at 1500 and will be played on the school diamond on College street in Winfield.

Many members of the Strother Field squad will probably see action during the game Sunday including S/Sgt. Norval Wagner and Sgt. T. J. Flynn, rightfield; Pvt. J. S. Lyons and Pfc. J. F. Shimkus, leftfield; T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, centerfield; Cpl. Bob Turner and Cpl. F. A. Petrosky, first base; T/Sgt. L. G. O'Brien and Pfc. Lawrence Miller, second base; Pfc. E. F. Clohessy, shortstop; S/Sgt. W. J. Irish, third base.

Pitchers who will probably get the opportunity to show their ability on the mound will be Pfc. W. W. Richardson, Cpl. Stan Antos, T/Sgt. George Wilson and Pfc. E. J. Spargur. Cpl. Arthur Shultz, star hurler on the 1944 team, will join the club within two weeks, returning to Strother Field from DS.

Catchers slated for action include Pvt. W. W. Adams, T/Sgt. W. J. Kilmas and S/Sgt. Orwin White, baseball coach.

Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer, is now trying out for an infield position on the Fliers team. Sgt. Mariotti is a new contender for a place on the pitching staff. Pfc. John Yachwan, infielder on last year's team, will soon be back from DS, and will try out for a team spot.

Arrangements are being made for the Fliers to travel to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for a baseball game on June 2nd.

If there's anything worse than a waffle that's cold,  
Or mashed potatoes three days old  
It's suddenly meeting a fat old hen  
That you loved in high school in 1910.

### SF BOXERS WIN

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of their semi-final bout Thursday of last week.

In the heavyweight title bout Sgt. Korycinski won the decision over Leo Longley of Salina army air field.

In what was declared the best bout of the evening by the sports writer of the Topeka State Journal, Matt Baranski, 145-pounder of Great Bend army air field, won a highly disputed decision over Cpl. Jimmie Roberts. The SJ writer says "Baranski. Golden Gloves welterweight champion from Kansas City, Mo., met a tartar in Roberts, a real classy battler, whose best weapon was a left hook, which he used consistently to Baranski's head.

"The second round was taken away from Baranski for an unintentional low blow and the third round saw another punch low to the groin of Roberts. Roberts in losing was the best fighter on the night's program."

Lt. Miller lost to Lawrence Gettelman of Salina in their semi-final heavyweight bout on Thursday night by the TKO route in the second round. Miller received a cut under his left eye and Sgt. Muchowich refused to let him go on fighting. Gettelman TKO'd Junie McNair of the Topeka army air field in the lighthweight title bout Friday night.

Ray Morgan of the Pratt army air field won the 160-pound title and Tom Ingrasce, 155-pounder won his class title for the Herington army air field.



Pvt. Mary Ognacevich, Strother Field Queen, places a robe on the shoulders of Sgt. Edward Korycinski, 2AF heavyweight champion of the district tourney, held in Topeka, Kans., last week. The robes were awarded champs in the eight weight classifications. (Topeka Army Air Field Photo.)

### USO-CAMP SHOW

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He has been headlined in such top-flight shows as Ziegfeld's Follies, George White's Scandals, Greenwich Village Follies, Earl Carroll's Vanities.

MAXINE BARRATT . . . . .

Club, stage and screen personality. This headliner in the entertainment world sings and does interpretive dancing in an act which has been featured in the nation's smartest spots—

JOHNNY HYMAN . . . . .

Vaudeville headliner known as "the blackboard marvel," and one of the original of the marvel mentalist performers.

ESTELITA ZARCO . . . . .

Young dancer from El Paso, Texas, whirls through her routines with all the colors and verve of a Spanish Senorita.

MURRAY GREENE & ELSA LANG . . . . .

Billed as "Moments of Melody," do classics in modern swing tempo, specializing in South American Music—rhumba, beguines, etc.

COCO, STEVE & JOHNNY . . . . .

Knock-about Comedians, present an act billed as "Getting Up In The World." It's a rough, rowdy riot!

HUNT & JULIET . . . . .

A well-costumed and brilliantly equipped magical comedy act. Man and wife. Have appeared in almost every country in the world.

### Civilian Employees Receive Cash Awards

The AAF Suggestion Committee at Strother Field Saturday announced awards totaling \$100 to eight civilian employees of the base for five different time and labor-saving developments.

Largest single award, \$40, went to three Arkansas Citizens—Orville A. Snook, Charles A. Moeller, and Ernest A. Robinson—for developing a guide used in the installation of dynafocal mount brackets on aircraft engine build-ups.

Wayne McEwen, Arkansas City, and Madison H. Russell, Winfield, shared a \$20-award for devising lid clamps for pump-strainer housings.

Design of a spark-plug wrench which can be used to reach plugs in hitherto inaccessible positions earned a \$20 award for C. A. Nace, Arkansas City.

Ten-dollar awards were given Buck Edgar, Arkansas City, for an improved propeller gun cover for a P-63 aircraft, and William Barnes, Winfield, for an improvement on a saw-filing machine.

Recipients of awards from the Strother Field Committee are eligible for further awards upon decision of committees at higher headquarters.

The strip teaser had no flying time but she certainly knew how to take off.

### The Wolf

by Sansone

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"He may be unconscious—but his reflexes are OK!"





## Brazilian Flying Trainees Complete Exams and Take to Air in Thunderbolts

Strother Field's newest flying trainees—the group of Portuguese-speaking Brazilians who reported here ten days ago—took to the air in P-47 Thunderbolts for the first time this week, having passed their preliminary and routine examinations on flying.

During last week-end, the Brazilians finished taking their engineering examinations and examinations over technical orders and other material necessary for their flying instruction in P-47 aircraft. Earlier, with pilot instructors at Strother Field, they had taken their check rides and instrument rides in the basic training planes. Their ground training work has been started, and, generally speaking, the South Americans have reached about the same stage in fighter pilot training that United States trainee pilots reach at Strother Field at a corresponding time.

However, to reach that stage, the difficulty of language difference has had to be dealt with. Only three of the group spoke any English at all when they arrived at Strother Field. Captain Joao Cararao T. Ribeiro and Second Lieutenant Olney A. Dutra, members of the Brazilian trainee class, took over the job of interpreting their Portuguese tongue. Together they have shepherded the other P-47 fledglings about the field, explaining tirelessly the technical or-

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## Former Instructor Here Bags Two Nazi Planes

The exciting experiences in air combat of a former Strother Field flight instructor are contained in a release received here a few days ago from an Eighth Air Force Fighter Station in England:

Dogfighting with the two big wing gasoline tanks still attached, an abnormal procedure from regular air fighting when the auxiliary tanks are dropped for combat, Captain John D. Sublett, Alpine, Texas, an Eighth Air Force fighter pilot, nevertheless destroyed two German planes.

The flight leader, who instructed at basic flight schools at Strother Field and Enid, Oklahoma, before joining the hard-hitting 357th Fighter Group commanded by Colonel Irwin H. Dregne, Viroqua, Wis., explained: "The Germans would have got away if I had taken time to drop the tanks."

The Texan, destroyer of seven enemy planes in air combat and one on the ground, describes the action:

"After a couple weeks of roaming over the Reich, shooting up trains and troops, I was eager to

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## Chemical Warfare Personnel Overseas Vets

Masters of the precise and exacting science of chemical warfare defense and decontamination at Strother Field are Lt. Quentin W. Osburn and the five enlisted men of his chemical warfare office. Between them they have served overseas in chemical units at such varied spots as the Aleutians, Guadalcanal and France for a combined total of over ten years; 121 months of overseas service, to be exact. Together they bring to this 72d Fighter Wing base a thorough knowledge not only of the theory of their job but of the practical application of defense and decontamination techniques of the problems facing an army and an individual soldier in the field.

Main job of S/Sgts. Ralph Lahsin, William Tennant, Frank Compas and Herman Wallin and Sgt. Daniel Berry here at Strother is, of course, the training of base personnel in the technique of defense against chemical attack. Under Lt. Osburn's supervision regular lectures, drills and exercises are held. More than one of the men has had experience in similar training in or near actual combat areas and all speak of the eagerness to learn of men soon to go into combat. As S/Sgt. Lahsin said, "When I was holding drills in England we never even called the roll. We didn't have to. The men wanted to learn everything we could teach them."

In addition to the training the men handle the preparation and loading of chemical tanks and devices used by fighter pilot trainees in the laying of practice smoke screens.

On hand at the office for training purposes are numerous items for demonstration, impregnated

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## Wearing of Khakis Optional April 15

That long awaited day in the spring when a young man's (and gals, too, this year) thoughts turn to the donning of the khaki summer uniform is nearly here. In fact it is just two days away, Sunday, April 15.

Headquarters announced this week that the optional wearing of khakis will become effective on the 15th and will continue until May 1. After the latter date the summer uniform will be a "must."

## Nation in Mourning



Strother Field today paid sorrowing tribute to the nation's chief — President Franklin D. Roosevelt — whose sudden death at Warm Springs, Ga., at 3:35 p.m. yesterday shocked the world.

Into Mr. Roosevelt's place of great responsibility less than three hours later stepped Harry Truman, who took the oath of office of President of the United States at 6:09 p.m. CWT, and at an emergency meeting of the cabinet promised the war would be "prosecuted to a successful conclusion."

Funeral services for President Roosevelt will be held in the East room of the White House Saturday. Burial will be at Hyde Park, New York, Mrs. Roosevelt said before her departure by plane for Warm Springs.

Simultaneous announcement of Mr. Roosevelt's sudden passing was made at Warm Springs and in Washington, where Mrs. Roosevelt hastily summoned Vice-President Truman and then president's secretary, Stephen Early, notified the major press services.

President Roosevelt died in the bedroom of his retreat atop Pine Mountain where he had been going for 20 years to take after-treatments for infantile paralysis. He was seized at 1 p.m. with a severe headache and within 15 minutes had lost consciousness, the attending physician said. He did not regain consciousness.

Coming as it did on the eve of what appears certain victory in Europe for the Allies and when preparations for a permanent peace were under way, the change in the nation's leadership is one consuming importance to a warring world.

Silencing fears the United Nations conference in San Francisco might have to be postponed, the newly-elevated national leader, President Truman, said that the conference would open as scheduled on April 25.

Today, from the far corners of the world where Americans are fighting and where President Roosevelt's humanitarian interests were known messages of sympathy poured in to the sorrowing family, and leaders who assume the load President Roosevelt had borne for 12 years.



## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Inside a dwindling rectangle of Nazi heartland are packed today the beaten and confused masses of uniformed individuals, from privates to field marshals, who once made up the "invincible" Wehrmacht. The once superb army to which they belong has ceased to be capable of victory. The war they fought has become, beyond shadow of doubt, a lost cause. Defeat is reality.

And yet these men continue to do things which, stupid and senseless at best as an activity of civilized beings, could only be justified as a means to victory and are plainly idiotic now that victory has become impossible. They fight heroically and die messily to defend bits of ground that no longer have any strategic value. In the frenzy of a balked child they put the torch to their own cities and burn their own homes without hope of accomplishing anything thereby. They suffer and starve and die by the tens of thousands without reason, logic, purpose or hope. Uselessly and blindly they prolong a war that is lost and pile the Ossian of catastrophe upon the Pelia of defeat.

For the Prussian generals there may be some excuse of ignorance. These are no longer really men, but a sort of killing animal bred for centuries to blind obedience to a so-called "military tradition." If their god forgives them, it will be because "they know not what they do."

For the mass of men who make up the armies there is not even this mockery of an excuse. They have nothing to gain by the defense of the blind pride of a Von Rundstedt or the hysterical fear and rat venom of a Hitler. Their present actions and their fate illustrate only the inevitable depths to which a people or an individual who choose to abandon freedom of thought and action to a Fuehrer must sink in the end.

Blindly the men of Germany plunge into the utter abyss of chaos and defeat. Nothing and no one can save, or could have saved them, from the moment years ago when they chose blind worship of Hitler instead of the integrity and independence of free men. That is why the men of Germany have lost. And our opposite choice through the centuries is the reason why the men of America have beaten the "invincible" Nazi.

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

WAC Pfc. Mary Louise Gagne, who reported here last week from Majors Field to be interpreter-dispatcher in Operations, has an exceptionally good background as a linguist. While working for her B.A. and M.A. degrees at UCLA she majored in French and Spanish, and afterwards was a language teacher in the Los Angeles public schools. Pfc. Gagne enlisted April 17, 1943, wears the WAAC service ribbon. . . . The letter received by Headquarters from a Mayfield, Kansas, boy has finally been answered. Included in the answer were twelve indorsements, the contents of which should make the youth want to fly an open cockpit airplane upside down without a safety belt, advices to the contrary notwithstanding. . . . That story, incidentally, headlined the Associated Press' weekly column of oddities in the news in Kansas. . . . Captain Joao C. T. Ribeiro, BAF, ferried planes from Wichita to Brazil a few years ago. When asked if he had made any friends in Wichita he answered succinctly, "I almost got married there." . . . Lt. Edward Thomas, SF postal officer, lived a block from Captain Ribeiro's home in Rio when he was serving with the AAF in Brazil. . . . Lt. Joseph G. Wilson, personal equipment officer, used to turn out two-gun tales for Western story magazines. . . . Back at Strother Field after an absence of nearly a year is WAC Lt. Mary McCutcheon. Lt. McCutcheon left SF when the CFTC turned over the base to 2AF last summer.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Today as I listened to the news report I was thrilled by the story of a GI who performed a feat of heroism. A tank unit was approaching a river which must be crossed in its dash to Berlin. From his perch on the top of his tank, the sergeant saw a wisp of smoke curling up alongside the first span. He leaped from the tank, dashed to the bridge, grabbed the fuse in his bare hands and tore it from the charge, thus saving the bridge. As he did so, the cap exploded and blew away two fingers.

It is amazing how quickly a man can sense or see danger, how quickly he can make and execute his plan of attack, how courageous he can be in this physical warfare, and yet be so blind, so slow and so cowardly when it comes to spiritual warfare.

Men not only do not recognize the destructive power of sin in general, but they welcome the deposit within the soul of the charge that will blow them into a hopeless eternity. Some see the danger but put off doing anything about it until the harm is done. Others are moved to do something but are just too afraid of what their buddies will say, afraid to suffer if need be.

This GI was a real soldier. Jesus Christ wants that kind of soldier in His spiritual army, soldiers who will be on the alert for sin, who will not hesitate to face it and tear it up by the roots, who will be willing to suffer for the cause of Christ.

### CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

#### PROTESTANT:

Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m.  
Mid-week service on Thursday evening at 6:30, with choir practice immediately following.

#### CATHOLIC:

Sunday Masses: 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.  
Daily Mass at 12.  
Novena Devotions: Tuesday at 5 p.m.  
Confessions are heard before and after all Masses and devotions or whenever you may wish to go.

#### JEWISH:

Worship service Friday at 8 p.m.

### YE LIFTINGS

Once knew a bashful gal who worked all her cross word puzzles vertically so she wouldn't have to come across.

Early to bed, early to rise . . . and your gal goes out with six other guys.

She married a merchant for what he had  
He didn't have it and she got mad;  
She shot the guy and robbed the till,  
And now she's playing vaudeville.

She reminded me of a Christmas tree —  
all limbs and plenty green.

The sweater girl is loving proof that there  
are two sides to every question.

He who horses around too much may some  
day find himself a groom.

### THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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## Have You Read .

*Young Man of Caracas* by T. R. Ybarra, is the autobiography of his early life, which was unusual in its combination of family background and childhood environment.

"Tommy" Ybarra's mother, Nelly Russell of Boston, met and married the dashing young General Alejandro Ybarra of Caracas, Venezuela. Tommy was born in Boston. But it is his mother's efforts to rear her brood of children as good New Englanders in the brilliant atmosphere of a South American capital at the turn of the century which gives the story its "Life With Father" (in Venezuela) poignancy.

Nelly, the General and their life-long love provide romance; "Yessie," the faithful Irish maid and her horde of Latin admirers add humor. Tommy, who at the age of eleven swaggers off to his first revolution, keeps adventurous escapades plentifully supplied.

Ybarra also has the opportunity in *Young Man of Caracas* to present our "Good Neighbors" clearly and he doesn't hesitate to tell the truth about them — but always with affectionate humor.

## Orchids . . . . .

To the following men who volunteered their services last Sunday as drivers for the SF vehicles used in the clothing drive in Winfield: S/Sgt. Vincent Przybyszewski, S/Sgt. Edward Bohl, S/Sgt. Charles H. Combs, S/Sgt. Leo F. Pase, Sgt. A. Ebersole, Cpl. R. B. York, Cpl. Fay D. Conrad, Pfc. R. J. Valdisera, Pfc. James Goad, Pvt. William Devlin, Pvt. D. F. Canada, Pfc. C. A. Christie, and Pvt. E. N. Smith.

### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

#### SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open House until 1800. Theater—Utah—Roy Rogers, Dale Evans. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	SAT. APR. 14
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies. Theater—A Royal Scandal—Tallulah Bankhead, Charles Coburn, Anne Baxter. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. APR. 15
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Theater—No showing.	MON. APR. 16
Service Club—Section C Party. Theater—The Power of the Whistler— Richard Dix, Janis Carter. Short sub- jects. Shows 1800-2000.	TUES. APR. 17
Service Club—Enlisted Personnel Dance. Theater—Salty O'Rourke—Alan Ladd, Gail Russell. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	WED. APR. 18
Service Club—Dance—Wellington Girls. Theater—No showing.	THURS. APR. 19
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130. Theater—The Clock—Judy Garland, Robert Walker. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	FRI. APR. 20

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff



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## WD Announces P-47N in Production

Public announcement by the War Department during the week-end of production of a new long-range, high speed model of the Thunderbolt airplane, the P-47N, was of special interest to Strother Field flying personnel, who recently had opportunity to fly and to inspect thoroughly this new fighter-bomber plane. Several of the P-47N's were based here for some time for familiarization work by fliers but their identity could not be announced until the War Department took the wraps off this new super combat plane.

The new model Thunderbolt, has a combat radius of over 1,000 miles and a speed exceeding 450 miles per hour.

Off the drawing board in a record time of 56 days, four days ahead of schedule, the new Thunderbolt is primarily an offensive fighter, but it is so versatile that it also may serve as a fighter-bomber or an escort plane on long-range bombing missions.

The P-47N is powered by an engine that gives it an additional 100 horsepower for take-off. A more efficient turbo-supercharger is combined with the new engine to give greater speed at higher altitudes. Improved water injection equipment adds a considerable lift in power for longer periods than could be achieved by the parent plane, the P-47D.

To develop the added combat range of the plane, engineers increased the internal gas supply by redesigning the wing section, increasing the span by 18 inches and adding 22 square feet more area. They also added eight other gas tanks—one at each leading edge of each wing, three more near each wheel well. This nearly doubles the internal fuel capacity of the Thunderbolt for use as a long-range escort fighter.

Equipped with a compensating gun sight, the latest Thunderbolt is armed with eight .50 caliber machine guns and carries ten 5-inch high-velocity rockets and two 500-pound bombs. Fully loaded, the plane weighs approximately 20,000 pounds.

Dedham, Mass (CNS)—Grounds for divorce: Mrs. Laura Grimm sent her husband out to look for a job. He found one, all right—for her.

## WAC Detachment News

By  
PFC. A. DEMATTHEWS



The WAC section welcomes the new adjutant, Lt. Mary V. McCutcheon, from Majors Field, Texas, also her little Daschund, "Sad Sack." From this same field also comes Pfc. Mary L. Gagne, who has been assigned to Training.

The scheduled picnic was called off and plans are now under way for another WAC-GI party. We hope this meets with your approval, boys.

This week we bade adieu to Pfc. Ethel G. Wilfong, who was transferred to AAF Regional Hospital, Smoky Hill AA Field, Salina.

There is quite a hustle and bustle over the pending marriage of Pvt. Elsie Van Hara and S/Sgt. Robert A. Fisher.

## Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Thirty men of Section C went by bus to Wichita on Saturday for a dance given at the U.S.O. The ratio of girls to G.I.'s was about two to one, and one would think it was leap year, as the "femmes" were asking for dances. The refreshments were plentiful and tasty.

Strother Field didn't have the "field" to itself, as the Pratt base and Hutchinson N.A.S. were represented, but the fellows from Strother seemed to monopolize all the finest chicks and the most dances. Even such famous non-dancers as Pfc. John Harrison could be seen on the floor.

The party was chaperoned by S/Sgt. Henry Ward, who promises a return engagement early in May. Watch for this date and don't miss it.

## CHEMICAL WARFARE

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protective clothing, and various types of defensive masks. In addition the men can draw upon the base library of training films to dramatize their lectures. Field exercises are held in accordance with Army directives.

## 'Winged Victory' Cast To Get Overseas Service

Furthering his plan to utilize every available man in the Army Air Forces in an operational capacity to help hasten the end of the war, General of the Army H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the AAF announced the closing of "Winged Victory" April 21 at the end of its engagement at Richmond, Virginia.

The seven officers and 248 enlisted men who took part in both the stage play and motion picture version will be immediately assigned to operational units. Those physically qualified will be sent to replacement centers overseas.

"The members of the cast of 'Winged Victory' have succeeded admirably in accomplishing their mission of bringing the story of the AAF to the families of our air men," General Arnold said. "It is now time to give those men who are physically qualified an opportunity to join the other members of the AAF team overseas."

Since the opening of the Moss Hart play in Boston Nov. 2, 1943, nearly 900,000 persons have seen the stage version. The motion picture adaptation of the play was released Dec. 20, 1944. To date, "Winged Victory" has earned nearly \$1,500,000 for Army relief purposes.

Saturday afternoon, April 7, saw the wedding at the base chapel of Combat Fighter Pilot Trainee 2d Lt. Ralph E. Wyatt of Sidney, Iowa, and the former Rosa Lee Marek of Victoria, Texas.

## FORMER INSTRUCTOR

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hit the Huns in the air. It was a game of hide and go seek, in and out of the clouds near Magdeburg, after spotting 'em. It wasn't an easy scrap after I forced 'em to fight. It took 10 or 15 minutes of head-on passes to fire a Focke-Wulf 190. The Messerschmitt 109 pilot was even better, but I broke up the game by placing two short bursts into the cockpit, evidently killing the pilot."

Capt. Sublett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sublett of Alpine, Texas, left Strother Field shortly before the Second Air Force took over the base last June 1. He was a First Lieutenant at that time.

## She's Suing



Dale Belmont, New York blues singer known to her friends as "the Sweater," has sued a Broadway publishing firm for using this picture of her to promote sales for a book called "The Complete Guide to Bust Culture."

## BRAZILIAN TRAINEES

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ders, flying regulations, special orders and other information necessary before the men could be cleared for flying.

One of Captain Ribeiro's first self-appointed duties upon arrival here was to seek the assistance of the Office of Information and Education in securing an English teacher. Miss Helen Johnson of Winfield High School, through the medium of Spanish, is now teaching the English language to the Portuguese-speaking Brazilians.

Captain Ribeiro also has taken on the responsibility of translating into Portuguese various lectures, examinations, technical orders, and special instructions required by both the flying training and the ground training departments.

The captain, ranking officer of the group, was graduated from the Brazilian Military Academy, which corresponds to West Point, in 1937. Likewise, he is a graduate of the Brazilian Aeronautical Academy of Rio de Janeiro, and for several years has been assigned to tactical units of the Brazilian Air Force or acting as flying and bombardier instructor. He has approximately 4,000 hours' flying time to his credit.

The dashing uniforms of the Brazilian fighter pilots—almost as brilliant as the South Americans' eager, flashing smiles—have added a colorful Pan-American touch to a fighter base already schooled in cosmopolitanism by veterans returned from the South Pacific and the European theaters of war.

Their uniforms resemble the sun-tans of the United States Navy, considerably more decorative than the uniform of the American Army Air Forces. Navy blue shoulder epaulets bear silver and gold insignia, but the stars that decorate the shoulders of the young Brazilians are not to be confused with the stars of American generals and admirals. Midway on the epaulet is a pair of silver wings with a gold sword crossbar. That emblem is the insignia of the Brazilian Air Force. At the point of the shoulder is the officer's insignia.

## Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

## She Looks Different Without Bangs





## Strother Boxers Draw Byes in Prelims Of Second Air Force Title Tournament

All four Strother Field entries in the finals of the Second Air Force boxing tournaments at Topeka drew byes in the first round Wednesday night. They made their tournament debuts in the semi-finals last night, but results of the bouts were not available at press time.

Pvt. Joseph McKee, Strother's 120-pound contestant, met Sgt. Clarence Hendryx of Grand Island, Nebr., AAB, while Lt. Harold R. O'Neill's opponent was S/Sgt. Ed Walker of Rapid City, Iowa, AAB. In the 135-pound division Squadron C's classy Pvt. Charles Gwynn took on Pvt. Ike Robinson of the Pyote, Texas, air base. Robinson defeated Pvt. Jim Summins of Harvard, Nebr., AAB in the preliminaries Wednesday night.

Hard-hitting Sgt. Ed Korycinski, Strother Field heavyweight contender, faced Pvt. Douglas Kilbriue, another Harvard entry.

Final matches to determine Second Air Force champions in eight weight categories will be held tonight in Topeka's municipal auditorium. Sgt. Fields Baldwin, Flier editor, will be on hand to bring back an eye-witness report on the performances of the four SF fighters.

## Fliers Enter A. C. League; To Play All-Stars Sunday

Strother Field has entered the Arkansas City baseball league, S/Sgt. Orwin White, coach, announced Thursday, following a meeting Wednesday in Arkansas City at which the league was organized. Six teams will participate.

Arkansas City fans will have a chance to see the 1945 Fliers in action Sunday afternoon when they play a picked team of all-stars from last year's A. C. league. The pre-season classic is slated for 3 p.m. at the Arkansas City ball park.

## Warmin' The Bench

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Camp Newspaper Service

The Professional Golfers Association has come up with a plan to devalue the "Gold Dust Twins" of the links. The twins are Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden, who between them won more than \$100,000 in golf prizes during the last 2 years.

The PGA plans to revise prizes so that the higher scorers among the first 20 would get more of a slice in the melon and the winner would get a little less. More than \$200,000 in prizes will be awarded in some 15 summer events now being arranged.

Nelson won \$47,000 in bonds last year and has won 6 tournaments and \$20,000 so far this year. McSpaden, perennial runner-up to Nelson, won about \$36,000 during the past 2 years. Sam Snead, who plays with a brace on his back, also has won 6 tournaments since his discharge from the Navy, but Sammy didn't earn a dime last year except for what he got from Uncle Sam.

Bobby Dobbs and Max Minor, of Army's unbeaten football team, won't play next year. Both have been declared ineligible because each played 4 years in intercollegiate football. Dobbs 2 at Tulsa, 2 at Army; Minor 2 at Texas, 2 at Army. Doug Kenna and Dale Hall, the other half of the Army's 1944 starting backfield, will be commissioned in June.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## SF Team Meets Indians Today

The Strother Field Fliers travel to the Chillicothe Indian reservation south of Arkansas City this afternoon for a baseball game at 1500 with the school team.

This will be the first game of the season for the Chillicothe high school team, according to Ray Colglazier, athletic director at the school. The Fliers have had only one practice game this season, played last Sunday with the St. John's College students, in which the Fliers slapped the ball all over the diamond to win 24 to 3.

## Plane To People Is Feature of New Army Air Forces Radio

Inauguration of a new plane-to-people radio program wherein first-hand reports of air combat will be broadcast by means of wire recording apparatus installed in fighting planes, and by combat air crews, was announced this week by General of the Army H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, in a release received at Strother Field.

Combat radio reporter teams will broadcast from every theater where the AAF is operating. Their adaptation of the walkie-talkie technique will bring home to the radio public the sound of air war, much as combat cameramen and combat reporters have translated it into picture and prose.

Titled "The Fighting AAF," the program will be heard over the Blue Network of the American Broadcasting Company every Saturday, beginning March 31, between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m., CWT. Production will be supervised from Washington directly by Headquarters, Army Air Forces.

In addition to the combat reports from overseas, the program will include each week an account of progress in the air war. Commanding generals of overseas air forces and members of their fighting air teams will be heard regularly by short wave pick-up.

"The Fighting AAF" is the official documentary program of the Army Air Forces. It will provide on-the-spot eye-witness reports of action in advance of the front, and the direct reactions of air crew members and of their colleagues on the ground.

## Pfc. Craig Replaces 'Pvt.' Gilbert at Mike

"This is your special service news announcer, 'Private' Gilbert, signing off."

These familiar words were heard over the public address system at Strother Field for the last time Saturday noon. The voice that has given the daily news summary, prepared by the public relations office each day for the last several months, was that of 1st Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, information and education officer, who is being transferred from Strother Field.

The job of broadcasting the news was taken over this week by Pfc. Alden Craig of the special service department.

## Fliers Defeat St. John's Students, 24 to 3

Sixteen members of the Strother Field Fliers baseball squad saw action for the first time this season in a practice game played in Winfield Sunday with the St. John's College students. During the eight-inning game the Fliers showed an abundance of power when they banged out 20 hits and scored 24 runs while holding the college students to only 3 runs.

Richardson, Antos and Wilson did the hurling for the Fliers, striking out twelve St. John's batters during the game. Antos, who also saw action at first base, had a perfect day at bat. In three trips to the plate he banged out three hits, scored two runs and accounted for four runs batted in.

Wagner, rightfielder, collected three hits in five times at bat to score three times and account for three other runs batted in. Klimas, catcher, hit twice in five trips to the plate. Through his timely hits and later being walked, he scored four times and batted in two additional runs.

Turner, second baseman, made two hits in four trips, scored three times and batted in four runs. Williams, centerfielder, also batted .500, getting two hits in four times at bat. During the game he scored four runs and batted in an additional score. Lyons, left fielder, made two hits in five times at bat and scored twice in addition to batting in two runs.

The Fliers looked good in the field and at bat. "We've got a bunch of terrific hitters this year and all team members are looking forward to the game next Wednesday at 1700 with the Herington army air field team," S/Sgt. Orwin White, baseball coach, said today. The game with Herington will be played at Arkansas City.

Herington, Strother Field's jinx during the entire 1944 season, is reported to have one of the strongest teams in the entire Second Air Force this year.

Name, Pos	AB	H	R	RB
Clohesy, ss	4	1	1	1
J. Williams, ss	0	0	0	0
Lyons, lf	5	2	2	2
Flynn, lf	1	0	0	0
Hobson, lb	6	3	2	2
R. Williams, cf	4	2	4	1
Shinikus, cf	1	0	0	0
Irish, 3b	4	1	2	0
Miller, 3b	2	0	0	0
Klimas, c	5	2	4	2
Wagner, rf	5	3	3	3
Petrosky, rf	1	1	0	0
Turner, 2b	4	2	3	4
Richardson, p	1	0	1	0
Antos, p-1b	3	3	2	4
Wilson, p	0	0	0	0

Howard County, Ind. (CNS)—Farmer D. D. Dusely traded a 2-year-old colt for 15 cartons of cigarettes. "It was worth it," said he with a hacking cough.

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## Baseball . . . . .

SUNDAY, APRIL 15—3 P.M.

Strother Field Fliers

—vs.—

Ark City All-Stars

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18—5 P.M.

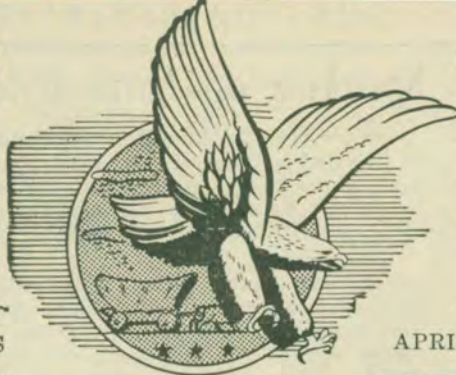
Strother Field Fliers

—vs.—

Herington AAF

Both Games at Ark City Ball Park





## Brazilian Air Force Officers And 72nd Fighter Wing CG Visit Field

Distinguished visitors at Strother Field last night and today included a party of high-ranking officers of the Brazilian air force, headed by Major (Lt. Gen.) Brigadeiro Armando Figueira Trompowsky, B.A.F. chief of staff, Brig. Gen. John E. Upston, commander of the 72nd Fighter Wing, and several other American officers.

The Brazilian officers are on an inspection tour of Army Air Forces installations in this country. Included in the party are: Col. Carlos P. Brazil, Col. Hugo Da Cunha Machado, Col. Henrique Fleiss, Lt. Col. Godefredo Vidal and Capt. Gilferito Da Cunha Menezes.

Major Brigadeiro Trompowsky was chief of naval aviation in Brazil until the formation of the air ministry. He was one of the first men to enter aviation in Brazil. The United States has decorated him with the Legion of Merit for cooperation with the United States armed forces.

American officers accompanying the Brazilian are: Lt. Col. Hal B. Armstrong, liaison officer; Major E. F. Sustrick, and Lt. Clifford L. Perry.

General Upston and his aide, Capt. Jack Hobbs, and Lt. Col. Tom Lamphier, director of operations and training in the Wing, flew in from Peterson Field Thursday noon to meet the party.

## SF Graduate Back As An Instructor

The first Strother Field graduate to return to the local base after a tour of combat duty arrived Monday to assume the duties of a flight instructor. He is First Lieutenant John D. Zeltwanger of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Lt. Zeltwanger came to Strother Field as an aviation cadet back in February of 1943. He took his basic flying training with Class 43-G, the fourth class to report here after activation of the field. From Strother Field he went to Eagle Pass Texas, for advanced and transition training, winning his commission July 29, 1943.

Then followed service in England from February to July, 1944, and in France from July to November of that year. Lt. Zeltwanger admits he has no confirmed victories in the air, but delights in relating how he destroyed three new JU-88 German planes on a train he was strafing after the St. Lo break-through. For a long time his outfit held the record for destroying trains. The last time he checked up the group had 875 German trains to its credit, and the lieutenant says, it might still have the record.

Lt. Zeltwanger earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 14 Clusters for his fighter pilot activities against the then formidable Luftwaffe.

## Double Feature Sports Event Next Friday

Boxing and baseball fans of Strother Field will have an opportunity next Friday to witness an afternoon baseball game between the Strother Field Fliers and the Ardmore, Okla., army air field nine, and a boxing card that evening in the Southwestern College gym between the 2AF district championship team from SF and the Ardmore boxing team. The boxing show will be sponsored by the Winfield American Legion post.

The baseball game will be played on the post diamond, north of the field theater at 1500 and the boxing card will begin at 2000 Friday night.

The Strother Field 2AF district boxing team members who will see action in the ring next Friday are Pvt. Joseph McKee, who also won the 2AF bantamweight title in the recent tourney of champions at Topeka; Lt. Harold O'Neill, featherweight; Pvt. Charles Gwynn, lightweight, and Sgt. Ed Korycinski, heavyweight. Other men representing SF will be Cpl. Jimmy Roberts, lightweight; Pvt. A. J. Carlucci, and Lt. Pete Riley, welterweights; Cpl. Melvin Harper, middleweight, and Lt. Art Miller, light heavyweight. Admission price for military personnel will be 25c.

## Field and Two Towns Receive Mail By Air

All mail for Strother Field, Arkansas City and Winfield was air mail Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. And it traveled at the regular postage rate.

Letter-conscious GI's of Strother Field and the flood-bound residents of the two towns received their first letters and papers in 36 hours shortly after noon Tuesday when First Lieutenant D. M. Heller of Wichita landed at Strother Field in a C-45 plane literally packed with mail bags for the two towns and the air base.

On the ramp stood postal trucks sent from Winfield and Arkansas City by the postmasters who had been advised in advance of the proposed super-service. Quickly the exchange in loads was made and Lieutenant Heller took off for Wichita.



LEFT TOP: Pvt. Joe McKee 2AF bantamweight champ, drops S/Sgt. Mickey Ratay, Galveston AAF, for a count of nine in their title bout at Topeka, Kans.

RIGHT TOP: Sgt. Ed Korycinski waits for Pvt. Douglas Killebrew, Harvard, Neb., AAF, to fall to the floor in their semi-final heavyweight bout. Korycinski won by a TKO.

LEFT CENTER: Korycinski lands a hard right to the head of Cpl. George Wolfe, Rapid City, S.D., AAF, in their heavyweight title bout. Wolfe received the decision which was booed by spectators.

RIGHT CENTER: The Topeka AAF WAC queen, Pvt. Martha Langereis and Sgt. Wm. Warren, patient in Winters General Hospital and former Jap prisoner, present awards to S/Sgt. Ratay, left, and Pvt. McKee. LOWER LEFT: Lt. Harold O'Neill, featherweight, mixes it with S/Sgt. Ed. Walker, Rapid City, S.D., AAF, in a semi-final bout. Walker won by a close decision.

LOWER RIGHT: A right hand blow by Pvt. Charles Gwynn, right, is blocked by Pvt. Ike Robinson, left, Pyote, Tex., AAF, in their semi-final lightweight bout. Robinson won the decision.



## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

This week the American armies, navies and air armadas fought under a new commander-in-chief. In the hearts of many was a deep sorrow for the leader who had passed; in the hearts and deeds of all was determination to press forward with undiminished strength to victory under the leadership of President Truman.

On the north German plain the famous Second Armored Division, the Hell on Wheels Division whose veterans have fought every campaign since the first African landing was forced back across the river Elbe by massed Nazi suicide groups, by tiger tanks and anti-aircraft guns mounted level to sweep the fields. The Second Armored rallied, turned and forced another crossing in the teeth of everything the German could muster.

In distant Tokyo the little men of Japan sent a hypocritical message of mourning for President Roosevelt to America. Outside the windows where this amazing document was composed their city smoked about them from the cumulative bombings by massed flights of B-29's. Even a corner of the sacred palace of their little god-emperor had been knocked into rubble.

Nowhere around the globe was there any abatement of the steadily rising tide of American victory. Nowhere could the axis powers find comfort or encouragement. Spring came to our enemies as it came to America, but for them it was a season shadowed by disaster and portentous of defeat.

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

Back around 1933 or 1934 there were two very mischievous boys in the town of Medford, Oregon. They made life miserable for their schoolmates by doing everything bad twelve-year-olds can think of. Today the ex-reprobates are together again, after a separation of six years. You'll find them both at Strother Field: Captain Jimmie Anning of Section D Operations and Lt. Harold O'Neill, assistant provost marshal. . . . Credit Lt. Everett Phillips with his share of courage and fighting spirit. Some time ago he was told that he faced a year or more in bed; he had a spot on one of his lungs, they said. The revelation horrified Lt. Phillips, but he was determined to see it through with his chin up. With gloomy silence he packed his belongings, cleared the field. Last week he returned to SF, as healthy as Atlas, after only a few weeks of observation. . . . S/Sgt. Clyde Mark, who reported this week to help in the training of Brazilians because of his fluency in Portuguese, wears two battle stars on his campaign ribbon representing three years of service from Australia through Leyte. . . . Another recent arrival who has been around is Sgt. Dayton Dennis of Armament. The Patton, Mo., lad is authorized to wear seven stars on his ETO ribbon. . . . But the man who is most sure's still trying to adjust himself to the strange life people lead in these United States is S/Sgt. James June of A-3. S/Sgt. June reported here this week directly from the redistribution center at Santa Ana, Calif., fresh from India except for the short visit home and two weeks at Santa Ana. . . . Captains John Owens and Robert Knauer, reporting here last week, were surprised to run into an old friend. Captain Charles Malitz, assistant supervisor of flying training, was their operations officer when they first went into action from bases in North Africa in 1943. . . . The picture of M/Sgt. J. J. Harvey and his model airplane which appeared in the Flier some time ago is really making the rounds. In March it appeared in Model Airplane News. This month it is in Air Trails Magazine.

Jack: "Oh, my darling, how can I leave you?"

Jill: "By plane, train or taxi."

## Speaking of--Ernie Pyle

Ernie Pyle, the favorite war correspondent of GI's and civilians alike, is dead. On assignment in the Pacific theater of operations, Pyle was killed Tuesday by Jap machine-gun fire on Ie, a small island off the coast of Okinawa.

Champion of our fighting men in the European war theater from Africa, Sicily, Italy to France, where he underwent the hardships and dangers encountered by GI's, Pyle recently returned to his home in New Mexico, an exhausted and weary man. Sick of war, he frankly said at times he felt he could not stand the sight of another dead soldier. But after a short rest he was back at it again, this time to write about the marines, sailors and soldiers in the Pacific.

With reluctance Ernie Pyle left his wife and home for the hardships of war and to witness death and destruction. He had certainly written his share of words about the fighting men while in the West, not the generals and other high-ranking officers but the mud-splattered and tired GI's who make possible Allied victories.

Our men are fighting two wars and there was only one Ernie Pyle. The men in the Pacific wanted him there and he went. It was not curiosity that took him to Okinawa. It was to write about Seaman John Smith, Marine Pvt. George Jones, Pvt. Robert Thomas of the infantry and Pvt. Joseph Brown of the air forces.

There must have been a premonition in the mind of Ernie Pyle as to what was to happen to him this week. Between the lines of his widely read newspaper column there seemed to be a definite hesitancy to leave the United States, yet he went.

Ernie Pyle wrote about GI Joe, how he lived fought and died. Now he too has given his life in the service of our country. No doubt some veteran in Heaven Tuesday summed it up: "I told you guys, this Ernie Pyle goes everywhere we do. Welcome, Ernie."

### YE LIFTINGS

Two mosquitoes once lit on the features,  
Of two fair and peroxidized creatures.  
When asked by what right  
They replied, "We're not tight."  
"We're just seeing the game from the bleachers."

Remember that your wife still enjoys candy and flowers. Let her know you remember. Speak of them occasionally.

She was only a doctor's daughter, but she sent the blood surgin' through your veins.

"Funny people these Americans," said the Chinaman. "Take a glass, put sugar to make sweet, and lemon to make sour, fill glass with gin to make hot, and add ice to make cold, say 'Here's to you' and drink it themselves."

There was a young girl named Anheuser,  
Who said that no man could surprise her.  
But Pabst took a chance  
Found the girl at her aunt's  
And now she is sadder Budweiser."

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## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

We are familiar with the story of the boy who took a short cut through a lonely cemetery at night. Before he was half way through he could see fearsome objects lurking behind each tombstone. His hair stood on end. To conceal his fear from the imagined enemy he began to whistle as he hurried along. He no more felt like whistling than the man in the moon. But the enemy must not know this. He must be kept at a distance by this show of casual courage.

Many boys never grow up to full manhood. They continue to see figures crouching in the shadow of tombstones. One of these foes to be held at bay by "whistling" is the opinion of others. Every boy wants to be considered tough. To be thus evaluated by other men tickles one's vanity. Furthermore, it provides a definite protection. A tough individual is given a wide berth. How may a fellow gain the enviable reputation? Especially if he lacks a pair of ready "dukes"; one method is to talk "big." Mix in a good deal of profanity. Curse and swear and defy the gods. Could he fear mortal man who flaunts the gods? The gods seem far off and good natured enough; but these men at hand must be impressed.

Was any man ever impressed with another's courage or toughness by his profanity?

## Orchids . . . . .

To the grease monkeys responsible for putting SF at the top of the heap in the 72nd Wing's weekly report on maintenance efficiency . . . to 1st Lt. Mary V. McCutcheon on the occasion of her recent promotion.

### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

#### SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open House until 1800. Theater—No showing.	SAT. APR. 21
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies, GI Movies. Theater—Brewster's Millions — Dennis O'Keefe, June Hovac, Rochester. Short Subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. APR. 22
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Theater—No showing.	MON. APR. 23
Service Club—Section C Party. Theater—High Powered — Robt. Towney, Phyllis Brooks. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	TUES. APR. 24
Service Club—Enlisted Personnel Dance. Theater—Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe — Betty Grable, Dick Haymes. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	WED. APR. 25
Service Club—Dance—Ponca City Girls. Theater—No showing.	THURS. APR. 26
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130. Theater—Delightfully Dangerous — Jane Powell, Ralph Bellamy. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	FRI. APR. 27

### Male Call

#### BEA-VER!

SOME OF THE HAY GROWN  
IN THIS WAR WOULD MAKE  
ANY BARBER ITCH !....



by Milton



# Nazis Have Plan For World War III

By Camp Newspaper Service

The State Department has made public evidence of German plans for continuing the fight for world domination even after total military defeat. The evidence was collected by various Allied Governments, and is based on reliable information, according to State Department officials.

Here are some of the things envisaged, or already under way, in the German blueprint for World War III:

"Nazi party members, German industrialists and the German military . . . are now developing post-war commercial projects, and are endeavoring to renew and cement friendships in foreign commercial circles and are planning for renewals of pre-war cartel agreements.

"An appeal to the courts of various countries will be made early in the post-war period through dummies for 'unlawful' seizure of industrial plants and other properties taken over by Allied Governments at the outbreak of the war. In cases where this method fails, German repurchase will be attempted through 'cloaks' who meet the necessary citizenship requirements.

"German technicians, cultural experts and undercover agents have well laid plans to infiltrate foreign countries with the object of developing economic, cultural and political ties. German technicians and scientific research experts will be made available at low cost to industrial firms and technical schools in foreign countries. German capital and plans for the construction of ultra-modern technical schools and research laboratories will be offered at extremely favorable terms since they will afford the Germans an excellent opportunity to design and perfect new weapons."

In addition, German propaganda will be directed at removing Allied control measures by "softening up" the Allies through a subtle plea for "fair treatment" of Germans and later the program will be intensified with the object of giving rebirth to all Nazi doctrines and furthering German ambitions for world domination.

## WAC Detachment News

By

PFC. A. DEMATTHEWS



Highlights in the WAC Detachment — "Reville with Beverly" which started as a joke is now a reality. Pvt. Beverly Oliver and her hut, two, three, four will become well known before long by the girls of the 2nd platoon.

Saturday's rain didn't put a damper on the marriage of Pvt. Elsie Van Hara and S/Sgt. Robert Fisher. Pvt. Van Hara was given in marriage by T/Sgt. R. Hartke. Pvt. Etta Goodmote was maid of honor and S/Sgt. Peter Tudish was best man. The bride wore a white satin and net gown and fingertip veil, carried a bouquet of carnations and snapdragons. The maid of honor wore aqua. A large wedding cake was baked by the WAC cooks.

## Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

A shipment of fifteen men arrived at Strother Field, April 11, from Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado. All these new men are cooks and bakers, and have already been detailed to work at the general mess.

In charge of Sgt. Claude Houseworth, the men are Sgt. Clarence Dixon, Cpl. John H. Walker, Pfc.'s Clifton Pittman, Abraham Brown, William B. Keeling, Charles E. Carter, Eddie H. Williams, Leo H. Hart, Anson McKellum Jr., Cephus C. E. Williams, Raphael D. Handy, Hosea Decosta, Matthew Mitchell, and Pvt. Willie Moultrie.

An overnight visitor to the squadron was Pvt. Royal Blaine, who tried our spacious accommodations April 16, as he was unable to proceed to his base at Coffeyville, Kansas, due to flood conditions.

Reconstruction of the Strother Field crash station is slated to get under way early next week.

The project calls for enlargement and re-arrangement of the facility in order that the big, new Class 155 fire truck may be housed properly.

## Sky Filled With Lightnings---P-38's

Numbers of P-38 Lightnings flashed through the air above Strother Field Thursday, took the same traffic pattern followed by P-47 Thunderbolt pilots based here, and then came to rest on the Strother Field ramp on an errand of emergency.

The swift, two-tailed planes were all from Coffeyville and flew to Strother Field to secure gasoline. The Coffeyville base, a Third Air Force installation, was completely isolated by flood water of the rampaging Verdigris river. Supply lines from Coffeyville proper to the air base were severed and although a flight of liaison reconnaissance planes was sent up from Muskogee, Okla., Army Air Field to fly in supplies from the city of Coffeyville to the base, their capacity for transporting gasoline was too limited to be of any value. Flood water had encroached to within a hundred yards of the Coffeyville base, Major Robertson said.

## You Can Talk Plainer Than That!

With apologies to the William Allen White family and other proud citizens of Emporia, Kans., we cannot refrain from telling this one about an enlisted man who recently visited there. No doubt it was only his Eastern accent, but he insisted on pronouncing the name "Impuria."

## AAF To Receive Service To Safety Award

At a ceremony to be broadcast over the Blue network of the American Broadcasting company at 12:30 p.m. CWT on Saturday, April 21, the National Safety Council will present the Distinguished Service to Safety award to the Army Air Forces.

The award will recognize the outstanding contribution of the AAF Ground Safety Program of 1944. The presentation will be made during the Fighting AAF program, and Major General H. R. Harmon will receive the award for the Army Air Forces.

Buy YANK at the PX.



Someone started circulating the rumor that Greer Garson's legs were stuffed with horse hair during the filming of "Random Harvest" in which Miss Garson played a dancer and had to show her gams. Greer says it's a lie, and she sends this picture to prove it.

## Kin Ya Stop?

National and local motor vehicle organizations are co-operating to have auto brakes checked during the next month.

Under the slogan "You're only a foot from trouble; check your brakes," organizations are warning drivers to check their brakes and have needed repairs made at once. Cars now average twice the age of pre-war days. Brakes need checking and repairing if serious accidents are prevented.

Check and repair the brakes on your car now.

PAPPY.

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



## Once Over Slightly



## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Barn Dance Door Prize
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please	
Sun.....	Win.....	Waffle Supper
Ark.....	Bingo	
Mon.....	Win.....	Popcorn Night
Ark.....	Juke Box Dance	
Tues.....	Win.....	Bridge and Rummy
Ark.....	Ping Pong	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dancing..Cards..Games
Ark.....	Fudge..Pop Corn	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Do-as-you-please
Ark.....	Open House	
Fri.....	Win.....	Ping Pong Tournament
Ark.....	Bridge..Candy	



# Pvt. McKee Wins 2AF Bantamweight Title

## Sgt. Korycinski Heavyweight Runner-up In Tourney Of Champs At Topeka

The Strother Field boxing team, in winning the bantamweight championship and runnerup position in the heavyweight class, took third place honors in the Second Air Force finalist boxing tourney at Topeka, Kans., last week. The trophy is a silver loving cup. The tourney featured 40 finalists from five recently held district tourneys.

Strother Field's own Pvt. Joseph McKee of the Medics, better known as the "Manhattan Mauler" after his fine showing in Topeka, won the bantamweight title by scoring a knockout in his semi-final bout on Thursday and winning an easy decision in his final bout Friday night.

The Strother Field team, winners of four titles in the district tourney and composed of McKee, Lt. Harold O'Neill, featherweight; Pvt. Charles Gwynn, lightweight, and Sgt. Ed Korycinski, heavyweight, drew byes in the opening bouts Wednesday.

On the card of 16 semi-final bouts McKee met Sgt. Clarence Hendryx, Grand Island, Neb., army air field, in the opening 3 rounder. McKee, who has a terrific left hook, jolted his opponent several times during the first round and nearly floored him in the second stanza with a series of blows to the body and head. In the final round McKee hung two left hooks on Hendryx' head that left the Grand Island champ groggy. Another sizzling left hook to the head, dropped Hendryx for the count in one minute and 29 seconds of the final round.

In winning the bantamweight title of the Second Air Force, Pvt. McKee easily defeated S/Sgt. Mickey Retay of Galveston, Tex., army air field. In the first round he delivered three successive hard left hand blows to Retay's face and followed with a solid right to the stomach, dropping Retay for a count of nine. He got to his feet, a hurt man, and the round ended as McKee came in to polish him

off. Retay came back strong in the second to about break even with McKee. In the final stanza McKee again delivered many blows to Retay's head and body to easily win the round, the bout and the title.

Eight of the sixteen semi-final bouts ended in knockouts, most spectacular of which was Sgt. Ed Korycinski's second round KO of Pfc. Douglas Killebrew of Harvard, Neb., army air field.

Early in the opening round Korycinski floored his opponent with a hard blow to the head. Killebrew came back strong and floored Korycinski with a right to the head. The Strother Field heavyweight came charging back into his opponent and they were mixing freely when the round ended. Thirty-eight seconds after the second round started Korycinski delivered a sledge-hammer blow to Killebrew's head. It was a knockout punch and Killebrew's legs began to spread. He resembled a Conga dancer, weaving from side to side until he finally sank to the floor. The several thousand spectators were lifting the auditorium roof with their yelling as Killebrew finally managed to get to his feet at the count of nine. The referee took one look at the badly beaten heavyweight and stopped the bout.

Korycinski met Corp. George

## Strother Field Enters 2AF District Ball League

The Strother Field Fliers baseball team will participate in the Second Air Force district baseball league beginning with a game with Herington, Kans., army air field on Friday, May 25th, according to Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer, and S/Sgt. Orwin White, baseball coach. The league home games will be played at either Arkansas City or on the Strother Field diamond.

The district league is comprised of teams from Ardmore, Okla., Topeka, Salina, Walker, Pratt, Great Bend, Herington, Kans., army air fields and Strother Field.

## Fliers Meet Wellington Here Sunday Afternoon

A baseball game on the field diamond between the Strother Field Fliers and the Wellington, Kans., team is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, 3 p.m.

Wolf, Rapid City army air field, for the heavyweight title last Friday night. Korycinski tried throughout the entire bout to land one of his knockout punches but the height and reach of his opponent made it impossible to get in close for a damaging blow. The first round was Korycinski's as he landed several good punches on the body and head of Wolfe, who showed respect for the hitting ability of the Strother Field fighter. Although Wolfe showed up better in the second round the edge seemed, in the opinion of the writer and the audience, to go to Korycinski. The third round was won by Wolfe who made a strong comeback and received the decision. The large audience booed the announcement of the winner.

Lt. Harold O'Neill, the only officer entered in the tourney, lost a close decision to S/Sgt. Eddie Walker of the Rapid City, South Dakota, army air field team in their semi-final bout. The first two rounds were about even with both men landing solid but not damaging blows to head and body. O'Neill's speed caused Walker, four times Arkansas state boxing titleholder, to miss several blows in the second round. Hard luck and a tourney rule caused O'Neill to lose the final round and the decision. He slipped to one knee, not as a result of a hard blow, but was forced to take the count of nine before resuming the fight. He was on his feet before the referee began counting but had to stand idly by for this length of time. O'Neill came back strong but the round was soon over and Walker won the decision.

Pvt. Charles Gwynn, flashy lightweight and winner of the 135-pound class at the 2AF district tourney two weeks ago, lost a decision to Pvt. Ike Robinson, Pyote, Tex., army air field in their semi-final bout. Gwynn was unable to land one of his lethal punches on Robinson's chin. The

## Fliers Defeat Indians, 26 to 3

The Strother Field Fliers baseball team won their second game of the season last Friday when the Chilocco Indians were handed a 26 to 3 defeat.

Wilson, Flier hurler, struck out eight of the twelve Indian batters to face him in the first four innings and gave up only two hits during the entire game.

Clohesy, shortstop, was up six times, made four hits and scored five runs. Lyons, leftfielder, hit the ball hard and when it counted most.

Williams, centerfielder, was at bat six times, made three hits, scored one run and batted in five runs. Antos, first baseman and pitcher, got two hits in five trips to the plate, scoring four runs and batting in two runs. Shimkus, center fielder, made three hits in three times at bat and scored two runs.

## Softball League To Be Organized

Organization of a softball league among officers and enlisted personnel is underway at Strother Field, according to Lt. Jack Williams, physical training director. All military personnel interested in forming teams to participate in league play are requested to notify Lt. Williams as soon as team rosters are complete.

Last year seven teams formed the Strother Field league with Headquarters winning the team title when it defeated the Medics in two games of a three-game series.

There will be at least two officer teams in the league this year. The flying officers and ground officers are each forming a team at the present time. Lt. Williams suggests that all departments on the field form teams and make the 1945 league the largest in the field's history.

latter, moving with the speed of a plane, just wasn't where Gwynn thought he'd be when he delivered a blow. Robinson copped the lightweight title Friday night by exhibiting the same uncanny evasiveness.

Following each of the final bouts the winner was presented a gold army insignia ring and a \$50 war bond. The runner-up in each weight class received a \$25 war bond and a pair of miniature gold boxing gloves. Pvt. Martha Langerels, Wac queen of the Topeka army air base, and T/Sgt. William Warren, former Jap prisoner and now a patient in Winters General Hospital, Topeka, presented the awards.

Rapid City, S.D., won the team trophy, a large silver loving cup. Four members of this team were entered in the finals and the award was made on a point system with Rapid City totaling 14 points, Pyote, Tex., with two titleholders, won second place with 10 points and Strother Field received nine points.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"There must be an easier way to get their attention!"





### Col. Meade to Present Awards to Next of Kin

The coveted Bronze Star earned by a Cowley county infantryman who died in battle, a Distinguished Flying Cross, three Air Medals each bearing two Oak Leaf Clusters and one Air Medal without clusters will be presented next of kin of five Cowley county service men at a simple ceremony in the Strother Field Officers' Club at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28. Colonel Donald E. Meade will make the presentations to relatives of the following: Pvt. Jack Price of Rock and 1st. Lt. George W. Ghramm and Sgt. Kenneth P. Davis of Arkansas City, all of whom were killed in combat; T/Sgt. Harold A. Snyder and S/Sgt. Joe Holtby of Winfield, who are missing in action.

Mrs. Myrtle Adkins will come from Holly, Colorado, for the posthumous presentation of the Bronze Star for her son, Jack Price. This will mark the first time in Strother Field history that a Bronze Star has been presented and will be one of few times an award for an infantryman has been made at Strother Field.

The Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters earned by Lieutenant Ghramm during 11 months' flying service in the New Guinea area will be presented to his five-year-old son, George, Jr.

Mrs. Viola J. Davis will receive the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters recognizing the meritorious achievements of her husband, T/Sgt. Kenneth Davis, in aerial activities from February to April, 1944, and for destruction of one enemy plane on Jan. 25, 1944, as

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### Cash Purchases Total \$8,130 in 7th Bond Drive

The Seventh War Bond drive at Strother Field is off to a very good start with cash purchases thus far in April totaling \$8,130. This amount equals 9% of the total figure of \$87,000 set for the base. The military goal is \$45,000 and the civilian personnel goal is \$42,000.

New allotments made by military personnel have reached a total of forty-two at the present time, according to 1st. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, war bond and personal affairs officer.

### Bunny Austin, British Tennis Star, Reports To Strother Field

Cpl. Wilfred (Bunny) Austin, British tennis star whose name ranks with those of Budge, Vines, Tilden, Moody, Perry, Borotra and LaCasse, has reported for duty at Strother Field.

Austin was a member of the British Davis Cup team for nine consecutive years, and four times a member of the winning team. He reached the Wimbledon finals twice in singles competition and was British champion from 1928 through 1931 and again in 1937 and 1938. He has defeated such notables as Don Budge and Ellsworth Vines, and in doubles play has teamed up with Fred Perry and Helen Wills Moody.

Austin's book, "Tennis Made Easy," published in 1935, is still considered one of the most authoritative guides on lawn tennis. He is also the author of "Bits and Pieces," a volume of reminiscences on tennis and tennis stars.

Bunny Austin took up tennis when still a youngster at Repton School in Derby, England. He

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### M-Sgt. Johnson Is Elected NCO Head

Master Sergeant John A. Johnson of Squadron A-3 is the new president of the non-commissioned officers' club at Strother Field. The election of new officers and members of the board of governors was held in the clubrooms Tuesday.

M/Sgt. Jay Ridenour of Squadron A-1 is the new vice-president and Sgt. H. D. Bass, also of Squadron A-1, was reelected secretary-treasurer of the organization. These two enlisted men are the only office-holders who are not members of Squadron A-3.

Newly elected members of the board of governors are: T/Sgt. John Bral, S/Sgt. George Varanish, M/Sgt. Merle H. Knudson, M/Sgt. Theodore Rekstis, retiring president, and S/Sgt. Vincent Przybyszewski.

Members of the club voted favorably on a summer garden project to be located between the wings of the building and on the east side of the structure. The garden would be similar to the concrete dance floor outside the service men's club. Approval from the Second Air Force for the project has been requested.

### Brazilian AF Chief Is Pleased With SF Training

Major Brigadeiro Armando F. Trompowsky, Brazilian air force chief, enjoyed his visit to Strother Field last Friday, he told Col. D. E. Meade, Strother commander, and Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive, before his party left the base. He said he was particularly impressed with the friendliness that prevails both at the base and in town. He indicated complete satisfaction with the training program mapped out for Brazilian pilots at Strother Field.

Colonel Machado, a member of the party, talked to a number of BAF trainees here and said they were well pleased. Like the Brigadeiro himself, the trainees, he said, praised the friendly atmosphere of Strother Field and the towns of Winfield and Arkansas City. He said the Brazilian fliers liked the set-up at the base, and they were thoroughly satisfied with the training program. They especially praised their instructors and the training aids and instructional material available to them.

The trainees told Colonel Ma-

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What he thinks about United States War Bonds is reflected in the paintings of this soldier. He is Staff Sergeant William P. Mosteller of Moosic, Pa. a photo-lab technician at Strother Field. The drawings will be used locally in the Seventh War Loan drive. The one S/Sgt. Mosteller is finishing in this picture has been sent to the United States Treasury Department for possible use in the national drive. (Official AAF Photo.)

### BASEBALL

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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

At San Francisco this week the delegates of the nations of the world have met in solemn conclave to seek a solution for the pressing problems of international diplomacy and a formula for the just and lasting peace which alone will justify the sacrifices and the heroism of World War II.

As they meet, the eyes of the world are turned upon them, not only the official eyes of the various governments which sent them, but the eyes of the masses of common people. These are delegates not only from the capitals and the powers but from the front-line soldier, the war widow and the orphan.

This is not a treaty-making conference. Its primary purpose is not to redraw the world map but to make a blueprint for the road along which the peoples of the world may walk to lasting peace.

It will not be by any means an easy task. There are bones enough to breed contention if care is not taken. There are mistakes which, if made, can breed even other wars. In the past other and similar conferences have failed of their purpose.

It is the hope and the prayer of the people who have fought and suffered through this war that this conference will not fail. Upon the shoulders of the delegates rests a terrific responsibility. Upon their deeds are focused the eyes of the world.

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

Note to Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce: A man recently reported to Strother Field (near your easternmost suburb of Arkansas City) from an air base in Texas. He had heard such tall tales of Kansas dust that he procured a respirator before undertaking the journey northward. After two spring weeks here he is trying to swap the respirator for a pirogue. . . . Among the men who have reported here recently to act as Portuguese-English translators is S/Sgt. James Allen, Jr. S/Sgt. Allen should have no difficulty in that job. He was born in Brazil and did not leave that country until he was almost twenty years old. His father is a Baptist missionary there. The sergeant, however, has definitely inherited the distinctive Carolina English of his parents. . . . Lt. Henrique Kucharski, BAF, is quite a linguist, but there is a reason. He was born in Poland and lived in that country long enough to become well versed in the Polish language. When he was 9 years old the family moved to France and he had to start from scratch. Eight years of parlez-vous, and the Kucharskis followed Horace Greeley's advice to go west. Traveling west by south they landed in Brazil, where fluency in Polish and French, plus some degree of proficiency in a couple of other European tongues, mean absolutely nil. Lt. Kucharski was forced to add Portuguese to his list of languages. . . . Lt. Armenio Fontes is another member of the Brazilian group here who can handle French with ease. . . . And while we're on the subject of DeGaulle's mother tongue, make a note of this: Don't ever use derisive French expressions when Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty is around. Because of his knowledge of the language Col. Beatty was the only officer able to understand the polyglot comments of Colonel Machado when a party of high-ranking BAF officers visited here last week. . . . Cpl. Leon H. Tebbetts, the new I&E man who came here this week from Wendover, had his own publishing house in Portland, Maine, before he entered the Army. Besides being a publisher, he is a mural painter of notable accomplishments.

"She has quite a large repertoire, hasn't she?" asked the GI at the concert.

"Yes," said his companion, "and that dress makes it look all the worse."

## Speaking of--Hitler and Von Rundstedt

A rumor is making the rounds that Adolf Hitler recently demoted Marshal Von Rundstedt to the rank of private for failure to destroy the Remagen bridge across the Rhine before seizure by American troops.

Hitler, in the midst of one of his notorious rages, apparently summoned Von Rundstedt to his headquarters and screaming at the top of his voice, ripped the insignia from the Marshal's uniform.

It is not hard to imagine Von Rundstedt's thoughts as the former paperhanger exhibited his authority over the old guard Prussian officer.

In American slang it probably went something like this: "Look, junior. You're not peeling old paper off a wall. I've forgotten more military strategy than your feeble little brain has ever been able to absorb. My life has been one of military training while standing on both feet, not wallowing in a gutter playing dead! Remember the pictures of you taken when the 'beer hall putsch' in Munich failed?"

"I'm a private now, so what? If the two of us are fortunate enough to evade being picked up by Allied forces it will be because of two things. We'll both be in civilian clothes and you'll be without your silly little mustache. My one hope is that I meet you before your detection by the Allies. With your own little paste bucket and brush I will have the satisfaction of plastering you to a wall, preferably in a deserted Allied prison camp. You stinker, you."

## YE LIFTINGS

And then there's the cutie who stepped out with a lumberman and ended up with a little shaver.

Said the baby Termite: "Beat me daddy, I ate the bar."

When a girl sneezes it's a sign she's catching cold and when she yawns it's a sign she's gotten cold.

She was only a coalman's daughter, but oh, where she had bin.

To the old fashioned girl: Be good, sweet maid and let who will be clever.

To the co-ed: Be good, sweet maid, and let who will. Be clever.

We know a cute young thing who bought a bicycle so she could peddle it in the country.

Two men alighted from a bus. One had come to the city for good. The other was a soldier on a three-day pass.

Two seagulls flew over the Hudson River, and one asked the other: "What's all the fuss down there?" His pal said: "It's a boat race, Cornell against California. I just put everything I had on California."

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## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Dr. L.C. Spencer, medical specialist, booked an airplane reservation from Boston to Washington and Washington to Louisville to give an address on the treatment of wounded. At Washington he was turned back because a Colonel S. C. Brewer presented a War Department priority which took his seat. He wired Louisville and returned home. Upon his arrival there a telegram informed him that Colonel Brewer had flown from Washington to hear the address and that all regretted the circumstances.

All men are free moral agents, privileged to exercise their rights. But few today are stopping to realize that in the very exercise of their moral rights they, like the Colonel, are but robbing themselves of the very thing they seek to achieve.

No man wants to be the possessor of a body that is racked and torn by disease and dissipation, but in the exercise of his moral freedom he proceeds to acquire one. No man desires to be coarse and cheap in his character but when approached as to the fact that he is on the wrong road he flashes his moral priority and proceeds to defeat his own purpose.

Not a single man in the Army HAS to acknowledge God or go to church, or live a clean life. He has the right to do what he wants to do so long as he does not injure his fellowman. That is America—thank God! By exercising our moral rights we will enjoy the journey but when we get to our destination we will find nothing but emptiness.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Service Club—Open House until 2130.	SAT.
Theater—Naughty Marietta—Nelson Eddy, Jeanette McDonald. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	APR. 28
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies.	SUN.
Theater—The Horn Blows at Midnight—Jack Benny, Alexis Smith. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	APR. 29
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess.	MON.
Theater—No showing.	APR. 30
Service Club—Section C Party.	TUES.
Theater—I'll Remember April—Gloria Jean, Kirby Grant. Escape in the Fog—Otto Kruger, Nina Foch. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	MAY 1
Service Club—Enlisted Personnel Dance.	WED.
Theater—Without Love — Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	MAY 2
Service Club—Dance—Winfield and Ark City Girls.	THURS.
Theater—No showing.	MAY 3
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130.	FRI.
Theater—Dillinger—Edmund Lowe, Lawrence Tierney. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	MAY 4

## Male Call



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## A Child Shall Lead Them, Straight to Distraction

What a time some teacher will have when the young son of an officer stationed at Strother Field is old enough to enter school. The young'un's imagination, or call it sense of humor, will drive her to distraction in a short time.

For example the little fellow recently began telling neighbors in Ark City that his daddy was shooting down lots of Nazi planes over Germany.

The neighbors, friends of the boy's parents, hoped to trap him in his story-telling by asking who the officer was that came to his house each evening and left for Strother Field each morning.

Imagine their surprise, and that of his parents, when the youngster said, "Aw, that's some fellow who comes to see mommy!"

## Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Section C's "Get Acquainted" dance, given Tuesday, April 24th, was a success in that the soldiers, new and old, got acquainted, not so much with each other but with the bevy of girls that were guests at the service club.

Wichita's delegation of 25 girls was chaperoned by Mrs. Perry and Miss Chrystal Brooks. Ponca City's girls were chaperoned by Miss Dewberry and Arkansas City girls were chaperoned by Mrs. Donna Bradford. Mrs. Helen Jackson, of the Winfield extension U. S. O., brought a bus load of Winfield girls.

The new fellows who hail from Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Dalhart AAF, Dalhart, Texas and Herington AAF, Herington, Kans., all expressed their appreciation for the party.

The refreshments prepared by Pfc. Clinton Pittman, were a great hit.

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## WAC Detachment News

By

PFC. A. DEMATTHEWS



Goodbyes were in order for three of our Wacs who have been transferred from this base. Pvt. Glynda A. Bumgarner of Shidler, Okla., was honorably discharged and is now enroute to join her husband S/Sgt. J. Bumgarner, Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas. Pvt. Ilse de Levie transferred to Orlando, Florida, and Pvt. Arna H. Holm to Brownsville, Texas.

We are glad to hear that Cpl. Bernadine Dillon, WAC Supply sergeant, who has been hospitalized since 31st March is showing signs of improvement. We sure miss you "Cpl. Crack-Pot."

## Serve as Coordinators Of Civilian Trng. Branch

E. D. Pile, former chief clerk of general supply, and Robert Cantrell, former assistant foreman of the sheet metal department under maintenance and supply, are now serving as coordinators of the Civilian Training Branch.

Mr. Pile is assigned to AAF Supply and Mr. Cantrell is assigned to Maintenance. Both men will coordinate on-the-job training between their assigned departments and the administrative office of Civilian Training Branch.

## Ground Safety Award For 1944 Goes To A.A.F.

For its ground safety record in 1944, the Army Air Forces won the National Safety Council's Distinguished Service to Safety Award. The award was won by the A.A.F. in 1942 and 1943 for its safety record in aerial operations. Winners of the air awards for 1944 will be determined at a later date.

"Safety Through Knowledge" is the theme of the A.A.F.'s safety campaign which trains personnel in sound safety engineering principles, enforces safety regulations and provides a continuing safety education.

Following is the change in schedule for the medical treatment of dependents of military personnel as stated in SF Reg. No. 25-1, 21 April, 1945:

CLINIC	DAY	TIME	PLACE	PHO. MED. OFFICER
Pediatrics	Monday	1300 CWT	Infirmery	226..Capt. Parlange
Adult				
Medical	Wednesday	1300 CWT	Ward 2	223..Capt. Sanborn
Adult				
Surgical	Wednesday	1300 CWT	Ward 4	221..Major Dunn
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat	Wednesday	1300 CWT	Office	232..Capt. McMillin
Gynecology	Wednesday	1300 CWT	Office	232..Capt. Lehman
Prenatal	Friday	1300 CWT	Office	232..Capt. Lehman

## Major Baumgardner Former Chief of Bolivian Air Mission

Major Bruce K. Baumgardner of LeGrand, Iowa, chief of the air mission to Bolivia the past two and one-half years, has reported to Strother Field on direct orders from Washington, D. C.

Major Baumgardner returned to the United States in February, from his long South American tour of duty, an assignment he filled so skillfully he was awarded the coveted Condor of the Andes decoration by the Bolivian government, and the Air Medal and one Oak Leaf Cluster by the United States government.

The Condor of the Andes decoration Major Baumgardner received was granted for what he modestly terms "flying in the hills." The "hills" are the Andes mountains. From his base located 14,000 feet high in the Andes he made many flights across the range, many peaks of which were 24,000 feet elevation, for the purpose of mapping the eastern portion of the country. In addition, Major Baumgardner served as technical chief of the Bolivian Air Force.

The Air Medal Major Baumgardner wears was the result of his flying on 24 search missions in an AT-6 in the Andes ranges, and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal was awarded for leading a flight of basic trainers piloted by Bolivians on a 7,000-mile flight without the incidence of a single accident.

Major Baumgardner has an interesting civilian and military background, in addition to his

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## Killed in Action



Like thousands of the foot-slogging GIs about whom he wrote, Ernie Pyle met a soldier's death from Japanese machine gun bullets on Ie island off Okinawa. At the time of his death he was covering the war in the Pacific as a correspondent assigned to the Navy. Earlier, he wrote unforgettable stories of the fighting in North Africa, Italy and France.

## BRAZILIAN AF CHIEF

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chado the training program was "intensive," but he explained that a crowded schedule was necessary if they were to complete their training on time.

Colonel Machado summed up the attitude of the Brazilians in training at Strother Field in his concluding remark to Col. Beatty: "The men are all happy."

Buy YANK at the PX.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dancing
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Sun.	Win.	Wiener Roast
Ark.	Bingo	
Mon.	Win.	Popcorn Night
Ark.	Juke Box Dance	
Tues.	Win.	Bridge and Rummy
Ark.	Ping Pong	
Wed.	Win.	Dancing..Cards..Games
Ark.	Fudge..Pop Corn	
Thurs.	Win.	Field Dance
Ark.	Open House	
Fri.	Win.	Ping Pong
Ark.	Bridge..Candy	

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

## Snappy Story





# SF Boxers Will Meet Ardmore AAF Tonight

## Each Team Winner of Second Air Force District Tournament

An outstanding boxing card featuring bouts between the Strother Field and Ardmore, Okla., army air field 2AF district champion teams is scheduled for tonight in the Southwestern college gymnasium, Winfield. The event, sponsored by the Winfield American Legion, will start at 8:15 p.m. The Winfield municipal band will play a 30-minute concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Strother Field recently won the 2AF district tourney at Topeka, Kans., and Ardmore won the Oklahoma district championship.

Among the SF fighters who will see action are Pvt. Joseph McKee, bantamweight titleholder of the entire 2AF, Pvt. Charles Gwynn, 137 lbs., Cpl. Jimmy Roberts, 145 lbs., Cpl. Melvin Harper, 165 lbs., and Sgt. Edward Korycinski, heavyweight. The Ardmore team roster had not been announced at press time for the Prairie Flier.

Three preliminary bouts will feature six Winfield boys, Jackie Crawford vs. Joe Buck, 125 lbs., Ernie Kanitz vs. Dale Miers, 135 lbs., and Ronald Hefron vs. Kenny Halbert, heavyweight.

Lt. Harold O'Neill, featherweight, will not be able to appear on the card, having suffered an injury to his nose while sparring with Roberts in the post gym.

This boxing card, featuring military talent, will be the first one held in Winfield since 1943 when SF met Coffeyville AAF.

The advance ticket sale indicates a full house for the boxing show tonight, according to 1st. Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer, and Sgt. Ray Muchowich, boxing coach. Admission price is 25c for service men and 50c for civilians.

Buses will leave the post gym at 1915 tonight for Southwestern College gym, site of the boxing bouts. The buses will return to the field following the matches.

## SF Plays Wellington In So. Kans. Opener

Opening game of the Southern Kansas baseball league will be played in Wellington Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., when Strother Field meets the Wellington city team.

There are eight teams in the league, Wellington, Santa Fe (Wellington), Caldwell, Conway Springs, Blackstone, Argonia, Anthony and Strother Field.

Sunday afternoon at 1400 buses will leave the post gym for the game at Wellington between the Strother Field Fliers and the Wellington team. The buses will return to the base following the game.

## Fliers Enter A. C. League; Play May 17

The Strother Field Fliers will play their first game in the Arkansas City League on May 17, meeting the Kanotex Oilers, 1944 league champions.

May 22—SF vs. Maurer Neuer  
May 28—SF vs. Dubbs All Stars  
June 4—SF vs. Santa Fe  
June 12—SF vs. Chilocco  
June 28—SF vs. Kanotex  
July 3—SF vs. Maurer Neuer  
July 9—SF vs. Dubbs All Stars  
July 16—SF vs. Santa Fe  
July 23—SF vs. Chilocco.

## Fliers Defeat Wellington, 20 to 1

By PFC. MAX POVILL

The Strother Field Fliers continued their victory march in pre-season baseball play by defeating the Wellington Dukes 20 to 1 in a game played on the field diamond Sunday afternoon. Richardson, SF hurler, gave up only 7 hits in 8 innings and struck out 10 Wellington batters. The single run made by the visitors was a home run blow by Johnson, shortstop.

The most exciting moment of the one-sided game occurred in the fourth frame when Stan Antos, Flier first baseman, hit into a triple play.

Strother Field's power showed to advantage in the game with Wellington. The base team this season will undoubtedly prove a dangerous combination due to a solid hitting batting order. In the three games played by the Fliers a total of more than 60 runs, or an average of 23 per game, have been made.

S/Sgt. Orwin White, coach, although realizing the opposition has been light is well satisfied with the results and condition of his team. The pitching staff is rounding into condition and will be ready for their first major test this afternoon against the Ardmore AAF.

## Handball Tourneys Near Completion

Finals in the handball singles and doubles tournaments are scheduled to be played this week-end, according to Cpl. Stan Antos, tourney manager.

S/Sgt. Ben Solkofske is one of the finalists in the singles event. Cpl. Lang will meet the winner of the match between Pfc. Lawrence Miller and Capt. E. O. Fisher for the other finalist spot.

In the doubles tournament Capt. Fisher and Cpl. Joe Ginnagelo have reached semi-final bracket.

## MAJOR BAUMGARDNER

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South American experiences. He worked his way through the University of Iowa as a free lance reporter and news photographer, corresponding for the Associated Press and the United Press. He enlisted in the armed forces at Omaha in December, 1939, to begin cadet training. He took his primary at Lincoln, Nebr., his basic at Randolph Field, Texas, and was commissioned at Kelly Field on October 4, 1940.

For a time Major Baumgardner was Public Relations Officer at Randolph Field and at Brooks Field, and then became a flying instructor at Brooks Field, an assignment he concluded in June, 1942, after two years at the same point. From there he went to Washington to G-2 of the General Staff, where he was situated for three months before being made chief of the air mission to Bolivia.

## AUSTIN, TENNIS STAR

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achieved stardom in the game while attending Cambridge University. He gave up the sport he loves in 1939, at 33, to come to this country as part of a moral rearmament team whose aim was to create a spirit of teamwork between labor and management in war plants. His wife is carrying on with this work while he serves the U. S. Army as a clerk in the Flying Training Department of this Second Air Force base.

Austin made headline news in the sporting world, and at the same time wrote some of that news. His weekly column on tennis and its personalities was read avidly for nine years by scores of thousands who read the sports pages of the London Evening News.

Still a subject of Great Britain, Cpl. Austin was inducted into the United States armed forces in April, 1943, under an agreement between England and the United States concerning the drafting of one another's nationals. After completing an Army clerical course he was assigned to duty in Public Relations. He reported here from the Army air base at Dalhart, Texas,

You've heard a lot of talk about good will. That's strictly bunk. They will not.

## The Wolf

by Sansone



"No! This is not Lambie-Pie!"

## DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Off-duty classes in High School Algebra and Plane Geometry will begin at Strother Field about 15 May?

You can register for either of these courses by calling 297, the Information and Education Department?

You can take courses of all types with the United States Armed Forces Institute at no cost except an initial enrollment fee of \$2.00?

You can take correspondence courses with many colleges for only half the cost of tuition and books?

Your Army experiences can help you get that High School diploma?

SEE YOUR LIBRARIAN or  
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## COL. MEADE TO PRESENT

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a member of the Fifteenth Air Force.

The Air Medal with two Clusters, earned over Continental Europe by T/Sgt. Harold A. Snyder of Winfield, then a staff sergeant with the First Bomb Division, will be presented to his father, Alfred B. Snyder.

The Air Medal for Sgt. Joe Holtby will go to his wife, Mrs. Joe Holtby of Winfield, for sustained activities in the Mediterranean theater against the enemy from May 30 to June 30, 1944, with the Fifteenth Air Force.





# NAZIS QUIT!

## Germany Unconditionally Surrenders to Allied Nations

### V-E Day Statement

Victory in Europe has been officially proclaimed.

After more than three years of war that has been unadulterated hell we have overcome the second in a triumvirate of scoundrels whose distorted minds had told them they could rule the world.

Today the Stars and Stripes waves proudly over the ruins of the enemy's domain alongside the banners of our allies.

Today we rejoice. Another great battle has been won. The Italian surrender, D-day in Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, Remagen — these have been stepping stonestoward final victory. V-E Day is another stepping stone.

Our joy today is tempered by the realization that victory has been won only at the cost of thousands of American lives, and lives of America's great allies.

Our celebrations today are sobered by the realization we have ascended only two-thirds of the way to our goal. Italy and Germany have been conquered. Japan still stands between us and peace.

Let us rejoice in the achievement of free peoples. Let us on this day consider ourselves for what we are, in the light of our accomplishments. Let us proclaim to the world that we still hold high the torch of freedom.

Then tomorrow let us return to our work that this torch may continue to burn brightly. Let us redouble our efforts that, with God's help, we may achieve an early victory over the last of our enemies.

DONALD E. MEADE  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Commanding

### V-E Day Proclamation Issued By Truman, Churchill and Stalin

The war against Germany is ended. The unconditional surrender to the western allies and Russia took place in a little red school house, headquarters of General Dwight Eisenhower, at Reims, France, at 2:41 a.m. French time, Monday.

The official proclamation of the unconditional surrender of Germany was made by President Harry Truman, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Premier Joseph Stalin on Tuesday.

Following are excerpts from President Truman's proclamation on the end of the war in Europe:

"The allied armies, through sacrifice and devotion and with God's help, have won from Germany a final and unconditional surrender. The western world has been freed of the evil forces which for five years and longer have imprisoned the bodies and broken the lives of millions of freeborn men. They have violated their churches, destroyed their homes, corrupted their children, and murdered their loved ones. Our armies of liberation have restored freedom to these suffering peoples, whose spirit and will the oppressors could never enslave.

"Much remains to be done. The victory won in the west must now be won in the east. The whole world must be cleansed of the evil from which half the world has been freed.

"The power of our people to defend themselves against all enemies will be proved in the Pacific as it has been proved in Europe.

"For the triumph of spirit and of arms which we have won, and for its promises to peoples everywhere who join us in the love of freedom, it is fitting that we, as a nation, give thanks to Almighty God, who has strengthened us and given us the victory.

"Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Sunday, May 13, 1945, to be a day of prayer.

"I call upon the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace.

"I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make possible our victory."

The surrender, bringing the war in Europe to an end after five years, eight months and six days was signed for Germany by Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl, chief of staff

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CHURCHILL



TRUMAN



STALIN



## War Is Not Over, Soldiers Declare

What was the reaction of the average man at Strother Field on the announcement of V-E Day?

A reporter from the Public Relations Office popped that question to a representative assortment of men and got these answers:

S/Sgt. George Vranish, airplane mechanic and overseas veteran: "It's hard to believe; too many rumors. I'll believe the war is over when the Japs are licked."

S/Sgt. Orwin White, PT instructor: "It relieves some of the pressure, but there's a long way to go yet."

Cpl. Charles Reese, armorer and veteran of the Italian campaign: "I still feel there's a war on. The Nazis were a tough enemy and I'm glad they're beaten."

Pvt. Tina Gault, WAC, truck driver: "It doesn't seem like it's over. There's still a lot more fighting to be done. It won't be over 'til everyone is back here."

Sgt. Raymond Drake, duty sergeant, A-1: "I feel as if another big job had just begun."

S/Sgt. Charles Owens, guard: "I'm happy about it and hope it won't be too long before the Japs are whipped."

Cpl. Don Carter, mechanic: "It's a feeling of relief; it seems that some pressure has been lifted."

S/Sgt. Francis Tomaszewski, mechanic: "It's just a phase. The war isn't actually over for us. Our war was with Japan to begin with."

S/Sgt. Billie Stewart, mechanic: "I don't feel that there's anything to rejoice about yet. Not 'til the Japs are licked. The war isn't half over."



General Eisenhower Monday received the surrender of all German armed forces, bringing to an end nearly six years of war in Europe.

## Chaplain's V-E Day Message

Victory in Europe! How that news thrills us! And well it should for have we not trained and fought to that very end? We cannot help but shout and sing. It would be inhuman not to pause and let off the steam of pent up emotions. Too many of our buddies have paid the supreme sacrifice "over there" for us not to rejoice that the days of bloodshed and pain are ended in Europe.

But it will be well to let our rejoicing be tempered by two thoughts. No nation, regardless of its military might, has long survived without paying due respect to God. Let us not think for a single moment that tanks, guns, ships, planes and a well-trained army are alone the secret of our victory. Remember, we have been fighting a foe who denies the very existence of God, who substituted Mein Kampf for the sacred Word of God, and who tore down the divinely established churches and reared his puppet state church in their stead. We have fought and beaten an enemy who would have uprooted every vestige and trace of God if he could. God does not suffer forever the indignities and blasphemies heaped upon Him by wicked men, but punishes in due time. Consequently He has blessed us with victory that wicked men may be punished.

Behind the boys in service have been thousands of mothers and other praying Christians who have pleaded with God, "Bless and keep our boys, and speed the day of victory." Christians all over the world have sought the mighty hand of God in the conflict, and He has not turned a deaf ear!

Let us, then, give praise and thanksgiving where it is due. Start this day of victory with God.

Then let us remember that the job is only partly done. We still have ahead of us a huge task. We cannot defeat this enemy without sober and intensive preparations. Some of us have already met him, and many more will meet him before there is world peace. We most certainly need to dedicate our cause to God anew and once again lay our lives on the altar of sacrifice.

Let this, our V-E Day, be one of thanksgiving to God, sober realization of the job ahead of us, wholehearted rededication to a cause that is right, and abundance of prayer to God for the speeding of the second V Day.

## V-E Day Is Work Day At Strother Field

NCO and Officers' Clubs  
To Hold Open House Tonight

V-E Day was just another day of work at Strother Field with celebration of victory delayed until victory over Japan can be achieved. Military and civilian personnel went on with their regular duties today as usual and prospects were that the same schedule will continue without interruption.

This evening the non-commissioned officers' club and the officers' club will hold open house in recognition of victory in Europe. Refreshments for all military personnel will be provided free of charge.

For Sunday, the day which President Truman has appointed as a day of prayer of thanks and dedication, and that "God will support us and guide us into the way of peace," special religious services are being planned for the post chapel by Chaplain Karl B. Smith.

One deviation in the regular work-and-plan schedule was announced today by Headquarters. In line with the War Department policy to become effective when victory in Europe had been achieved, a new orientation program and deployment lectures and films will be started within the next few days. One part of this program will be for military personnel, the other for civilians.

The following is a personal V-E Day message from Maj. Gen. Robert B. Williams, commanding general, Second Air Force, to commanding officers of all 2AF bases:

"With victory in Europe complete, our task is not lightened. We must continue our effort in speeding victory in Asia. Your contribution to V-E Day was great and is appreciated by all those for whom the heavy bombers paved the way. Our mission now is to lead the way with very heavies until the total victory."

## NAZIS QUIT!

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of the German army. Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for General Eisenhower, signed for the supreme allied commander. General Ivan Susloparoff signed for Russia and General Francois Sevez for France.

Following the signing of unconditional surrender documents Col. Gen. Jodl and General Admiral Hans Georg Friedeburg, the other Nazi delegate, were received by General Eisenhower who had not been present at the signing. The Germans were asked sternly if they understood the surrender terms and if they would be carried out by all of Germany. They answered "Yes."

After signing the full surrender, Jodl said he wanted to speak and was permitted to do so.

"With this signature," he said, "the German people and armed forces are for better or worse delivered into the victors' hands."

"No one must be under any illusions about the severity of the terms to be imposed on the German people by our enemies. We must now face our fate squarely and unquestioningly."



SMITH

Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for General Eisenhower, who signed the German unconditional surrender document for the supreme allied commander at Reims, France, ending the allied nations' war against Germany. The end came after 2,076 days of history's bloodiest conflict.





### 7th War Bond Drive Poster On Display

A cutout poster which combines the inspiration of the now-famous flag-raising ceremony at Iwo Jima with the artistic genius of S/Sgt. William P. Mosteller and S/Sgt. Herman S. Maxey, Jr., and the skill of workers in Maintenance and Supply and Post Engineers has been put up at Strother Field to announce to all comers progress of the Seventh War Loan drive at the base.

The sign, located just south and west of the main entrance to Strother Field, reproduces the picture of the flag raising at Iwo Jima which has become famous throughout this country. S/Sgt. Mosteller drew the picture, determining the size for a huge cutout of the scene. The cutout was made in the carpentry shops of Section C Maintenance.

When the cutouts were ready, S/Sgt. Maxey took over and with the famous scene, as recorded by Iwo Jima photographers, as a pattern he painted the figures which later were set up against a brilliant red and yellow background which had been prepared and equipped for night lighting by

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### Special Services In Chapel Sunday

Special religious services combining observance of Mothers Day and of the special day of prayer in thankfulness for victory in Europe proclaimed by President Truman are being planned by Chaplain Karl B. Smith for Sunday, May 13th, at the Strother Field base chapel. All mothers of service men and women from Arkansas City, Winfield and nearby Kansas and Oklahoma communities are cordially invited to attend.

A tribute to the mothers of men and women in service has been planned, at which time the service will pause briefly while each mother is presented with a gift in honor of the day and of the sacrifice which she has made in giving a son or daughter to the nation's service.

Special prayers in respect to American mothers and to victory in the European phase of World War II will be offered, and a musical program has been arranged.

Time of the service has been changed to 10:30 a.m. at the chapel, instead of the usual 10:00 a.m., to allow those coming from Arkansas City and Winfield by bus to make convenient connections.

### Point System Plan For Demobilization Announced By War Department

The War Department released its point system plan for demobilization at 11 a.m., CWT Thursday. Following are the credits to be applied:

Service Credit—1 point per month in service.

Overseas Credit—1 point per month in overseas service.

Combat Credit—5 points for each decoration and bronze service star.

Parenthood Credit—12 points for each child under 18 years of age. Credit allowed—not more than three children.

Interim score for enlisted men (minimum to be eligible) is 85, to be computed as of 12 May 1945.

Example: Suppose that the enlisted man has been in service 42 months, 20 of which were spent overseas. The man earned 3 bronze stars in his theater or campaign ribbon. He is the father of one child, 8 years old, his total credits are:

Service .....	42 points
Overseas service .....	20 points
Combat (3 @ 5) .....	15 points
Parenthood .....	12 points

Total points .... 89

or enough to be eligible for discharge. It must be remembered however that not all men with 85 points will be discharged immediately, and the demobilization of men with sufficient credits will be gradual and progressive.

Overseas Service—Credit is given

en for any service outside continental limits of U.S. and including Alaska. Begins on date of leaving POE and ends upon date of arrival at a port in the United States.

Combat Credit is figured at the rate of 5 points for the first and each additional award of the following only: Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldiers' Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Service Stars—no other awards or ribbons will be included.

### General Arnold Issues V-E Day Message to AAF

Following is the text of a message issued on V-E Day by General of the Army H. H. Arnold to all Air Forces commands:

"Today the might of the German Army collapsed when its leaders agreed to Allied terms of unconditional surrender. I am happy now to be able to send my congratulations to the Army Air Forces for pressing our attack to a smashing climax. We stand now at the peak of our offensive power. As this is written, plans already are in motion to divert an avalanche of military might against our only remaining enemy—Japan.

"The weapon that strikes home in modern warfare is the airplane. In our growing offensive against the Japanese, the Army Air Forces will play a vital role. At the same time they must supply the punch to occupation forces throughout the world. Finally, they must maintain a network of supply and transport lines to all corners of the earth. A gigantic job remains to be done, and until it is done,

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### Cash Purchases in Bond Drive Now \$25,925.25

The Seventh War Bond drive at Strother Field now totals \$25,925.25 in cash purchases. This amount is three times the figure released two weeks ago and is 29.7% of the goal figure of \$87,000 set for military and civilian personnel of the base. Of the total figure the military goal is \$45,000 and the civilian goal is \$42,000.



The 7th War Bond Drive poster designed and built by S/Sgt. William P. Mosteller, S/Sgt. Herman S. Maxey, and workers in Maintenance and Supply and Post Engineers, is now on display at the south entrance of Strother Field. The poster is lighted and makes an impressive display against the twilight sky in the background. (Official AAF Photo.)



## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Now we have time to stop for a minute and think what V-E Day means, and can mean, for a lot of people all over the world. As far as we, personally, are concerned each of us knows pretty well what it means as a milestone on the road to peace, as a moment of re-orientation toward the Japanese war. There's no need to go into that again now. But let's think of the other fellow.

To the children of Europe, a whole generation of them twelve years old and under, it means wonderful things; the chance to see the pool of warm, yellow light cast by a street lamp, the taste of an orange, the chance to go to school again and become free of the horrible blindness of ignorance. To their mothers this day marks a change when the blue sky ceases to be a menace to be watched for bombers, when the first repairs to a war shattered farm or home can be begun with confidence, when there is at last a hope and a promise that the man of the house will be home again.

The men of Europe, the men who have fought and suffered and worked and lived through almost six long years of constant nightmare, face today a greater opportunity than at any time in thirty years. There is at last the chance to plan and work and build constructively for the future of their families and their countries. There will be a chance to vote with something besides a rubber stamp, a chance to sweep away old cobwebs, to look to the future and work for that future.

There will be grim realities to face. The primacy of the European peninsula and its islands in industry, science and intellectual advancement has been terribly shattered by the years of war, and with them the political balance of power bids fair to shift.

Within Europe itself there are dangers to face and traps to avoid. Some groups of selfish or stupid men will not have been changed by the war. If not watched they will lay the groundwork of new wars and new evils. The men of Europe must remember that liberty and security must be bought with eternal vigilance.

In the long run the fate of all these people will hang upon their ability as individuals and nations to face and deal with the realities of life in the post-war world. V-E Day means the opportunity to try once again to build a constructive world civilization. No greater opportunity can come to any man.

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

About names: SMITH leads the list, with at least seven white enlisted men here with that name; WILLIAMS is second, with five. . . Incidentally, there are two JOHN J. SMITHS at SF; CPL. JOHN hails from Binghamton, N.Y., and is a Link instructor, while SGT. JOHN, a mechanic, is from Lansing, Mich. . . SGT. WALTZ and PFC. DANCE work in Communications and Maintenance respectively. . . CPL. WILLIAM WUNSCH, Operations, a former tour conductor, should get together with A-3's PFC. WANDER. . . Sad Sack at SF Tuesday was SGT. FIELDS BALDWIN, Flier editor. With the Prairie Flier extra announcing V-E Day already "put to bed" after President Truman's proclamation, Sgt. B. walked the floor tearing out what hair he has left while awaiting the official word from 2AF. . . Language difficulties of the BRAZILIAN PILOTS here are ironing out nicely. But their English teacher in town got a new headache when one of them asked the difference between "hell" and "heel"; another if "aroused" was the past tense of "arise"; and a third the explanation of the title of the book "Damned to Glory". . . Explanation: the beaming good nature of LT. ANDY KOLONIAR, Photo Lab, may be a result of coming events, including an adieu to bachelorhood next month. . .

## Speaking of--Dr. J. O. Strother

Strother Field lost its most ardent booster in the accidental death of Dr. J. O. Strother of Winfield last week.

Dr. Strother, father of Capt. Donald R. Strother, who lost his life early in the war in Java, and for whom the field was named, was on his way to the base last Thursday noon when his car was struck by a north-bound train near the east gate of the field.

This visit was to have been a customary one in which he enjoyed his weekly half-holiday from his osteopathic practice by talking with the officers and enlisted men of the base.

His interest in Strother Field and military life was four-fold—the son who had given his life for his country, and three other sons in service: Brig. Gen. D. C. Strother with the Fifteenth Fighter Command in Italy; Major R. S. Strother on the staff of Yank magazine, also in Italy; and Col. K. C. Strother with the United States Army in Okinawa.

Dr. Strother will be greatly missed, not only in Winfield where he had been a prominent citizen for many years, but at Strother Field where he, although not in uniform, was a soldier among soldiers.

## YE LIFTINGS

"I'll bet you think twice before leaving that wife of yours alone for an evening."

"I'll say. First I have to think up an excuse for going out, and then a reason why she can't come."

"Mother," said the little girl, "how did I get here?"

"Oh," said the mother, "the stork brought you."

"And how did you get here, Mummy?"

"Why—er, Mother was found on a rose-bush."

"What about Grandmother?"

"Your Grandmother was found in a cabbage patch."

"Mother," said the little girl, "hasn't there been any childbirth in our family for three generations?"

With graceful feet, a maiden sweet  
Was tripping the light fantastic;  
Then she suddenly tore for the dressing door—  
You can't trust this wartime elastic.

Heard in the South Pacific: ". . . long time, no she!"

An old maid born in Vancouver  
Once captured a man by maneuver  
She jumped on his knee  
With a chortle of glee,  
And nothing could ever remove her.

Little Jack Horner  
Necked Sue in the corner  
When in walked her old man.  
With a grin on his face  
They rushed from the place  
And finished in Jackie's sedan!

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## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

The Christian world will pause Sunday to honor motherhood. Christ, divine Son of God and yet born of Mary, honored His mother in all His ways. His last thought on the cross was to provide for His mother. It was He who raised woman to her exalted position. It is definitely pleasing to God that men everywhere should set aside a time in memory of their mothers.

This is doubly true of the present hour in which we live. Mothers have been called upon to go through the valley of the shadow to bring sons into the world, only to see them fed into the ravening maw of war. Many a mother will stand by a freshly dug grave on this Mothers Day. Is it not our privilege and our duty to bend every effort to end this war and restore to our mothers the privilege of bending over a cradle without seeing on the horizon a "Flanders Field where poppies blow"?

There are many mothers who have prayed earnestly during these years since hell broke loose on the continent of Europe. God has honored these prayers. Many a soldier has been spared. Surely the least we could do would be to attend church this Sunday to honor HER and to render our thanks to God for giving us such a mother.

## — CHAPEL SCHEDULE —

### PROTESTANT:

Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday worship service at 6:30 p.m.

Choir practice immediately following.

### CATHOLIC:

Masses Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions before and after masses.

### JEWISH:

Friday worship service at 8:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Service Club—Open House until 1800.	SAT.
Theater—No showing.	MAY 12
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies.	SUN.
Theater—Patrick the Great—Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	MAY 13
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess.	MON.
Theater—No showing.	MAY 14
Service Club—Section C Party.	TUES.
Theater—Crime, Inc.—Tom Neal, Leo Carrillo, Martha Tilton. Shows 1800-2000.	MAY 15
Service Club—Enlisted Personnel Dance.	WED.
Theater—The Affairs of Susan—Joan Fontaine, Geo. Brent, Dennis O'Keefe. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	MAY 16
Service Club—Dance—Ponca City Girls.	THURS.
Theater—No showing.	MAY 17
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130.	FRI.
Theater—The Picture of Dorian Gray—Geo. Sanders, Hurd Hatfield. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	MAY 18

## Male Call





## S-Sgt. G. R. Beck Vet of Luzon Battle

Fresh from the battles of the Southwest Pacific, including Luzon, S/Sgt. George R. Beck of Arnolds, Calif., has reported to Strother Field to become a P-47 Thunderbolt mechanic.

S/Sgt. Beck's South Pacific theater ribbon bears three stars which represent three of the toughest campaigns of the war with the Japanese — the Papua, the Bismarck Archipelago and the Dutch East Indies. He had been engaged in the great battle for Luzon only two weeks when under the Army's rotation plan he had opportunity to return to the States — an opportunity he was quick to seize.

Duties of the P-38 squadron to which Beck was attached were numerous and varied, things like raiding Rabaul at tree-top level, escorting bombers in the battle of the Bismarck Sea (his squadron shot down 14 enemy planes that historic day) escorting bombers raiding Manila and other strategic points of Luzon and Bataan, making the first run on the Borneo oil field, and bombing shipping, air strips and supply dumps of the Japanese.

Such assignments naturally brought counter-attacks and S/Sgt. Beck felt when his orders to come home came that his luck had about run out. At least twice he was caught on the runways when a flight of Jap raiders bombed the American base at which Beck was stationed. Once he found refuge under a huge tractor. The other time he was forced to remain in the plane in which he was working while several planes strafed the field and the plane in which he was working. Another time five of his buddies were killed when a bomb was dropped across the road from where Beck was working.

## NCO Club Has Contest

A contest for the naming of the two wings in the non-commissioned officers' club building was announced this week by club officials. The two prizes will be cases of beer.

Military and civilian personnel having name suggestions for the two rooms in the club are requested to phone 380.

## WAC Detachment News

By  
PFC. A. DEMATTHEWS



This week we extend congratulations to newlyweds Pvt. Betty Bruce and S/Sgt. William Irish. Also taking the vows of marriage are Pfc. Helen Madden and her fiancé Cpl. Paul Cabel from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Four new Wac's have recently joined our company, Pfc. Holliman, Pvt. Young, Pvt. Reagan and Pvt. Phillips. The first three are from Clovis, New Mexico, and the latter from Pyote, Texas. Pfc. Holliman and Pvt. Young have been assigned to the photo department on the field.

Out to set a record is a group of Wac's who are forming a baseball team. Several of the girls are competing for pitcher and catcher positions. The group is being directed by 1st. Lt. McCutcheon, captain of the team.

## Squadron C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

A son was born to Pvt. and Mrs. John W. Nolan, at Mercy Hospital, at Arkansas City, Sunday morning, May 6th. The baby weighs 6 lbs. 10½ ounces. Pvt. Nolan can be found, at the base chapel, where he is detailed, with cigars.

A guest of the squadron last week was Pvt. Alonzo Durr, ex-Strotherite, who is now stationed at Drew Field, Florida. Pvt. Durr on his way back to his present base from a furlough stated he still prefers Strother Field.

The squadron cooks detail of Pfc's Curtis Cary, Matthew Mitchell, and Pvt. Eugene Burns, may be a little short on experience, but in the cookery stakes they made older heads look to their laurels.

The question of the week: Who has raised the morale of Cpl. Ford? He was originally one of the long-faced gentry, now he is one of the most genial persons to be found.

Cpl. Tony St. Amant left Tuesday, May 8th, for cooks' school at Amarillo AAB, Texas.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## Civilian AAF Workers Praised By Gen. Arnold

The following message to civilian employees of the army air forces from General H. H. Arnold, commanding general, was received at Strother Field today.

"For over three years the civilian employees of the army air forces have worked alongside the military toward the victory which is ours today. This civilian army has made an effective and vital contribution to the defeat of Germany. You have worked untiringly and in jobs which at times must have seemed somewhat remote from the actual war scene but the efforts of each one have counted.

"We have yet to defeat the Japs. There is plenty of hard work to be done in connection with re-deployment and in securing ultimate victory. I ask for your continuing cooperation and effort toward that end."

## Capt. L. L. Leeds Is New Special Service Officer

Capt. L. L. Leeds is the new special service officer at Strother Field, reporting here from Chicago, Ill., last week, upon completion of public relations work in the Sixth Service Command in that city.

Capt. Leeds, whose home is in New York City, N. Y., entered the service as an enlisted man in March, 1942. He attended OCS in September of that year and upon receiving his commission attended special service school in Lexington, Va.

After serving as special service officer at the Smoky Hill Army Air Field in Salina, Kans., Capt. Leeds was placed on DS with the Western Technical Training Command, serving in the public relations branch. His assignment to the Sixth Service Command followed.

In civilian life Capt. Leeds was engaged in theatrical production work including vaudeville and legitimate shows.

1st. Lt. A. W. Andersen, who has been special service and information and education officer, will remain at Strother Field as I & E officer.

LEST WE FORGET — The Mighty Seventh—Buy War Bonds!

## To Form Geometry And Algebra Classes

Military personnel interested in joining geometry and algebra classes are requested to meet in the information and education office, south of the library, at 1900 next Friday evening.

Lt. A. W. Andersen, I & E officer, will conduct the classes on the field each week.

## GEN. ARNOLD ISSUES

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no large-scale demobilization can take place in the AAF.

"Those few men who can be spared will be returned to civilian life as rapidly as possible. They will be released from the AAF under the same standards that govern release from the Army Ground Forces and the Army Service Forces. Our rotation system will be accelerated. But for most of us, let me make it plain: we are fighting men in a fighting organization, and just as long as a single Jap ship, submarine, air squadron, or company of infantry remains to challenge us, our job is not done. We are in this fight to the finish."

## 7TH WAR BOND DRIVE

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workers from the Post Engineers.

The flag, which the figures are raising, gives a third dimension to the scene. It extends from the hands of the men planting it atop the replica Mt. Suribachi and by means of an ingenious device can be advanced to indicate the percentage of the \$87,000 Seventh War Loan quota which has been achieved by Strother Field military and civilian personnel. Across the bottom of the poster appear the challenging words: "Lest We Forget — the Mighty 7th."

Brains behind the clever idea are those of 1st. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, war bond officer, who soon will conclude 15 months' duty at Strother field and depart for an overseas tour of duty with the Air Transport Command.

A girl was sitting at a bar drinking and after she had four drinks, she began to feel good. At the other end of the bar sat a young man watching this girl and when he saw how she felt, he went over to her and said, "Would five make you dizzy?"

She answered, "The price is okay, but the name is Daisy."

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



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## Physi-oh-thera-beaut-ics

### USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Dancing
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please	
Sun.....	Win.....	Chicken Supper, 6:30
Monday	Night Girls	
Ark.....	Bingo	
Mon.....	Win.....	Popecorn Night
Ark.....	Juke Box Dance	
Tues.....	Win.....	Bridge and Rummy
Ark.....	Ping Pong	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dancing, Games
Ark.....	Fudge-Pop Corn	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Do-as-you-please
Ark.....	Open House	
Fri.....	Win.....	Ping Pong
Ark.....	Bridge-Candy	



## SF Fliers Win First Service Game; Defeat Dodge City Army Air Field, 5-2

By PFC. MAX POVILL

The Strother Field Fliers continued their baseball victory streak last Friday afternoon when the local nine defeated Dodge City army air field, 5 to 2. The SF team came through with timely hits when they were most needed and displayed excellent defensive ability throughout the game.

Strother Field opened the scoring in the second inning when Irish walked, Yachwan singled and Wilson, the pitcher, doubled. Irish scored but Yachwan was put out at home plate when he tried to score from second.

In the fifth frame Wilson walked the lead off man. He was doubled home by Kowslewski of DC who later scored on a wild pitch.

Trailing by one run, the Fliers came to life in the last of the seventh when Wagener and Lyons singled. Williams, who had been unable to connect with a hit in his previous times at bat, banged out a timely single scoring Wagener and advancing Lyons to second base.

In the eighth inning, with the score tied 2-2, Wagener again came to bat with two away and Yachwan on third base. He connected with a good single, scoring Yachwan and putting SF ahead, 3-2. Wilson hit a single and was followed to the plate by Turner who drove out a terrific 3-base hit scoring Wilson and Wagener and making the score 5-2.

Wilson hurled a great game, striking out the side in the first inning, retired the next five men in order before he gave up a hit. In the final inning he handed DC three more strikeouts to total nine for the entire game. Only five hits were made off him.

Telephone operator to new girl she is breaking in: "No, honey, you say 'Just a moment, please, not 'Hang onto your pants, mister.'"

## Bowling Champs In All-Star Event

Bowling champions at Strother Field will be determined in an all-star event scheduled for Monday night at the field alleys. The contest will bring together the season's five best keglers among base officers and the five leading enlisted men. Members of each team have a season average of over 170.

Representing the enlisted men in the event will be S/Sgt. William Biederman, team captain, S/Sgt. Norvall Wagener, S/Sgt. Thomas Jones, Sgt. Albert J. Lillick and Sgt. J. Straub.

Officer representatives will be Captain George Mueller, Captain Allan B. Jackson, Captain Robert Gnospelius, Lt. William B. Kase, and Lt. Charles Peterson, team captain.

## Fliers Beat Caldwell, 25 to 2

The Fliers baseball team walloped the Caldwell, Kans., team, 25 to 2, in a Southern Kansas League game Sunday afternoon on the field diamond. The Caldwell team was made up of a group of school boys who tried hard to give the Fliers a game but lacked ability and training. The game was called after the fifth inning. SF made 14 runs in the third inning.

When the cat's away, she's usually having a hell of a time.

## Boxers Hang Up Gloves After Excellent Season

The home boxing season for the Strother Field team was completed with the card recently in Winfield between the SF and Ardmore Army Air Field teams. The ring in the gymnasium has been dismantled and the gloves and equipment stored for the summer season.

During the past week 1st. Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer and Sgt. Ray Muchowich, boxing coach, have endeavored to schedule another card to be held in Winfield. Galveston, Tex., Rapid City, South Dakota, army air fields were contacted but matches could not be arranged between these teams and the Strother Field fighters.

During the season SF participated in 2 tournaments and 1 service card, winning 11 of 17 bouts. The Strother Field fighters won four titles and the team championship in the Second Air Force district tourney. In the 2AF tourney of champions Strother Field copped the bantamweight title and runner-up position in the heavyweight class.

The only member of the Strother team with a perfect record is Pvt. Joe McKee of the Medics, who won four bouts during the season. He won the 2AF district tourney bantamweight title by decision, won two bouts in the 2AF tourney of champions by a knockout and decision to take the bantam title, and won a decision in his bout with Ardmore Army Air Field, bantamweight.

Pvt. Charles Gwynn of Squadron C, won three of his four bouts, taking the 2AF district title in the 135-pound class by scoring two knockouts and winning his bout against Ardmore. He lost in the 2AF tourney of champs by a decision in the semi-finals.

2nd. Lt. Harold O'Neill, assistant provost marshal, participated in two bouts in the Topeka tourneys, winning the district flyweight title by decision and losing in the semi-finals of the championship tourney by a decision.

Sgt. Ed Korycinski, SF heavyweight, appeared in four bouts during the season, winning two and losing two. He took the 2AF district tourney by a decision and scored a knockout over his opponent in the semi-final round of the tourney of champs. He lost by decision in the finals of this event. He lost to his Ardmore opponent when a cut over his right eye resulted in the bout being stopped and a TKO being awarded the Ardmore fighter.

Cpl. Jimmy Roberts, welterweight, appeared in the ring twice and won one bout. In final round of the 2AF district tourney, he was edged out by decision. He defeated his Ardmore opponent by a TKO in the second round.

Lt. Arthur Miller, lighthheavy, lost by a TKO in his only appearance for SF, that in the 2nd AF district tourney.

Sign at Blood Bank: "Please keep your appointments. Let's not be caught with our pints down!"

Have you heard of the little moron who ate dynamite so his hair would grow in bangs?

## Fliers Meet Wichita Team At A. C. Tonight

The Strother Field Fliers will meet a strong industrial team from Wichita, the G & H Tool Company, in a ball game tonight at 8 p.m., in the Arkansas City ball park located on South F Street.

The G & H Tool Company team won the Wichita industrial league in 1943 and from the talent listed in its roster the visitors will give the Fliers a lot of competition in tonight's game.

Bud Cooper, hurler for the G & H team, pitched for Joplin, Mo., in the Western Association in 1939, 1940-41. Other stars on the team are Kraft, Lowery and Grose who played last year for the Coleman Rangers in the Victory league. John McGraw, second baseman, played in 1940-41 with the Hollywood, Calif., team in the Pacific Coast league. Carney, first baseman and a terrific hitter, was a member of the Little Rock, Ark., team of the Southern Association last year.

Admission charge for tonight's game will be 25c for military personnel and 50c for civilians.

The Fliers travel to Wellington, Kans., Sunday afternoon for a Southern Kansas League game. This will be the second league game for the SF team and S/Sgt. Orwin White, coach, said today that if the Wellington team is made up of high school kids, as was the Caldwell team, the Fliers would withdraw from the league.

"The Strother Field team has no business playing kid teams for two reasons," says White. "First, the games are not of interest to spectators due to the one sided scores, and second, SF team members let up against easy competition only to find it hard to play the top-notch ball required against better teams."

## Strother Field Beats Planeview Team, 6-1

The Strother Field Fliers defeated the Planeview Thunderbirds, Wichita industrial baseball team, 6 to 1, in a 6-inning game played in Wichita Tuesday night. The game was called on account of darkness.

The Thunderbirds scored their only run in the first inning and led the Fliers by that margin until the third frame when the base team scored two runs. Four additional runs were made in the fifth inning.

Richardson, SF hurler, allowed the Thunderbirds 5 hits while his teammates connected with 8. Yachwan, shortstop, and Williams, centerfielder, each collected two bingles.

Lyons, Flier rightfielder, made a sensational catch in the final inning, dashing around a parked automobile to snag what looked like a sure hit for the Planeview team.

Private: "Her niece is rather good looking, eh?"

Corporal: "Don't say knees is: say knees are!"

"Your guess is as good as mine as to where I am going," said the GI. "They gave me shots for yellow fever and a fur cap."

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Tell me more about Charlie McCarthy!"





## 43 SF Military Personnel to Leave Service

### WAC Squadron Works On 3rd Anniversary

The commanding officer and enlisted members of Squadron B, the WAC detachment at Strother Field, celebrated the third anniversary of the Women's Army Corps, Monday, May 14, by working.

Doing their part to bring V-J Day nearer, members of the squadron lost no important working hours by celebrating on the birthday of their branch of service. At 0800 the field bus was filled with Strother Field Wacs headed for another day's work in the training of P-47 fighter pilots. Within a very few minutes these young women were busy in their daily tasks; some doing clerical work in various headquarters offices, others headed for the sub-depot hangar where they do maintenance work on the Thunderbolt planes.

The two Wacs taking a last look in their mirrors before leaving the bus were on their way to drive large gasoline trucks up and down the ramp. Others straightened the brassards on their left arms, the white letters MP standing out against the dark cloth background.

In front of Post Operations others left the vehicle to begin their day's duties in this important line of work. Mail clerks faced a busy day with the accumulation of week-end mail to be assorted and

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### New Members of Sqd. C Vets Of Combat Areas

Fresh from three separate fronts of a global war, fronts where the men of their race have performed outstanding service for the Allied cause, T/4 Zerha Fisher of Memphis, Tenn., Cpl. Charles E. White of Detroit, Mich., and Pfc. Leroy Baker of Jacksonville, Fla., have reported at Strother Field and have been assigned to Section C. They are the first colored men with actual combat experience to be stationed here.

T/4 Fisher worked six of his 34 months in India over the hot stoves of a rolling field kitchen with the advance elements of the 45th and 823rd Engineers, two colored outfits who by Herculean effort cut the now famous Ledo Road in India. The other 28 of those 34 months he cooked for the men who were assigned to maintain that strategic highway which starts at Ledo, India, and progresses south-east through high mountain passes and the deep, treacherous jungles to meet the Burma Road at the Chinese border. For a total of only six months of his entire duty did Fisher have the conveniences of a stabilized kitchen and mess hall in which to prepare food for hard-working men laboring against time, extreme heat, enemy bombings, and the deluging rains of the

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### 11 Officers and 32 Enlisted Men Processed For Immediate Discharge

The first group of Strother Field men to be affected by the Army's partial demobilization system has begun to move to separation centers. Forty-three men—11 officers and 32 enlisted men—are being processed for immediate discharge. The enlisted men have adjusted service ratings of from 101 to 161 points with an average of 110.4, but since that rating is secondary to military necessity some of the officers have less than the minimum of 85 points required for discharging enlisted men.

The men are being transferred to separation centers nearest their homes. From there they will be returned to civilian life within 48 hours, unless processing technicalities arise.

All of the group have extended overseas service, the enlisted men averaging slightly more than 26 months, the officers 14 months. Average age of the officers—first lieutenants and captains—is 25 years, that of enlisted men 26 years plus. Youngest of the fliers is a young man 22 years old who earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for missions in Africa, Italy and Corsica. Youngest of the enlisted men likewise are two who are 22 years old. One of them spent 25 months in Labrador, Greenland, Iceland, Scotland, England, Africa, Sicily, Sardinia and Italy; the other had 16 months' duty in England, Africa and Italy.

Longest service overseas was reported by two enlisted men, 46 months. Both of them were stationed in Panama and the Galapagos Islands. One of the pilots had 32 months' foreign duty. He served in Canada before going to England to begin a 19-month tour of duty flying over enemy-occupied Continental Europe. Most of his training, incidentally, was with the Royal Canadian Air Force. For his many missions, he received the Dis-

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### SF Awarded Civilian Utilization Plaque

Because it had the smallest rate of turnover among its civilian employees, Strother Field was awarded the Second Air Force Civilian Manpower Utilization Plaque for March at ceremonies in the post theater Monday afternoon. Lt. Col. George C. Deaton, acting base commander in the absence of Col. D. E. Meade, received the plaque, which was later presented to Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth Wolf, civilian personnel officer at Strother Field. Major C. A. Drury, civilian personnel officer of the 72nd Fighter Wing, represented Major General R. B. Williams, Second Air Force commander, in making the presentation.

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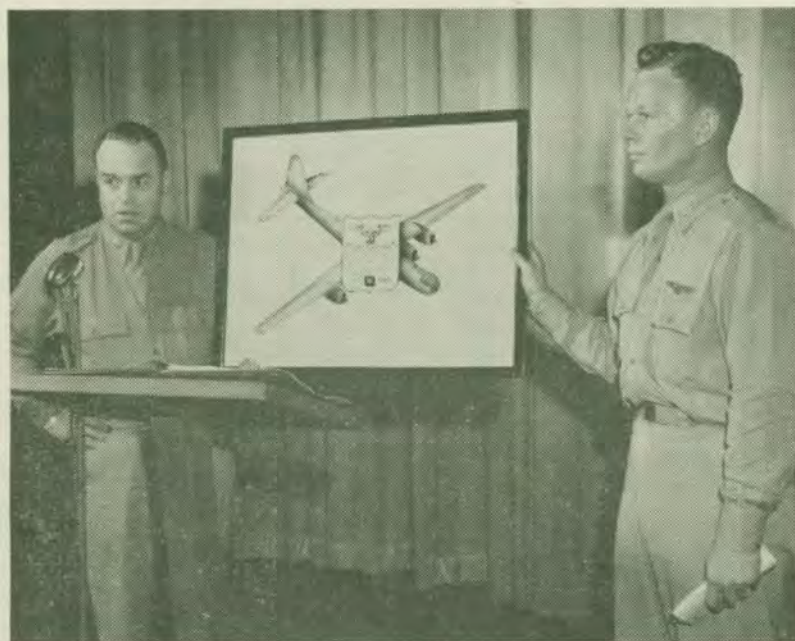
### Here's Opportunity For Extra Furlough Time

Colorado Springs, Colo. — Military personnel of Second Air Force now may be granted as much as 15 days additional furlough, plus travel time, for outstanding suggestions submitted in the "Ideas for Victory" program.

Under consideration for some time at this headquarters, authority to permit additional furlough time as compensation for adopted suggestions is currently being released in 2AF Regulation 37-1A, 1 May 1945.

Normally, maximum furlough time allowed by existing 2AF regulations is limited to 15 days plus travel time. The new amendment to directives of this command will permit the maximum under ARs of 30 days plus travel time, as a reward for helpful military suggestions.

Military personnel who submitted worthy ideas in 2AF's suggestion program previously were eligible for recommendation for the Legion of Merit, promotion or letter of commendation from the individual's commanding officer. The new furlough award does not replace any of those formerly offered, but is available as an additional incentive.



Major C. A. Drury, left, civilian personnel officer, 72nd Fighter Wing, presents the Second Air Force Civilian Manpower Utilization plaque, awarded Strother Field for its smallest rate of turnover among civilian employees in March, to Lt. Col. George C. Deaton, acting base commander in the absence of Col. D. E. Meade. The plaque was then presented to Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth Wolf, civilian personnel officer at Strother Field.

### May Have Ration Cards For Cigarettes

The Associated Press carried a story with a New York dateline Wednesday in which it said the Army was reducing cigarette rations "at most posts in the United States" to six packs a week. Distribution will be made by issuing ration cards.

Lt. James O. Williamson, PX officer, said Thursday that he had received no official instructions to reduce cigarette sales here. Lt. Arthur Knauff, sales officer, could not be reached Thursday morning, but an attendant at the commissary said they had not been told to cut the four-package daily authorization.



## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

All over America, and throughout the American armed forces, the week just past has been one devoted to getting an individual and collective "second wind." Realization of the end of war in Europe has come slowly to a people almost numbed by years of cumulative horror. Shock and relief have been mixed together in the reaction. Now the problems still to be faced have begun to take form.

There is still the question of what to do with a beaten Germany of fat burghers and concentration camps, of Nazi werewolves and Prussian generals. There is no German government any more, or any German national consciousness. There is only waste and ruin, hatred and despair, but something has got to be done.

There is the problem of what to do with an Italy that cheered Mussolini until it spat in his dead face. There are the problems of Romania and Hungary, of Britain and France, and of the nameless, faceless horde of peoples of all nations and no nation adrift today upon the roads of a continent.

At home there are red points and blue points, A cards and job priorities, horse racing and the drafting of men, all to be weighed and considered and adjusted in the light of V-E Day. There are men to be mustered out of the army.

Out across the blue Pacific, a world away yet in our new back yard, there are other and more pressing problems. As you read there has been no V-Day for the boys dying to take the huddle of stone huts called Naha on the bony ridge of Okinawa Island. There is no time or inclination for celebration in the gunner's turret of a B-29 dropping its fistful of concentrated hell into the guts of Nagoya or Tokyo. There are no holidays on the Ledo Road.

There's a long pull and a hard pull still ahead for America even in the dawn of V-E Day. There's no way to sugar-coat the fact. There's nothing to be done except to take it as it comes and sweat it out. Americans have proved we can do that.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

The gospel is the sum of wisdom; an epitome of knowledge; a treasure-house of truth; and a revelation of mysterious secrets. In it we see how justice and mercy may be married; here we behold inexorable law entirely satisfied, and sovereign love bearing away the sinner in triumph. Our meditation upon it enlarges the mind; and as it opens to our soul in successive flashes of glory, we stand astonished at the profound wisdom manifest in it. If you seek wisdom, you shall see it displayed in all its greatness; not in the balancing of the clouds, nor the firmness of earth's foundations; not in the measured march of the armies of the sky, nor in the perpetual motions of the waves of the sea; not in vegetation with all its fairy forms of beauty, nor in the animal with its marvelous tissue of nerve, and vein, and sinew; nor even in man, that last and loftiest work of the Creator. But turn aside and see this great sight!—an incarnate God upon the cross; a substitute atoning for mortal guilt; a sacrifice satisfying the vengeance of Heaven, and delivering the rebellious sinner. Here is essential wisdom; enthroned, crowned, glorified. Admire, ye men of earth, if ye be not blind; and ye who glory in your learning bend your heads in reverence, and own that all your skill could not have devised a gospel at once so just to God, so safe to man.—Spurgeon's Gems.

### — CHAPEL SCHEDULE —

CATHOLIC: Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

PROTESTANT: Sunday Worship Service at 10

a.m. Mid-week Service Thursday at 6:30

p.m. Choir Practice Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.

JEWISH: Friday Worship Service at 8:00 p.m.

## Speaking of--Pin-Ups

We have a new pin-up picture in our office. In fact it's on the wall opposite our typewriter stand where we are certain to see it many times each day.

Sure, it's the picture of a nude figure. In fact, many nude figures are on display in this 32x26-inch print. To show you how we feel about the picture we would like for all of you men to come in and see it for yourselves. We'll guarantee it will make a lasting impression.

On display in the picture is a stack of dead Polish prisoners, murdered by German SS troops in a concentration camp at Ohrdruf, Germany, a few hours before arrival of the American 4th Armored and the 89th Infantry Divisions.

This is not a pretty picture. In fact each glance at it sends your blood pressure soaring with indignation. The bodies are mere skeletons covered with skin. It is impossible to imagine the torture these poor souls must have endured before being murdered.

The picture is featured in the current issue of Newsmap and has appeared in magazines and newspapers throughout the nation. If you cannot come by to see the picture, look for it in your orderly room.

Speaking of horror pictures; why not demand that all pictures of concentration camps operated by the Nazis be printed in German history books in future years, appropriately headed, "Examples of Your Ancestor's Nazi Kultur?" How proud future generations of German people should be of their country's modern history.

## YE LIFTINGS

"Where are you going, my pretty mith? Pleath don't path me by?"

"I'm on my way to danthing thcool," she said as she heaved a thigh.

There was a young belle of Natchez,  
Whose garments were always in patchez.

When comment arose  
On the state of her clothes,  
She drawled, "When Ah itchez, Ah scratchez!"

An Englishman was watching some Yank soldiers playing poker, and was horrified to notice one of the players cheating. Finally he spoke up. "Gentlemen," he said, "I feel it is my duty to tell you that this person dealt the last card from inside his shoe."

"So what?" shrugged one of the players.  
"It's his deal, isn't it?"

When Paul Revere roused the men of New England in 1775, he shouted, "To arms! The Redcoats are coming!"

If he made the same ride in 1945, he'd probably say, "The Redcoats are coming! Fill out occupational and family status questionnaires, register for employment interviews, accomplish all rationing forms and letters and prepare for preliminary physical screening examinations!"

## THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

The highest adjusted service rating of any man at Strother Field, according to available information, is 195 points. It is held by a field grade officer. . . . The men who left Strother Field for separation centers yesterday are probably civilians by now. War Department policy provides for the release of a man within 48 hours after he arrives at the separation center. . . . The Strother Field baseball team lost one of its best pitchers this week as a result of the point-system of discharges. . . . Point rating is secondary to military necessity as far as officers are concerned. Some officers are being discharged with less than 85 points; others are being retained in service with more than 85 points. . . . Reserve officers being discharged will have enough of a nest-egg to enjoy extended vacations. The Army pays \$500 for each year of active service to Officer Reserve Corps personnel upon separation. Add to that the regular mustering-out and terminal leave pay, and the average reserve officer will get between \$2000 and \$3000 in vacation money. . . . Everybody, of course, gets the mustering-out pay of \$200 or \$300, depending upon whether or not the dischargee has served overseas. And a free ticket to the point at which the strange life of a civilian is to be resumed. . . . For those who did not take civilian clothes along when they entered service, Army Regulations permit the wearing of the Army uniform from the point of discharge to the dischargee's home, provided he gets there within three months after date of discharge.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Service Club—Open House until 2100. Theater—Escape in the Desert — Philip Dorn, Andrea King. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	SAT. MAY 19
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies. Theater—Salome—Where She Danced—Yvonne De Carlo, David Bruce. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. MAY 20
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Theater—No showing.	MON. MAY 21
Service Club—Section C Party. Theater—Hollywood and Vine—James Ellison, Wanda McKay. The Scarlet C'ue—Sidney Toler, Mouton Moreland. Shows 1800-2000.	TUES. MAY 22
Service Club—Enlisted Personnel Dance. Theater—Pillow to Post—Ida Lupino, Sidney Greenstreet. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	WED. MAY 23
Service Club—Dance—Ark City and Winfield Girls. Theater—No showing.	THURS. MAY 24
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130. Theater—China Sky—Randolph Scott, Ellen Drew. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	FRI. MAY 25

## Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator



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## 11 OFFICERS AND 32 EM

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tinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters.

Combat experience of the men, if related, would comprise a saga of World War II in which were recorded some of the most hazardous battles of the air war in all the theaters of a global conflict. The fact that the 11 pilots collectively earned seven Distinguished Flying Crosses, eight Air Medals and 30 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal attests to the competence with which they fulfilled their separate and diversified missions.

Enlisted men from Strother Field now moving toward a separation center likewise earned their share of decorations. Among them are distributed 17 Presidential Unit Citations and at least 40 battle stars. Two of the enlisted men wear the Purple Heart decoration, awarded for injuries suffered in combat. Another of the men only this month reported to Strother Field after long months in a hospital in this country after being returned from Panama.

Most of the enlisted men in the Strother Field "delegation" are mechanics, 25 of the 32 being assigned to some phase of aircraft maintenance work. Seven of the group are armament workers and one was assigned here to the chemical warfare service.

Background of the men who soon may return to civilian life and again pick up the threads of occupation they dropped to become Uncle Sam's defenders is as varied and as colorful as a patchwork quilt. Nine of them were students when they entered the Army Air Forces. Other occupations represented include: steel burner worker, real estate broker; mill worker; sheet metal worker; farmer and rancher, 3; mechanic, 3; fruit exchange employee; trucker; construction worker; machinist; electrician; wood turner; salesmen of lumber, groceries, bakery products and auto parts; traffic manager; and a dozen varieties of clerks—sales, shipping, time, and so on. Together they form a fair cross-section of the young manhood that make up the flying and ground crews of the American Army Air Forces.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## WAC Interviews

on the 3rd Anniversary  
of the Women's Army Corps

By PVT. BETTY BARATH

This week the WAC celebrated its third anniversary. A few of the Wacs stationed on this field express in their own words how they feel about being in the service.

Pfc. DeMatthews states: "I only regret that I didn't join the army three years ago. I hope that my service in the Corps will bring my three brothers home sooner. If Uncle Sam needs me I am prepared to stay in thirty years."

S/Sgt. Virdin who has served 28 months and is the only member of her family in uniform says: "I never regret having joined the Corps. Although I do not care to go overseas as part of the army of occupation I shall stay in uniform as long as my services are needed."

Standing upon her little soap box, Pfc. Eberhart says: "I gripe like mad and shall keep griping, but how can any Wac sit through a newsreel watching our boys suffer and be sorry she enlisted?"

Pvt. Nozumi who had difficulty enlisting because she is an American-Japanese declares: "I joined the army to help fight for the democracy I believe in and I do not want to go home till we lick the Japs."

Pfc. Hoesser, who has a sister in the service, claims: "I love it in the army and shall reenlist."

Pvt. George who has three sisters and two brothers in the services says: "I like the service and I am not sorry I joined. I hope that I go overseas someday."

Pvt. Bernard states: "I am from an old army family. I love the army."

Pfc. Lipke declares: "I didn't feel very patriotic making big money as a civilian so I joined the army. I have never regretted joining. In the army I have made true friends."

Sixty mothers of service men and women from Arkansas City, Winfield and other nearby towns attended the special religious services combining observance of Mothers Day and of the special day of prayer held in the post chapel Sunday morning. More than one hundred enlisted men, Wacs and officers attended the special service.

Urges 2AF To Put  
War Loan Over Goal

Major Gen. Robert B. Williams, Commanding General of the Second Air Force urges personnel of Strother Field to send the 7th War Loan over the top. Following is a letter received at post headquarters from Major Gen. Williams:

"I desire to call your attention to the concentrated effort being made by the War Department to put the 'Lucky' Seventh War Loan Drive well 'over the top.'"

"Only by the most active participation of both civilian and military personnel can the success of this campaign be assured."

"I recently received a letter from Major General St. Clair Streett, presently Commanding General of the Continental Air Forces and a former Commanding General of the Second Air Force, expressing his desire to have the Second Air Force surpass all past records in war savings subscriptions."

"The response of Second Air Force installations in the past has always been generous and gratifying and I am particularly desirous that we respond to this campaign with continued enthusiasm."

"Your personal assistance is requested in emphasizing throughout your command, the desire of General Streett and myself to have the Second Air Force surpass all past records in war savings subscriptions."

## SF AWARDED CIVILIAN

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The plaque, on which is engraved a B-29 Superfortress and the words "For exceptional service in manpower utilization," is awarded each month to the station showing the lowest turnover rate among civilian employees. Strother Field's winning figure for March was 3.7 per cent.

In a letter advising the base commander of the award, General Williams said, "The personnel responsible for the achievement of this excellent record is to be commended."

Leading a double life is likely to get you no place twice as fast.

Cupid makes so many bad shots because he's aiming at the heart and looking at the hosiery.

## Lt. Armstrong Leaves

First Lieutenant Edward W. Armstrong, photographic officer at Strother Field since April of 1943, left Monday for technical schooling at Orlando, Florida, preparatory to a new assignment. He came to Strother Field immediately after receiving his commission at the Army Air Forces technical school at Yale University.

Lieutenant Armstrong has been succeeded as photo officer at Strother Field by Lt. Andrew Koloniak of Akron, Ohio, a veteran of the Marshall and Gilbert Island campaigns. Lieutenant Koloniak has been assistant photo officer since February 16.

## WAC SQUADRON WORKS

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distributed to GIs. Others began their daily tasks in the photographic laboratory, commissary, library and base unit supply. Some of the Wacs remained on the bus until it reached the north end of the base. They are the hospital technicians who are doing very vital work in winning the war.

The WAC detachment at Strother Field has been on the job since October, 1944. Arrival of personnel climaxed months of endeavor on the part of field officers to have such a detachment assigned to this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force. The present commanding officer of the squadron is 1st Lt. Jeanne Billau.

The Women's Army Corps was created in 1942 and in three years time the 770 women who went through basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, have grown to almost 100,000 in number.

In July, 1943 an act of Congress abolished the Auxiliary Corps and brought the WAC directly into the Army with full military status. In November, 1942 five women officers arrived in England for assignment to Gen. Eisenhower's staff. Two months later the first contingent of enlisted women to serve outside the continental limits of the U. S., reported at Allied Headquarters in Algiers.

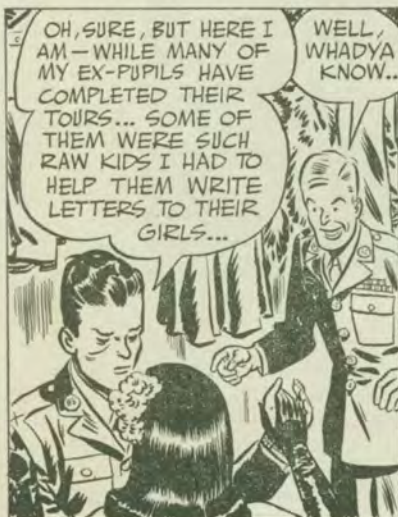
Many Wacs are today veterans of World War II. 65 Wacs wear decorations for distinguished service in various fields, 8 Wacs have received the Legion of Merit, 28 wear the Bronze Star Medal, 5 have been awarded the Soldier's Medal, and 14 women wear the Purple Heart. One Wac was posthumously awarded the Air Medal for devotion to duty that cost her life.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Great big surprise party—All GSO Girls invited
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please	
Sun.....	Win.....	Program—Tuesday night
Ark.....	May Fete, 6:00 p.m.	
Mon.....	Win.....	Bingo
Ark.....	Popcorn night. Southwest girls in charge	
Tues.....	Win.....	Juke Box Dance
Ark.....	Bridge and Rummy	
Wed.....	Win.....	Ping Pong
Ark.....	Dancing. Cards. Games	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Fudge. Pop Corn
Ark.....	Field Dance	
Fri.....	Win.....	Open House
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please	
	Bridge. Candy	

## Permanent Party with Temporary Advantage





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"He's tryin' to forget a woman—me!"

## NEW MEMBERS

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monsoon season to build and keep in shape the Ledo Road, now known as the General Stilwell Road.

What about T/4 Fisher's experiences in that outpost? Numerous and varied. Among them: half dozen raids by the Japs; action by enemy snipers protected by the labyrinth of the jungle; a devastating earthquake; 14 attacks of malaria, each of about 10 days' duration; helping find the bodies of some of his fellows who were victims of a natural enemy, the "cat" of India; a terrific storm, in which giant trees, the soil about their huge roots loosened by many inches of rain every day for weeks on end, crashed this way and that in the grip of a twisting, lashing wind. Those are things Fisher will never forget.

Cpl. White had 14 months in Italy with the 332nd Fighter Group, the famous Col. Benjamin O. Davis fighter group of Negro fliers and enlisted personnel. Planes—P-39's, P-47's and P-51's—from this group were on practically every mission over Europe, White said, and his campaign ribbon would seem to bear out that assertion. It has several battle stars and he also wears a Presidential Unit citation ribbon.

White's most hazardous experience in his overseas duty was a German raid which lasted 105 minutes.

"They dropped everything in the books on us, even concrete blocks. I saw them with my own eyes," he said. Another terrifying experience was helping dig out a blockbuster which had crashed through the base hospital and buried itself in the ground. Not until it was removed was it known definitely that the bomb had never had a cap.

Pfc. Baker also wears a unit citation ribbon and his South-

west Pacific campaign ribbon bears battle stars for the New Caledonia and New Guinea operations. He has been back in the States but a few weeks after 21 months overseas. Most of that time he was assigned to an air base security battalion, one of the chief duties of which was operation of the M-37 Fire Unit. Like Fisher and White, Baker is a cook, and he has been assigned to mess hall duties at Strother Field.

## Fliers Play Two-Game Series In Nebraska

The Air Force takes on the Navy tonight at Hastings, Neb., where the Strother Field Fliers baseball team meets the Hastings Navy base nine in a non-league game. The Fliers will then meet the Harvard, Neb., Army Air Field team in a game scheduled for Saturday. This game will be played either on the Harvard base or in Hastings.

The Fliers return home Sunday morning for an afternoon game in Arkansas City with the Conway Springs team of the Southern Kansas league. This game will start at 1500.

The Flier-Kanotex Oiler game scheduled for last Tuesday night at Ark City was postponed until a future date due to inclement weather. This game would have been the first for both teams in the Ark City league. The Fliers will meet the Mauer-Neuer Packers in a city league game Tuesday night of next week at 1930.

One week from today, Friday, May 25, the Fliers will meet the strong Herington, Kans., Army Air Field team in a district Second Air Force league game to be played at Arkansas City.

Coach White said today that two games with the Pueblo, Colo., Army Air Field team have been scheduled. The first will be played July 23 at Pueblo and the return game played here on Aug. 2nd. Army personnel of the Concordia prisoner of war camp at Concordia, Kans., have requested a two game series with the Fliers, dates to be announced later, according to White.

## Fliers Beat Wellington In League Game, 17 to 3

The Strother Field Fliers won another lop-sided victory Sunday afternoon when they defeated the Wellington team of the Southern Kansas league by the score of 17 to 3.

Wilson, SF pitcher, won his second game of the season, striking out 12 Wellington batters in the seven-inning game and allowing only 7 hits.

Antos, first baseman and pitcher, played third base during Sunday's game, and had a perfect day at bat. In four trips to the plate he hit four times, three of the hits being triples.

Lyons, rightfielder, received a severely sprained right ankle when his spike caught in the dirt as he was going into third base. He was replaced in the field by Irish.

## Officers Win Field Bowling Championship

A team of officers captained by 2nd Lt. Charles W. Peterson won the Strother Field bowling championship Tuesday night when they defeated the field's choice enlisted keggers under the leadership of S/Sgt. Bill Biederman.

The officers took the first game by a margin of 60 pins and the second by 13 pins, but the enlisted men won the last game by 34 pins. Net result was a 40-pin advantage for Lt. Peterson's aggregation.

Lt. Peterson won high single honors with 204 in one game, and also the high average, with 190.



Shown above are members of the Strother Field Fliers 1945 baseball team. Front row, left to right, are: S/Sgt. W. J. Irish, reserve infielder; Pfc. Max Povill, official scorekeeper; Cpl. F. A. Petrosky, reserve outfielder; Cpl. Stan Antos, 3rd baseman; Pfc. E. J. Spargur, relief pitcher; S/Sgt. Orwin White, coach. Center row, left to right: Cpl. Arthur W. Schultz, pitcher; T/Sgt. George M. Wilson, pitcher; Sgt. George P. Hobson, 1st baseman; T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, centerfielder; S/Sgt. Norvel Wagener, left fielder; Pfc. Lawrence Miller, reserve infielder; Pfc. E. P. Clohessy, 2nd baseman. Back row, left to right: Pvt. J. S. Lyons, right fielder; Cpl. R. L. Turner, 2nd baseman; Pfc. W. W. Richardson, pitcher; Cpl. John Yachwan, shortstop; Sgt. T. J. Flynn, reserve outfielder; T/Sgt. W. J. Klimas, catcher; Pfc. J. F. Shimkus, reserve outfielder. (Official AAF Photo.)





## Rationing of Cigarettes, Cigars, Smoking Tobacco, Effective June 3

Rationing of cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobacco under a new policy adopted by the War Department will go into effect at Strother Field, as well as all military installations within the continental United States, on June 3rd and overseas theaters on June 1st.

Beginning at that time you will be able to purchase only 6 packages of cigarettes, or 24 cigars or 4 ounces of smoking tobacco per week, according to War Department Circular No. 135, 5 May 1945. And you will get these items only upon the appropriate cancellation of valid points on the ration card that will be issued to military personnel, civilians authorized by law and regulations to purchase supplies at Army installations, and not more than one adult dependent of each who also must be authorized to purchase from a sales commissary.

The period 27 May through 2 June is designated as the "initial issue period" during which time a card will be issued on application of eligible purchasers.

Two types of ration cards are to be distributed at Strother Field: an (M) card, orange in color, for military personnel and their dependents; a (C) card, color green, for civilians and their dependents.

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## Discharge Age Lowered From 42 To 40 Years

Enlisted men 40 years of age or over, whose service is honorable, are eligible for discharge from the Army on their own application, the War Department announced this week. This represents a lowering of the discharge age from 42 years, which became effective last April 17.

However, in the case of men 40 or 41 years of age, commanders will be permitted to retain for a period of not more than 90 days any man for whom a replacement is not available at the time he requests discharge. It is estimated that there are about 30,000 enlisted men in the Army in the 40- and 41-year age groups.

When the military situation permits, further reduction in the age limit will be made. Such a reduction can not be made at this time without jeopardizing military operations or slowing down the releasing of combat veterans who have

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## Vet Pilots Assigned To Administrative Jobs

Veterans of aerial combat are being assigned to duty in important administrative positions at Strother Field as part of the Army Air Forces' redeployment program, it was disclosed this week at base headquarters. The re-assignment policy is expected to take care of an overage of returnee pilots and relieve a number of ground officers for overseas duty. Flying officers are assigned to positions for which they are qualified because of civilian or army training and experience, or for which they have been in on-the-job training in recent weeks.

First application of the new policy was the assignment earlier this week of Capt. William G. Erickson, veteran of nine months' service as a combat pilot in the European theater, as base statistical control officer. Prior to the assignment of Captain Erickson to a ground job, pilots who were qualified physically and otherwise to remain on flying status had been assigned to flying jobs, or to jobs closely affiliated with flying, such as aircraft engineering officers, inspectors, operations officers, and the like.

Major J. D. Collinworth, much-decorated combat veteran who has

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## Brig. Gen. John E. Upston Receives Legion of Merit

Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo., 25 May—In recognition of his extraordinary executive ability in planning Superfortress operations against the Japanese, Brig. Gen. John E. Upston, Commanding General of the 72nd Fighter Wing, last Saturday, received the Legion of Merit by order of the President of the United States. The award was presented by Major General Robert B. Williams at Second Air Force Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo.

General Upston earned the award through his work as Operations Officer and later as Chief of Staff of the Twentieth Bomber Command in India and China from April, 1944 to February, 1945. At that time the capabilities of the Superfortress had not yet been fully explored, and Gen. Upston was among those selected to institute a thorough operations program for the aircraft.

## Pfc. Bass Gets Extra Furlough as 'Idea' Award

Thirty days' furlough time has always seemed a good idea to enlisted personnel of Strother Field, and it was an "idea" that sent Pfc. Morris Bass of Courts and Board, happily on his way to New York City, N. Y., Thursday for his second 15-day furlough of the year.

Pfc. Bass is the first SF enlisted man to receive an additional 15-day furlough as the result of an outstanding suggestion submitted in the "Ideas for Victory" program sponsored by the Second Air Force.

Pfc. Bass and Capt. Barney D. Rackin, Motor Transportation Officer here, recently perfected a status board by which the latter and his key men at the Motor Pool keep their thumbs on the pulse of motor transportation. A letter was recently written by Capt. Rackin to Col. D. E. Meade, Commanding Officer of Strother Field, saying the status board had been put into effect at the Motor Pool and had proved a savings in personnel and time. Credit was given to Bass for his part in the project and for this he was awarded an extra furlough in accordance with 2AF Regulation 37-1A, 1 May 1945.

Military personnel who submitted worthy ideas in 2AF's suggestion program previously were eligible for recommendation for the Legion of Merit, promotion or letter of commendation from the individual's commanding officer. The new furlough award does not replace any of those formerly offered, but is available as an additional incentive.

## "Wizards of Wichita" To Present Show In Service Club Sunday Night

"The Wizards of Wichita," a group of twenty-five entertainers including magicians, dancers and singers, will present their stage show, "Foolies of 1945," in the enlisted men's service club Sunday evening at 2000, according to an announcement made today by the Special Service Department.

## Suspend Medical Care For Civilian Dependents

Military personnel of Strother Field are advised by base hospital authorities that temporarily the medical staff will be unable to care for the dependents of officers and enlisted men of the base, except in emergencies.

Changes in medical officers and in the nursing staff have created a critical shortage, which it is hoped will be of short duration. But until that shortage can be relieved, no attention can be given to the dependents of military personnel.

— BUY AN EXTRA WAR BOND IN THE LUCKY 7TH —

## 32 Former GIs Are Now Civilians

Probably by now strolling the streets of their home towns dressed in civilian clothes are thirty-two former enlisted men at Strother Field, discharged within the last week through the point demobilization system.

The group included Pfc. Raymond E. Moseley, Sgt. Dayton E. Dennis, Dan M. Hugus, S/Sgt. Donald F. Flegal, Stephen Dmytriw, Alexander E. Penge, Wayne A. Skillstead, Elwood R. Clark, Arthur Hein, Joseph J. Novak, Edward M. Sikorski, Louis Peyser, Watson M. Rawnley, Vincent M. Pawli, Quentin R. Cooper, William F. Tennant, Eugene N. Nowak, Billy B. Brazel, James W. Walsh, T/Sgt. George W. Wilson, Stephen B. Carr, Clyde D. Byers, David H. Searle, Jr., Louis F. Jespers, James F. Davison, Dewey R. Wilkerson, Cecil Mullins and Leonard W. Wardynski.

## Great Bend Orchestra Here For EM Dance

The weekly enlisted men's dance scheduled for Thursday night will be held tonight in the service club. The change this week has been made in order that the Great Bend AAF orchestra can play for the dance.

In addition to the USO girls from Winfield and Ark City, a group from Newkirk, Okla., will also be here for the affair. In future weeks the dances will be held on Thursday night as originally scheduled.

### BASEBALL

TODAY — 5:30 P. M.

Strother Field

— VS. —

Herington AAF

Arkansas City Ball Park—South F St.



## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

At the head of the blue Adriatic where the Julian Alps tumble precipitously to the sea the phoenix of an old hatred and an old quarrel has risen again from its ashes with the occupation by troops of Marshal Tito's South Slav state of the ancient port city of Trieste, and the subsequent opposition leading to their withdrawal.

Under the old Austro-Hungarian empire that city served as port for its natural hinterland, Slovakia and the upper Danube region. After World War I and some rather infantile histrionics by D'Annunzio and other exhibitionists, an arbitrary boundary decision awarded it to an Italy soon to be dominated by Mussolini. Spiteful as ever, Il Duce used his new acquisition not for profit but to throttle the areas the city formerly served by means of high tariff barriers which blocked the port to Slav and Austrian alike.

Trieste did not prosper under this system, for it never has had more than the most tenuous economic link with Italy. The Italian trade to the Adriatic moves more naturally through Venice. In the port trade fell off until the formerly busy wharves were desolate and dilapidated. Meanwhile the trade of the upper Danube was forced to turn northward by a long route through Germany to the North Sea.

As usual in European history this is only one of many questions awaiting decision on a troubled continent. From Portugal to the Urals there are a hundred similar bits of unfinished business. Left alone, they are sore spots that can fester into new wars. Unwatched and uncontrolled they will make war almost inevitable at some time in the future.

At San Francisco men are working to set up the machinery to handle these quarrels and disputes without war. The news from the conference there is worth reading—and thinking over.

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

T/Sgt. Stanley C. Farr, bombardier on a Ninth Air Force Marauder, adds up 267 points for the highest adjusted service rating score so far reported. The sergeant counts 160 points for an Air Medal with 31 Oak Leaf Clusters, 35 points for battle stars, 48 points for overall service, and 24 points for overseas service. . . . The best story about SF personnel must remain untold for the time being because the man concerned is an escapee from the Japanese. The captain involved has had as narrow an escape as anyone would want to experience, yet lived to be given the most desirable assignment one could ask for. His 201-file reads like a Richard Haliburton travelog with a sprinkling of names worthy of an international Who's Who. . . . The Finance Office here wants it known that the \$500-per-year bonus pay to ORC officers is payable only to those in the Air Corps Reserves. Some ORC officers now in the AAF do not have ACR status. . . . Officers eligible for the bonus pay are not eligible for regular mustering-out pay, according to the FO; nor are officers in their third pay period, or in the grade of captain or higher. . . . A permanent fixture was taken from Strother Field this week when CWO William F. Baker, former leader of the SF band, was transferred to Ft. Sumner, N. Mex. . . . Other base complement officers who left this week included Captain Pierce N. Enes, for a bombardment group at Walker, Kansas, and Lt. Raymond Worthington, for Tucson, Arizona. F/Sgt. Peyton Horton accompanied Capt. Enes to Walker for a new assignment. . . . A number of SF officers have applied for training as civil affairs administrators in the Far East and for jobs with the UNRRA in Europe, but so far the last indorsement has not been received here on any of the applications.

## Have You Read .

CANNERY ROW by John Steinbeck

"Cannery Row in Monterey in California is a poem, a stink, a grating noise, a quality of light, a tone, a habit, a nostalgia, a dream." So begins John Steinbeck and then commences an elaboration of his description that draws one into and down the few street blocks composing Cannery Row.

There you meet—and like—Mack and his friends, gentlemen and philosophers though usually jobless; Dora, the orange-haired madam and her employees; Lee Chong, groceryman, with everything on his shelves from 'Old Tennis Shoes' as his four-months old whiskey is familiarly known, to Christmas decorations; and Doc with his "half-Christ and half-satyr" face, who runs the marine laboratory and unofficially doctors the physical and mental ills of his neighbors.

Again, as in *Tortilla Flat*, Steinbeck conceives a world of his own with characters as universal as human nature. The story is both sympathetically understanding and humorous, set in the grim reality of a fish cannery settlement, where pennies and food are counted—if there's any to count.

*It's new! It's in your post library!*

### YE LIFTINGS

GI: "So you can read my mind?"

Gal: "Yes."

GI: "Go ahead."

Gal: "No, you go ahead."

Daughter (saying prayers): "And bless mummy and daddy and make them happy . . . if they're not too old for that sort of thing."

"No," said the centipede, crossing her legs, "a hundred times no."

There was a driver named Practice who picked up a girl named Perfect.

The aggressive wife of a meek little guy was raising hell with him, when some friends dropped in for a visit. The little guy was sitting in dejected silence in a corner, when the wife shouted: "And don't sit there making fists at me in your pockets!"

GI: "Let's have some fun this evening."

Wife: "Ok, and please leave the lights on in the hall if you get home before I do."

"Do you know how minks get their babies?"

"Sure, the same way babies get their minks."

A very tired, foggy-eyed soldier went into a USO center, where there are booths along a wall for theater tickets, coffee, food and one for beds. What our hero wanted was a bed. But he got in the ticket line by mistake. "One," said he. "Don't you want to take a girl?" asked the motherly lady. He hesitated. "You can if you want to," she urged. "You'll have more fun if you do."

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## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

It was Thackeray who said that the great moments of life are but moments like others; that doom is spoken in a word or two; a single look from the eyes, or a mere pressure of the hand may decide misfortune.

A little word uttered by a maid was the means of Naaman's cure. She said to her mistress, "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy." Naaman went to Elisha, a man of God, and was cleansed.

A mere handful of meal and a few drops of oil kept the prophet Elijah and two others alive for many days. A widow and her son had planned to eat this remnant of food alone. But Elijah called upon the Lord, and the handful of meal became plentiful, nor did the cruse fail for many days.

Even so are our lives made up of minutes and hours of little deeds. But when these have been blessed by Christ, each one of them takes on new meaning and special importance. The little, everyday things in life—all are a part of God's Master Plan for us. Each moment counts when spent for Christ.—The Secret Place.

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Catholic—Mass Sunday a.m. at 8:00.

Protestant—Service Sunday a.m. at 10:00.

Mid-week Service Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Choir practice Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

Jewish—Worship Service Friday at 8:00 p.m.

### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

#### OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Service Club—Open House until 2100.	
Theater—Gentle Annie—Marjorie Main, James Craig, Donna Reed. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	SAT. MAY 26
Service Club—"Wizards of Wichita"—25 magicians, dancers, singers. One show 2000.	SUN.
Theater—The Valley of Decision—Greer Garson, Gregory Peck, Lionel Barrymore. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800 2000.	MAY 27
Service Club—Open House—Free GI Movies—Cookies.	MON. MAY 28
Theater—No showing.	
Service Club—Section C Party.	
Theater—The Body Snatcher—Boris Karloff, Bela Legosi, Leon Errol. Shows 1800-2000.	TUES. MAY 29
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo, checkers, chess, bridge. Free prizes.	WED.
Theater—Conflict—Humphrey Bogart, Alexis Smith, Sydney Greenstreet. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	MAY 30
Service Club—Dance—with orchestra. GSO Girls from Wellington. 2030.	THURS. MAY 31
Theater—No showing.	
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130.	FRI.
Theater—Tarzan and the Amazons—Johnny Weissmuller, Brenda Joyce. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	JUNE 1

## Male Call

by Milton





## RATIONING JUNE 3

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Two points a week will be allowed to military personnel, dependents and authorized civilians. These two points will purchase 6 packs of cigarettes, 24 cigars or 4 ounces of smoking tobacco. Snuff and chewing tobacco in a form unsuitable for smoking will be ration free.

The ration week will begin at 0001 hours Sunday and end at 2400 hours on Saturday. Points will be valid only in the designated ration weeks as indicated on the card.

Points will not be valid in advance of the week to which they refer, except for military personnel who present evidence of furlough or leave, for whom points will be valid in advance only if furlough or leave extends beyond 2 days of the following ration week. Advance rations will be commensurate with the amount of furlough or leave but will in no instance exceed a 4-week supply.

Cards issued to military personnel and their dependents will be valid at any military retail outlet within the continental United States which serves such personnel. Cards issued to authorized civilians and their dependents will be valid only at the post, camp or station at which issue is made.

If you are going overseas, here is cheerful news. Personnel being prepared for overseas service at replacement depots and staging areas, will be permitted to purchase 10 packs of cigarettes, or 32 cigars or 8 ounces of smoking tobacco per week. The same thing goes if you are a returnee from overseas service at staging areas and distribution stations or a patient in a regional or general hospital. Sale of tobacco products to military personnel aboard troop transports will be ration free and in accordance with present procedures.

## Poppy Sale On Field Is Set For Saturday

Red will be in style Saturday, when groups of young women from Winfield and Arkansas City invade Strother Field with the yearly supply of poppies made by disabled veterans. The poppy sale is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

## Squadron C News

SGT. ROY. C. TAYLOR

Sunday evening Squadron "C" presented its Annual Sweetheart Contest and Formal Dance at the Field Service Club. The Club was decorated in white, yellow and pale green with banks of large palms on the stage and around the doorways. The stage was hung with full curtains of white bordered with wide ruffles of white and yellow and as a background there was a huge yellow panel encircled with white and yellow ruffles and centered with a large pastel portrait of a brown skinned beauty framed in gold.

The dancing began at 1900 with music by Lt. C. R. Taylor and his orchestra and did they "come on with the come on." They really beat out some mellow riff.

The Sweetheart contest began at 2100 and was conducted by Lt. R. D. Bagdasarian and S/Sgt. Henry W. Ward. The contestants' names were enclosed in three hearts on the panel beneath the portrait and Mrs. Willie E. Daniels was called from the audience to make the selection. Donna L. Bradford of Arkansas City was winner, with Pauline Baker of Wichita, second, and Otha Mae Bourland of Winfield, third. All three ladies were presented with corsages of gardenias and Johanna Hill roses and the Sweetheart was the recipient of a lovely compact, a present from the men of the squadron. Refreshments of soft drinks and sandwiches were served.

## Geometry-Algebra Classes Begin Tonight

The first class sessions in plane geometry and elementary algebra will be held in classroom A, ground school building, tonight. The geometry class is scheduled for 1900 and the algebra class at 2000.

1st. Lt. A. W. Anderson, I & E Officer, will be the instructor and books will be provided military personnel attending the class. The subjects may be taken for high school credit or for review.

Women are to wear their dresses much tighter this summer. This will save on materials and show their patriotism, they say.

## WAC News Detachment

By PVT. BETTY BARATH



We welcome our new commanding officer, 1st. Lt. Mary V. McCutcheon, former adjutant and now company commander.

Pvt. Catlin and Sgt. Andrews did not believe in upholding the tradition of a June marriage. They joined hands in holy matrimony in May.

Newest arrivals in our company are Pvt. Patula, Pvt. Kenny and Pvt. Tilley who joined us straight from basic. The first two have been assigned to jobs at Headquarters while the latter is working in the Air Inspector's office.

## VET PILOTS ASSIGNED

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been Strother's supervisor of flying, has moved to headquarters as assistant to Lt. Col. Merle W. Allen, director of administration and services. Major Collinsworth is qualified for the important executive position by virtue of civilian business experience and almost four years of Army service in assignments requiring high executive ability. Capt. Albert S. Hartman stepped up from an assistant's job to take over the duties of the supervisor of flying training.

Duties of the director of technical training (ground school) have been assigned to Capt. Eugene R. Orwig, former operations officer in the flying department. Major William R. Hanna left ground school to become assistant administrative inspector. Another experienced pilot, Capt. Robert B. Evans, will be assistant to Captain Orwig.

Lt. Stanley W. Lamar, twin-engine pilot who spent 17 months in the Southwest Pacific, has been named assistant club officer, while Lt. Louis H. Percy, seasoned fighter pilot who had his start with the Royal Canadian Air Force early in 1941, has been switched from assistant base operations officer to training secretary, a non-flying job.

Other returned pilots will be assigned to new jobs now held by ground officers in the near future.

## DISCHARGE AGE LOWER

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earned the right to discharge under the point system on the basis of long and arduous service. Through the inclusion of a heavily weighted factor for parenthood, the point system provides indirect consideration for age. Statistical surveys have indicated that the average age of fathers is several years above the average for soldiers without children.

The provision of the current discharge policy for age has been made applicable to enlisted women of the Women's Army Corps who have been on active duty for one year or more. Under this change any enlisted woman of the WAC 40 years of age or over who has served the required period on active duty is eligible for discharge under the same instructions as enlisted men. Eight thousand enlisted members of the Wac are eligible to apply for release under this policy.

Names of nine Strother Field enlisted men appeared on orders Thursday for immediate transfer from separation centers, following their request for release from the service under the War Department order allowing men 42 years old or over to apply for discharge.

The nine comprise the first contingent of such men from Strother Field to be headed for civilian life, but it is believed they will be the last for some time, since others 42 years of age have indicated their desire to remain in the army.

The group includes: Sgt. Harry F. Breckman, Jet, Okla.; Pfc. Joe L. Carroll, Tulsa, Okla.; S/Sgt. Wesley Gotshall, Youngstown, Ohio; Cpl. James A. Dorozinski, Chicago, Ind.; Cpl. Ivan V. McCormick, Yazoo City, Miss.; Cpl. John C. Frost, Gloucester, Mass.; Cpl. Carl F. Beckhauser, Saylesville, R. I.

## Strother Wins Plaque 2nd Successive Month

Efficient utilization of its civilian employes has won for Strother Field the Second Air Force manpower utilization plaque for the second successive month. The plaque is awarded monthly to the Second Air Force station showing the lowest rate of turnover among its civilian personnel. Strother Field's 3.3 per cent turnover in April was the lowest in the air force.

on Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

## You Never Know Where the Front Is



## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....Win.....Dancing	Ark.....Do-as-you-please
Sun.....Win.....Song Fest—Wed. Night	Girls
Ark.....Bingo	
Mon.....Win.....Voice Recording	Ark.....Juke Box Dance
Tues.....Win.....Bridge and Rummy	Ark.....Ping Pong
Wed.....Win.....Dancing, Cards, Games	Ark.....Fudge, Pop Corn
Thurs.....Win.....Do-as-you-please	GI Wives Party 2 p.m.
Ark.....Open House	
Fri.....Win.....Ping Pong	Ark.....Bridge, Candy



## Fliers Play Herington At A. C. Today; Meet Ardmore AAF Sunday Afternoon

The Strother Field Fliers meet two outstanding service teams within the next three days, both games scheduled to be played in the Arkansas City ball park.

First on the list is the game this afternoon with Herington Army Air Field, a Second Air Force district league affair, which is scheduled to begin at 1730. It will be the opening league game for the Fliers and against an opponent that was the jinx of the local team last year. Diz Hoffner, outstanding pitcher for Herington last season, is with the team this year and may oppose Cpl. Arthur Shultz, Flier tosser, on the mound today.

The Fliers will meet the Ardmore, Okla., Army Air Field team Sunday afternoon at 1500 in a non-league game. The Ardmore team was here several weeks ago but the game between the two service teams was called off due to rain.

### Fliers Lose First Games Of The Season

The Strother Field Fliers suffered their first two defeats of the current baseball season when they traveled to Nebraska last week-end.

The Hastings, Neb., Navy Air Depot team defeated the Fliers, 8 to 7, in a game played at Hastings Friday night. It was the first game under lights for the Fliers who were unable to hit when hits were needed in the first six innings. During this time many men were left stranded on bases.

The Fliers found the range in the seventh frame, scoring 3 runs and followed with 2 runs each in the 8th and final inning, one run short of tying Hastings which made 8 runs. Errors and wild pitches resulted in the Hastings team scoring 4 runs in the 7th inning, making possible its one-run winning margin.

Shultz, SF pitcher, allowed only 8 hits during the game and made 3 hits in 5 times at bat, one of which was a tremendous line drive for a home run, in the 7th, scoring Yachwan who was on first base. White, coach and first baseman, hit a triple in the 8th, driving in two more of SF's runs. White also hit a double in the 3rd with one on base. Turner also made two hits in four trips to the plate.

The Harvard, Neb., Army Air Field team defeated the Fliers 6 to 2, in a game played Saturday afternoon at the Harvard base. The Fliers made the first scores of the game in the 6th inning when Miller, shortstop, singled, scoring Hobson and Flynn. Harvard scored 3 runs in the 6th frame as the result of two field errors on the part of SF.

### Fliers Defeat Conway Springs, 17 to 0

For the fourth consecutive time the Strother Field Fliers have met and badly defeated another team in the Southern-Kansas baseball league, the latest victim being Conway Springs which was defeated 17 to 0 at Arkansas City Sunday afternoon.

Williams hit a home run with the bases loaded in the second inning and banged out a triple in the 4th inning, scoring two more runs. Richardson, starting pitcher, allowed one hit in two innings. He was replaced by Williams, regular centerfielder, who held the Conway Springs team to one hit in the remaining three innings of the game.

Most men hate to deal with figures — but servicemen don't.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Step to the rear, please... plenty of room in back!"



Members of the Strother Field officers' bowling team which won the field championship last week are shown above. Left to right, are: 1st. Lt. W. R. Kase, Capt. G. A. Mueller, 2nd. Lt. C. W. Peterson, team captain; Capt. R. A. Gnospelius, and Major W. R. Hanna.



Members of the enlisted men's bowling team which lost to the officers' in the match for the field title, are shown above. Left to right, are: S/Sgt. T. V. Jones, S/Sgt. W. F. Biederman, team captain; Sgt. A. J. Lillick, S/Sgt. N. A. Wagener, and Sgt. L. J. Straub.

In the 7th inning Harvard loaded the bases with one man out. On an infield throw to home plate the ball went wide of its mark and White, coach, injured a knee in trying to recover the ball. Before home plate could be covered three Hastings players had scored, making the score 6 to 2. No runs were scored by either team in the 8th and 9th innings.

As in the Hastings game, the Fliers made more hits than their opponents but they did not occur when needed most. Turner again hit .500 getting two in four trips to the plate. Antos pitched for the Fliers in the game with Harvard and allowed only 7 hits.

Individual and team scores in Post Bowling Championship match between officers and enlisted men:

OFFICERS—2530				
	1	2	3	Total
Major W. R. Hanna	184	133	174	491
1st. Lt. W. R. Kase	147	192	193	532
Capt. G. A. Mueller	174	155	156	485
Capt. R. A. Gnospelius	180	143	130	453
2nd. Lt. C. W. Peterson	193	204	172	569
Total	878	827	825	2530
ENLISTED MEN—2490				
	1	2	3	Total
S/Sgt. T. V. Jones	154	162	145	461
S/Sgt. W. F. Biederman	147	188	158	493
Sgt. L. J. Straub	166	155	161	482
S/Sgt. N. A. Wagener	188	166	202	556
Sgt. A. J. Lillick	163	142	193	498
Total	818	813	859	2490

### Defeat Packers, 10 to 4, In Ark City League

The Fliers won their first game played in the Ark City league Tuesday night when they defeated the Maurer-Neuer Packers, 10 to 4.

The win for the Fliers was in the form of sweet revenge. The Packers upset the SF team in a league game last year, 10 to 7, to knock the Fliers out of a chance at the title.

Klimas, SF catcher, hit a home run in the second inning, scoring Yachwan ahead of him. Williams, centerfielder, tripled in the third inning, scoring Turner and Antos. Williams then scored on an infield out. The two runs in the fifth were made without a single hit. In the sixth Wagener doubled, Richardson reached first on a fielder's choice and Turner singled, scoring both men. In the final inning Yachwan tripled and Klimas singled him home.

Richardson, SF pitcher, allowed only 7 hits while his team mates collected 9.

Bringing the game of post office up to date — what would an air mail special delivery be?





### Army Job Kit At Service Club

The Army Vocational Kit, a job-information service of the Information and Education Office, is now available to military personnel at the reading room of the enlisted men's service club.

The kit contains data on job opportunities, pay, hours and requirements of approximately 300 of the largest fields of employment. When a soldier is discharged, he will find he can earn a living in nearly 20,000 different ways. Each of these is briefly described in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles, included in the kit.

The kit consists of six standard books and more than 400 pamphlets, arranged by major job fields. You'll find most of the answers to questions you are likely to ask in the following divisions: Outline of occupations in which the largest number are employed; discussion of the factors which increase or decrease opportunities for employment; detailed descriptions of a large number of specific occupations; systematic methods for choosing a career; how to hunt a job; and discussions of mental attitudes.

The kit is for use by all military personnel, whether interested in occupations of landscaping, accounting, meat-packing, school teaching, banking, chauffuring, watch-making, farming, glassblowing, photography, journalism, or any one of the many other jobs in which openings will be available after V-J Day.

### 7th War Bond Drive Far Behind Quota

With two-thirds of the 7th War Bond campaign time already elapsed, only one-third of the field's quota—\$28,154.25—has been invested to date, Lt. Everett Phillips, war bond officer, reported today. The quota for the field is \$87,000.

Civilians are slightly ahead of the military personnel, both in percentage of quota reached and in amount of money invested. This fact is true despite the fact that civilian purchases apparently ceased during the period from May 19 to 30, since no reports of purchases by civilians were made to the war bond officer during that 11-day period.

To date, civilians have invested \$15,615 in cash in bonds during

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### Memorial Day Program Held at Strother Field

Strother Field, simply and seriously, observed the annual Memorial Day occasion.

While the flag floated at half mast at headquarters, Capt. William H. Buren, chaplain here on temporary duty from Pratt Army Air Field, spoke over the loud-speaker on the topic "The Unfinished Task."

A phrase from Lincoln's Gettysburg address, "We hereby resolve that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, that

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### Tobacco Ration Cards Distributed on Base

Tobacco rationing cards for military and civilian personnel of Strother Field and their dependents are being distributed this week. Recipients will begin buying their six packages of cigarettes, or 24 cigars or 4 ounces of smoking tobacco per week, through the new rationing system on Monday, June 4, at the Post Exchange. None has been sold through the Commissary since Wednesday, May 30th.

Personnel of the field made application for the ration cards this week and the cards have been distributed by the tobacco rationing officer through the orderly rooms and the Civilian Personnel office.

Military personnel who were present on the base between May 28 and June 2 and who neglected to apply for tobacco ration cards, are out of luck. Military personnel on furlough during this period

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### SF Boxers Enter Denver War Bond Show

An invitation to Strother Field to take part in the 7th War Bond Boxing Show scheduled June 13-14 at Denver, Colo., has been accepted and at the present time four mittmen, including the Second Air Force bantamweight title holder, are working out daily for the special event.

Representing Strother Field at the boxing show will be Pvt. Joseph McKee, bantamweight champ, Cpl. Jimmy Roberts, flashy welterweight, Pvt. Charles Gwynn, 2AF finalist in the lightweight division, and Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, former boxing team manager who will fight in the heavyweight class. Lt. Pete Riley will coach the SF team.

There will be 12 bouts each night featuring outstanding pugilistic talent. Attending the show will be Lt. Comm. Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion.

### "Have A Look," USO-Camp Show, Coming to Post Theater, June 6

"HAVE A LOOK," variety revue from USO-CAMP SHOWS, will appear on the stage of the post theater at 1900 next Wednesday, June 6th.

Flashing an abundance of comedy and eyefilling appeal, "Have a Look" is one of the productions especially planned to give us major league entertainment. The producers have tried to make it tops in amusement, and have succeeded with a cavalcade of talent in a show that ranks with the best. There will be no admission charge to servicemen.

Following is the cast of "Have a Look":

BOB WHITE—M.C., Comedian.  
GREAT LESTER—Magician.

DIANE RIVERS—Assistant to Great Lester.

BLAIR SISTERS—Acro-dancers.

HARRISON & CARROLL—Dancers.

LOUIS CHENEY—Pianist and musical conductor.

SILVIA & CLARENCE—Acrobats.

### Airlines May Employ 150,000 Within 5 Years

Within five years of V-E day, the airlines of the United States may be employing more than one-third of the total 423,500 workers expected to be on the payroll of the aviation industry, according to a compilation of figures made public by the Air Transport Association of America. This would give the airlines the largest group of workers in the aviation industry.

Figures based on information from the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the War Production Board, and the United States Bureau of Labor, reveal that the airlines may have as many as 150,000 employees by 1950, aircraft manufacturing 125,000, airports 125,500, and CAA's airway force

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### GI Honored by President



When President Truman fastened the Congressional Medal of Honor about the neck of T/Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey, of Lucedale, Miss., the 100th infantryman to receive the award in this war, before a cheering joint session of Congress, he paid tribute to "the courage of all our fighting men." A total of 223 of the medals have been awarded in World War II, of which 162 have gone to the Army; 33 to the Navy; 27 to the Marine Corps and one to the Coast Guard. (Press Association Photo.)



## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

News from the Far East has revealed increasingly of late a pattern of withdrawal by the Japanese armies from the southern portion of their vast stolen empire in China. Large numbers of troop trains are reported to be pulling out of the southern provinces. Steady gains have been made by the Chinese armies in areas that were formerly strongly held against them by the forces of Dai Nippon. Even the major port city of Foochow, a possible port of entry for American expeditionary forces to the Asiatic mainland, has been taken within recent weeks.

The only probable conclusion to be drawn from this withdrawal of the Jap tide is that their general staff has decided to concentrate its forces for defense in the north and leave the widely spread garrisons, not only in south China but throughout Malaya and the islands of the Indies, to stand or fall according to their own resources.

Obviously such a step would not be taken without serious preliminary consideration, for it means the abandonment of vast natural resources in rubber, tin, oil, minerals and food products as well as the probable loss of over half a million men and all the gains of three years of war.

It must mean that the Japs grow desperate and see the end drawing near. Access by sea and air to the southern empire has been almost cut off by American action. They are abandoning the only land route now, presumably to strengthen the defense of an inner area.

Hitler tried the same tactics in his time when first Festung Europa, then Germany, and lastly the Bavarian "national bastion" were in turn to have been held for "a thousand years." It's too bad that the Japs don't learn by his experience.

## ==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN WILLIAM H. BUREN  
LOVE

Religion in its highest form is a mature and steady relationship of men to God.

Unfortunately, many of us in the Army are tempted to make it an ejaculatory blow-hot, blow-cold affair which lacks growth and depth. It is so easy in life to follow the path of least resistance and to substitute pure ethical religion with the common but adulterated practice of rubbing the magic lamp of prayer in occasional tight places and at the festive occasions of the church such as Christmas, Easter, and the Passover—and then forgetting the help from God to forget Him, to neglect chapel worship, to relegate the Bible and the Prayer book into a corner until dust has buried them.

While religion undoubtedly affords strength and comfort in the critical emergencies of life and battle it is most effective when given expression regularly and enthusiastically.

But why is it so important that we keep our religion vital and fresh? Because the essence of true religion is love to God and love to man. Is love sanctified moonshine, glorified swill, sentimental wish-wash?

Consider what the gangster nations did to the world when they uprooted love and were motivated by hate and covetousness!

If the law of gravitation would cease to operate in the physical universe, there would be a cataclysm of cosmic proportions. In like manner, if the law of love ceases to operate in human society, the resultant consequences are sweat, tears, blood-war, hell upon earth.

Thus, come and worship regularly! Worship is love in action for victory, peace, a new and happier world!

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Catholic: Confessions—Sunday from 7:00 till 8:00 a.m. Mass—Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Father J. E. Kelly.

Protestant: Worship Service and Holy Communion Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Chaplain William H. Buren.

Jewish: Sabbath Service—Friday at 8:00 p.m.

## Milestone

Today marks the first anniversary of Strother Field as a fighter pilot training station. The Second Air Force assumed jurisdiction over the base on June 1, 1944. For 18 months prior to this date Strother Field had been a basic school of the Central Flying Training Command.

## Have You Read .

*Black Boy* by Richard Wright.

In his autobiographical study *Black Boy*, a *Record of Childhood and Youth*, Richard Wright tells subjectively and with possible distorted emphasis of the frustration and suffering of the early years of his life in the South. Written in frank language and style, the story becomes stark and tragic reality—the reality of hunger, repression, and race tension.

Born on a plantation near Natchez, Mississippi, Wright's childhood was a series of moves from one Southern town to another, of sporadic schooling and part-time jobs. At seventeen, and after two years of working and saving he finally got to Chicago. There he began writing. *Black Boy* is the expressionism of his own experiences, simple and sincere but powerful.

## YE LIFTINGS

Sailor (at stage door): "Is the hula dancer in her dressing room?"

Watchman: "Son, she's 'round at the rear."

Sailor: "I know that, but answer my question."

"I hear you advertised for a wife. Any replies?"

"Sure. Hundreds?"

"Good. What did they say?"

"They all said: 'You can have mine.'"

In full swing is the season that brings forth the only fellow who works hard to get into a hole—the golfer.

A man is like a lamp wick—trimmed lots of times before he gets the right flame.

GI observation: The average girl will show good judgment in the bathing suit she wears this season. Among other things!

An angel wife: One who is always up in the air and harping about something or other.

Girls who like to show their knees,  
Know all about the birds and bees.

Kissing a girl because she lets you is like scratching a place that doesn't itch!

"My son doesn't want to get married."

"Yeah, just wait until the wrong girl comes along."

Gallant GI: "May I kiss your hand?"

Young Lady: "Whatsa matter, my mouth dirty?"

## THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

A year ago this week a lot of men got their first glimpse of Strother Field, when they pulled in on a troop train from Galveston. It wasn't exactly a pretty sight, what with rain falling (sic) and everywhere an endless sea of mud. One man aptly described the place as Cannery Row in a London fog. But it hasn't been as bad as you figured it would be on that dreary day, has it? . . . . Good Neighbor Policy: A picture of Colonel Meade, Colonel Deaton, and the first class of Brazilian pilots to report here for training has appeared in a number of leading newspapers throughout Brazil. . . . If you can get hold of the May 15 issue of 2AF's "Trouble Shooter" by all means do so and read The Art Of Obscurity on page 20. If you don't get a kick out of that story, apply for a discharge. . . . Strother Field was well represented at civilian Memorial Day services Wednesday. Sgt. Alfred Kelly was featured vocalist at patriotic ceremonies in Winfield, Sgt. Edward Breese talked at graveside services at the Mt. Zion church in Arkansas City, and Tuesday three officers appeared before a joint Lions-Kiwanis meeting at Ponca City to talk on subjects appropriate to the occasion. . . . Lt. James R. Jones of M&S is amassing laurels locally through his singing appearances. . . . Depicture of the times: A male non-com instructing two Waacs in the very timely art of rolling their own with Bull Durham.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Service Club—Open House until 1800. Theater—Counter Attack—Paul Muni and Marguerite Chapman. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	SAT. JUNE 2
Service Club—Open House—Free GI Movies and Cookies. Theater—Son of Lassie—Donald Crisp, Peter Lawford. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. JUNE 3
Service Club—Open House—Write Letters Home. Theater—No showing.	MON. JUNE 4
Service Club—Section C Party. Theater—Swing Out Sister—Rod Cameron, Arthur Treacher. The Chicago Kid—Donald Barry, Lynne Roberts. Shows 1800-2000.	TUES. JUNE 5
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo, checkers, chess, bridge. Free prizes. Theater—USO-Camp Show "Have a Look"—One showing 1900. Admission Free.	WED. JUNE 6
Service Club—Dance—with orchestra. GSO Girls from Ponca City. Theater—No showing.	THURS. JUNE 7
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130. Theater—The Fighting Guardsman—Anita Louise, Willard Parker. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	FRI. JUNE 8

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff

WE BROUGHT YOU FROM THE CANTEEN TO THIS FASHION SHOW TO OBTAIN A SOLDIER'S REACTION ON CURRENT MODES! A STENOGRAPHER WILL TAKE DOWN YOUR REMARKS...



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## Believe It or Not— It Actually Happened

The following conversation was reputedly overheard a couple of weeks ago at the east gate. Perhaps you, like the Prairie Flier, will appreciate the incident even though it is a little late.

The language in the following conversation report has been tempered in order to get the item in print.

First party: "You and your big head!"

Second party: "Me? Why you crazy old thing you, it is all your fault. You talked me into doing it!"

FP: "I talked you into it? Whatsa matter with you, crazy or something? Who kept me awake half the night trying to convince me it was a good idea?"

SP: "Yeah? Well, who kept me awake the rest of the night?"

FP: "You painted a very pretty picture of the fun we would have, once I explained the details to you, remember?"

SP: "I don't remember nothin'! All I know is that after eight long years together this has happened."

FP: "Well, anyway we're dern near civilians again. Maybe we've done right accepting discharges on the point demobilization plan."

SP: "Yeah, I suppose so. Well, where in the hell are we going from here?"

FP: "Shucks, I dunno. Hadn't thought that far ahead."

Guard at gate: "Good luck, you lucky stiff."

The two GI's: "Oh, to hell with you, you silly old thing!"

As the car in which the first party and the second party were passengers drove away from Strother Field the heated conversation continued. Who could be better at arguing than a couple of non-coms? Particularly two who had been in service together for eight years?

There was an old fellow from Sidney

Who drank till he ruined a kidney

It shriveled and shrank

As he sat there and drank

But he had a good time of it, kidney?

1st Hen: "That big rooster wants to hit me."

2nd Hen: "Did you annoy him?"

1st Hen: "I just egged him on."

## WAC News Detachment

By  
PVT. BETTY BARATH



All of a sudden the girls in our company are becoming weight conscious. The fact that a scale was issued to our mess hall has nothing to do with it. The facial expressions of the young ladies vary as they tip the scales. Strangely enough most of our girls are trying to gain weight not lose. Another recent addition to our mess hall is a water cooler. Both objects are being used to the best advantage.

This week rakes, lawn mowers and sickles were doing double time when the company fell out to tidy up the area. In two hours the weeds had a GI cut and the place really sparkled.

The most recent marriage in our company is that of Pvt. Ruth Ray and S/Sgt. James Hodges. Congratulations to both of you.

## Squadron C News

SGT. ROY. C. TAYLOR

Enlisted men of Squadron C attended a formal dance at the Wichita USO Saturday, 26 May. The dance was enjoyed by all who attended.

Plans have been completed for a "Tropical Dance" to be held at the Service Club Friday, June 8th. Music will be furnished by the 7 Music-Makers orchestra. There will be girls galore as usual.

The Winfield USO extends a cordial invitation to all enlisted men to attend all activities. Monday night is designated as "Blue-Monday" with quite a few lovely GSO girls to entertain you.

Among Squadron C men who have seen combat duty is Pfc. Clarence Walker of Washington, D.C. Walker, Virginia cotton and peanut farmer in civilian life, worked in the officers' mess of the famous colored 332nd Fighter Squadron in Italy, and for a time was one of six Americans stationed one-half mile from the front on special DS duty with English and Canadian forces. During his 14½ months overseas he received three battle stars for his AME ribbon.

## How to Send Letters During Redeployment

Persons corresponding with soldiers overseas should, during the redeployment period, continue to use the current address until such time as they are advised by the individual soldier either of a change-of-address or to withhold mail until a permanent address can be provided, the War Department has announced.

The Army, cognizant of the morale value of mail to America's fighting men, is exerting every effort to maintain the best possible service during the redeployment period. Compliance with the simple, rule by the sender will do much to facilitate the delivery of mail to Army personnel.

## Pappy Says—Be Careful

Many persons die yearly from infections due to scratches, cuts, bruises and wounds not treated by doctors or skilled first aid workers.

Old man Infection is contemptuous of race, creed, color, age and degree of wisdom of injured personnel.

Therefore, it behooves us, to report to the Civilian Dispensary or Hospital Infirmary, at once, without any delay, for treatment of any and all injuries before old man Infection marks us up as another victim. Get the idea?

## AIRLINES MAY EMPLOY

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13,000, fixed base operators 10,000. A total of 423,500 workers.

Among airline workers, the skilled mechanics and their helpers stand to show the greatest gain as the airlines increase their employment in the post V-E day expansion era, according to the ATA, which bases its prediction on a recent study made by the United States Department of Labor.

The study went on to state that the most probable minimum and maximum figures for total airline employment 5 years after the war would be about 80,000 and 160,000, compared with 22,000 at the end of 1940 and more than twice that figure at the beginning of 1945.

She was only a gearmaker's daughter, but she could outstrip them all.

## 7TH WAR BOND DRIVE

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the Mighty Seventh. That is 37.1 per cent of the \$42,000 quota. (Each civilian is expected to invest at least \$67 cash in the Seventh War Loan, over and above his normal, monthly payroll deduction.)

Officers and enlisted men of Strother Field so far during the Seventh have invested \$10,934 cash in bonds, with the officers' purchases accounting for all but \$1622.75 of that amount. The military quota is \$45,000, a goal only 24.2 per cent achieved during the first 67 per cent of the drive.

In appealing to military and civilian personnel alike to get behind the drive at Strother Field and push the total invested to the assigned quota, Lt. Phillips said, in part:

"I think we all know the war is not over and we feel our responsibility in helping end it as quickly as possible. We all know that national expenses are skyrocketing and that the redeployment program requires enormous expenditures to get our armies to the Pacific and end the fighting there at the earliest possible date. These are things that have been pointed out to us ever since V-E Day, things with which we are all familiar.

## MEMORIAL DAY

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government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth," served as Chaplain Buren's theme. Chaplain Buren continued by emphasizing the fact that peace-loving people the world over, must carry on and bring the war to a victorious conclusion and lay the foundations for a better world and a permanent peace.

Memorial afternoon at four o'clock, a concert of music played in the Post Chapel by Pfc. Kuhl continued, and concluded Strother Field's Memorial Day observance.

## TOBACCO RATION CARDS

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may apply for, and receive, rationing cards by presenting to the tobacco rationing officer a certificate signed by the officer in charge of their department stating that said individuals were on authorized leave.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Pienie 4:30 p.m.
		Baseball..Badminton
		Ark.....Do-as-you-please
Sun.....	Win.....	Song Fest—Wed. Night
		Girls
		Ark.....Bingo
Mon.....	Win.....	Voice Recording
		Ark.....Juke Box Dance
Tues.....	Win.....	Bridge and Rummy
		Ark.....Ping Pong
Wed.....	Win.....	Dancing..Cards..Games
		Ark.....Fudge..Pop Corn
Thurs.....	Win.....	Do-as-you-please
		Ark.....Open House
Fri.....	Win.....	Ping Pong
		Ark.....Bridge..Candy

ton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## And He Used To Welcome Cover



HE KEEPS REPEATING...AND IN ITALY I USED TO COMPLAIN THAT IT WAS JUST ONE MOUNTAIN AND ONE VALLEY AFTER ANOTHER

MILTON CANIFF



## Fliers Defeat Ardmore AAF, 14 to 9 In Second Air Force League Game

The Strother Field Fliers defeated the Ardmore AAF team, 14 to 9, in a 2AF district league game Sunday afternoon at Ark City, making 5 runs in the last half of the 8th inning to break a 9-all tie. Antos pitched for the Fliers and had a great day at bat, making 2 hits in 3 trips to the plate and batting in 3 runs.

Ardmore scored 4 runs in the 1st frame on 3 hits and 2 errors and made their 5th run in the 2nd inning. The Fliers remained scoreless until the 5th when 4 runs were scored. Turner walked and stole 2nd. Williams tripled, scoring Turner. Morrison, batting for Flynn, singled, scoring Williams. White singled sending Morrison to 3rd base. Wagener singled, scoring Morrison. Yachwan reached 1st on an error by the Ardmore shortstop and White scored.

Ardmore made a run in the 5th inning to lead the Fliers, 6 to 4. No additional scores were made by either team until the locals collected 5 runs in the 7th inning and took the lead, 9 to 6. Klimas singled and went to 3rd on an error by the Ardmore rightfielder. Shultz singled, scoring Klimas. He then went to 3rd on an error by the pitcher. Antos singled, scoring Shultz. Turner walked and Williams reached 1st on an error by the 2nd baseman. White bunted and Antos scored on the squeeze play, the Fliers taking the lead, 7 to 6. Wagener hit to the pitcher who threw wild to first base, Turner and Williams scoring on the play and making it 9 to 6 in favor of the Fliers.

Ardmore tied the score at 9-all in the 8th when the lead-off man reached 1st on an error. The next Ardmore batter walked and was advanced to 2nd base on a Texas leaguer hit over shortstop. A single and an error in the outfield resulted in the 3 men on base crossing the plate and tying the score.

The Fliers came back strong in their half of the 8th, scoring 5 runs to win the game, 14 to 9. Yachwan singled followed by Klimas. Shultz was out, pitcher to

### Fliers Win 2-to-1 Game Against Dubbs All-Stars

The Strother Field Fliers met an inspired team of youngsters, the Dubbs All-Stars, in an Ark City league game Monday night and won by the close score of 2 to 1. Richardson, SF pitcher, and his mound opponent each gave up only 5 hits. The kids played errorless ball while one error was chalked up against the Fliers.

The game was scoreless until the last of the 4th when Wagener, SF leftfielder, singled for the Fliers' first hit. Yachwan, shortstop, reached 1st on a bunt and Klimas singled, loading the bases. Schultz, rightfielder, hit a roller to the pitcher and reached 1st safely when Wagener was thrown out at the plate. Antos, 1st baseman, was out on a fly to centerfield and Yachwan scored while the All-Stars were busy trapping Schultz between 1st and 2nd base.

The All-Stars tied the score at 1-all in the 6th. The Fliers scored their second and final run in this inning when Schultz tripled, scoring Klimas from 1st.

1st base, and both Klimas and Yachwan advanced a base. Antos doubled, scoring 2 runs. Turner also doubled, scoring Antos. Williams singled, Turner going to 3rd. Williams then stole 2nd and Morrison singled, loading the bases. White walked, forcing in Turner. Williams scored on a wild pitch for the 5th run of the inning. Ardmore was held scoreless in the final frame.

Batting .500 Sunday were Turner, Williams and Morrison.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"and here's your date. I—er—told her all about you!"

### Fliers Beat All-Stars; Wacs Defeat Supply

In a doubleheader baseball program Memorial Day, the SF Fliers handed an all-star team of Ark City league players an 11 to 0 defeat. Stan Antos struck out 6 men in the 7th inning affair and Turner, 3rd baseman, hit a home-run with one on in the 6th. Wagener, centerfielder, hit 2 triples and a single. The Fliers made 4 runs in the 3rd, one run in the 5th and 6 runs in the 6th frame.

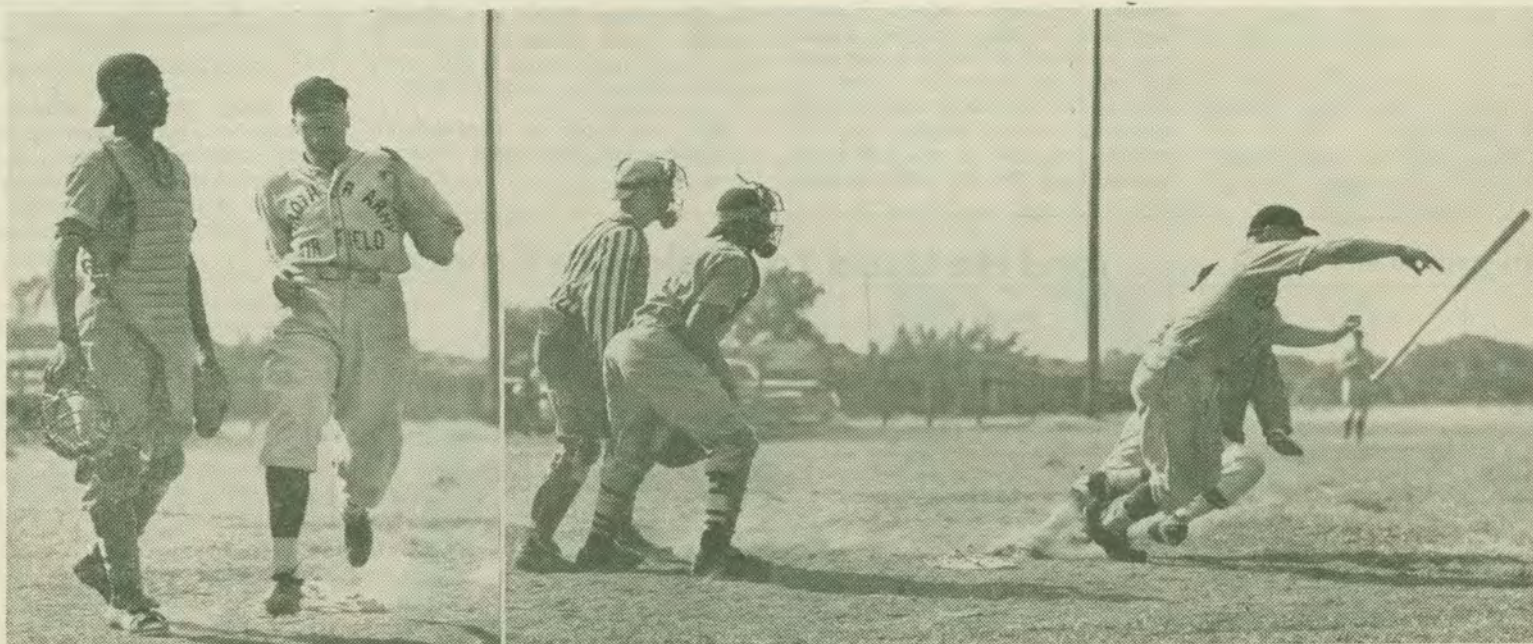
The WAC softball team scored 23 runs against the Supply gals 10 runs in a 5-inning game played following the Fliers-All-Star tilt. Eberhart pitched for the Wacs and Tolles for the Supply team.

### Herington Defeats Fliers, 13 to 1

Herington AAF baseball team, jinx of the SF Fliers' 1944 season, poured it on the local nine again last Friday when the two teams met in a Second Air Force district league game at Ark City. The score was 13 to 1, Herington making its scores on 14 hits and 11 errors.

Williams, regular centerfielder, replaced Shultz on the mound in the 8th inning and held Herington scoreless in the two final frames of the game.

The lone SF run was made in the second inning when Yachwan doubled and then scored on a single by Flynn, SF rightfielder.



Above are shown two action pictures taken during the Strother Field-Ardmore AAF Second Air Force district league baseball game at Ark City Sunday afternoon. At the left, Turner, SF third baseman, is shown scoring the first run for the Fliers in the 5th inning with Williams, centerfielder, driving him in with a 3-base hit. At the right, Antos, SF pitcher, slides into home plate to break the 6-6 tie in the 7th inning. White, coach and catcher, bunted with the bases loaded, and is shown as he started down the baseline to 1st base. The Fliers won 14 to 9. (Official AAF Photo.)





### Veteran Doughboy Assigned Here as MP

The unusual combination of an Army Air Forces shoulder patch and a combat infantryman's badge characterizes Sgt. Gail W. Hamilton, ground forces veteran who reported here last week. Ribbons denoting award of the Soldier's Medal and a Unit Citation and four stars on his theater ribbon constitute other visible evidence of Sgt. Hamilton's combat experience.

Entering service in February of 1941, the sergeant was discharged in November of that year under the 28-year-old clause, only to be recalled to active service in February of the next year. A month later Sgt. Hamilton was in Australia, and for 32 months thereafter he directed all his efforts towards the destruction of Japanese soldiers.

"I don't know how many I accounted for," he says, "but it must have been a good number. We couldn't always see the result of our fire, but when we moved for-

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### SF Brazilian Trainees Enjoy Trip to Chicago

Strother Field's Brazilian pilot trainees got another taste of international good will during the week-end when they made a quick flight to Chicago for a round of parties, sightseeing tours, and a glimpse of one of America's greatest cities as guests of Chicago business and civic leaders.

The pilots, weary with a 36-hour round of activity, returned here early Monday to resume their combat training operations.

Making the trip with Major Bruce Baumgardner, director of Brazilian training, the party arrived at Chicago at noon Saturday. They were met at the municipal airport by members of the women's motor corps, who took them to the Syrene restaurant where they were guests at luncheon of Senator Jack Kluczyhski.

Phil K. Wrigley of the chewing gum dynasty honored the Brazilians at a cocktail party Saturday evening at the renowned Wrigley Building, his guests including a number of feminine Chicago socialites. Dinner at Ricardo's followed the party, with Wrigley

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### IF THEY CAN DO IT— SO CAN YOU

"Naha, May 31. Dear Mom: Well, I finally got that extra stripe. With the extra dough I think I'll salt away an extra GI bond each month."



The efforts of Colonel Meade and Captain Leeds to secure the appearance here last Sunday of Freddie Shaffer and his all-girl orchestra were amply rewarded by the enjoyment afforded military and civilian personnel of the base. Shown above is part of the crowd that jammed the gym Sunday afternoon, and, below, Shaffer and his trombone trio in action. (AAF photo.)

### SF Armorer Evaded Nazis Five Months

When S/Sgt. Billy B. Burnett checked in at Strother Field Wednesday for duty as an armorer, he was returning to his own backyard. Sgt. Burnett's home is at Conway Springs, about 40 miles, as the crow flies, northwest of Strother Field. And after eating the fare of North Africa and Italy for a year—or foraging as best he could during the 146 days he evaded capture in Jugo-Slavia—he's mighty glad to be that near his mother's kitchen.

Sgt. Burnett came to Strother Field from Amarillo, Texas, one of several stations at which he's been on duty since his return from Europe.

Overseas, the sergeant was tail gunner on a Flying Fort—two Forts in fact, both of which were lost in enemy action. On Nov. 8, 1943, three engines of the first B-17 were shot away over Turin, Italy, but the crew flew the plane

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### Aspects of Big Business For Consolidated Supply

Strother Field has made greater progress than any other station in the 72nd Wing in the consolidation of the administration of supply functions directed by AAF Regulation 65-2, Major Sam Wolf, director of maintenance and supply, disclosed this week. The work of integrating the various supply organizations was in charge of Captain John F. Euart, supervisor of supply and transportation, who now becomes the accountable officer for all government supplies except post engineer and commissary items.

Accomplishment of the physical change made necessary by the directive was achieved by enlarging the building formerly occupied by AAF Supply and transferring to that building the administrative organizations of General Supply, Commissary, Salvage, Purchasing and Contracting, Rail Transportation, and AAF Supply

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### Sams New Postmaster; Zatorsky, Straub Out

Meet the new postmaster—Cpl. L. W. Sams of Fort Worth, Texas. And bid an envious adieu to two enlisted men who long have served military personnel in the base post office—Sgt. John Zatorsky of Dallas, Texas, NCO in charge, and Sgt. Lawrence J. Straub of Topeka, Kansas—who are on the next-to-last lap of their return to civilian status.

Sgt. Straub, who came to Strother Field Nov. 22, 1942, left today for Fort Leavenworth, where, under terms of the 42-year-old release provision, he expects to be separated from the service. He had a chance to get out in November, 1942, but he thought there was too much to be done by too few people and stuck to his job—crew chief on Strother Field's BT-13B's. In February, 1943, because of his civilian background as a Railway Express clerk, he was transferred to the base post office. Since then he's handled insured and registered mail, made deliveries of mail to and from the main post office at Winfield, taken his turn with the broom and the coal scuttle, and waited on window trade. At nights, a good part of the time, he's sold tickets at the theater and done other jobs that brought him in

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### CAP Cadets to Train Here Again This Year

Civil Air Patrol cadets of the Kansas Wing will train at Strother Field again this year, it was announced this week by Col. Donald E. Meade, station commander. The 14-day encampment is scheduled for some time in August.

Last year, approximately 200 youths from all parts of Kansas came here for experience in army life and military routine. A greater number is expected this year.

### Two SF Men to OCS

Two Strother Field enlisted men were accepted last week for officer candidate school.

Sergeant Edward M. Williams of Chicago, a clerk in the transportation office, left Saturday for the Transportation Corps officer school at New Orleans, La., and Staff Sergeant Robert E. Morris of Spring Lake, N.J., an operations statistician, left Sunday for the Army Air Forces administrative officer school at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Sgt. Williams, a traffic manager in civilian life, had been at Strother for more than two years. S/Sgt. Morris came here with the original Second Air Force cadre a year ago.



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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

In any fight, whether of man with man or nation with nation, the combatant can best plan his strategy and understand present and projected developments by a study of his, and his opponent's, strength and weaknesses. That is axiomatic.

Today the average American cannot go behind the scenes or have access to the plans and statistical data which guide the Army and Navy general staffs in the war against Japan. He can, however, draw certain conclusions and consider certain obvious alternatives in the light of information readily available to any newspaper reader and student of history and geography.

Thus it can be seen that, while Japan began this war three years ago with the advantage of initiative and interior lines against her enemies, the American penetration so deep into the empire as Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and even Manila, has, in fact, reversed the whole strategic situation as applied to these factors. The Japs now find their widespread territories and forces actually holding, not interior, but exterior lines around the periphery of an American spearhead powerful enough to take and keep the initiative. Even a casual glance at current news map and headline will confirm this.

By a similar study the other factors which have brought the Nipponese to his present impasse, and which every American believes will bring him to eventual utter defeat, can be seen at least in outline.

For reasons of military security there will be facts that have not yet been revealed, but there are other facts which stand out only too plainly. It will be the purpose of this series of articles to examine these.

(To be continued)

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Service Club—Open House 1200-1830. Theater—"Two Girls and a Sailor" (Revival)—Jimmy Durante, Van Johnson, June Allyson, Gloria De Haven. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2015.	SAT. 16 JUNE
Service Club—Open House—Write those letters home. Theater—"Nob Hill" (Tech)—George Raft, Joan Bennett, Vivian Blaine. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. 17 JUNE
Service Club—Free GI Movies and Cookies. Theater—No showing.	MON. 18 JUNE
Service Club—Open House 1200-1800. Theater—"The Brighton Strangler"—John Loder, June Duprez. "I'll Tell the World"—Lee Tracy, Brenda Joyce. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2015.	TUES. 19 JUNE
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo, checkers, chess, bridge. Free prizes. Theater—"Wonder Man" (Tech)—Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	WED. 20 JUNE
Service Club—G. I. Dance—GSO Girls from Wellington—2030. Music will be provided by a good orchestra. Theater—No showing.	THURS. 21 JUNE
Service Club—Section C Party—1930. Theater—"Don Juan Quilligan"—William Bendix, Joan Blondell. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	FRI. 22 JUNE

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

Lt. Col. John M. Thacker, SF air inspector, was among those who attended the wedding Monday of Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski and Miss Kay Cochran at Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. Col. Gabreski, you remember, was the leading American ace in the ETO. He was forced down and captured last July after getting credit for 28 Jerry planes. He and Col. Thacker have been close friends since they served together in Hawaii four years ago. . . . The Purple Heart awarded Capt. Freeling Clower, Section D, for wounds sustained on Dec. 28, 1943, when he was shot down over Northern Burma, has finally caught up with him. It was presented to him by Col. Deaton Tuesday morning. . . . Lt. Edmund P. Cordery is the first navigator to be assigned to SF. He reported here last week and has been named assistant combat intelligence officer. Lt. Cordery earned the Air Medal and the Purple Heart while a navigator in the ETO, and became a member of the Caterpillar Club when his plane was shot down over Romania. He spent four months in a German prison camp. . . . Three ex-SF'ers now in the Mariannas have recently been heard from. They are Sgt. Clarence Robertson, who used to handle the clerk's chores in the old 448th orderly room and Cpl. John Farrell and Pvt. Sidney Morse, photo lab regulars. . . . Pvt. Joe Freeman, ex-Strotherite remembered for the bracelets he used to make in his spare time, writes from Weimar, Germany, that he has forsaken his hobby of engraving to devote all his time to his GI assignment as a tailor. . . . There is no longer any restriction on congratulatory telegrams, it says here. Might be a nice gesture to telegraph Dad next Sunday, commending him for his work as stoker of home fires.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN WILLIAM H. BUREN

### SUNDAY A DAY OF WORSHIP

The attack on Pearl Harbor was made on Sunday. Paganism determined not only to destroy our military defenses but also to show its utter disrespect of the Day of Worship which has stood for hundreds of years as a beacon light upon our shores. America since has risen to avenge this infamous attack with a mighty avalanche of physical power.

Physical force is not sufficient to defend and to preserve our free institutions. Total war requires also psychological and spiritual warfare. We aid the Japs in their psychological warfare, if we permit our moral and spiritual forces to weaken measurably. History has proved moral and spiritual character more important than muscle. Why?

Man is more than stomach and its related affinities. He is more than a chance collection of atoms; he is mind and soul. He needs more than the satisfaction of sense and flesh; he needs moral, spiritual nourishment. When a man carelessly ignores the Day of Worship, the day to invigorate our inner defenses with moral and spiritual truths, he is beginning to drift aimlessly upon the restless, ebullient tide of life. In our fidgety and war-torn world character counts. Communion with God builds poise, judgment, stamina, while the orgies of the wine-realm life build only gall and bravado.

The rise of despotism in our day has demonstrated that democracy and its free institutions are obliterated step by step in a land in which spiritual realities are denied, the Day of Worship desecrated, and moral laws are discarded.

### —CHAPEL SCHEDULE—

Catholic—Confessions Sunday between 0700 and 0800. Mass Sunday at 0800.  
Protestant—Worship Service Sunday at 1000. Mid-Week Service Thursday at 1830. Choir Practice Thursday at 1915.  
Jewish—Sabbath Worship Service Friday at 2000.

## YE LIFTINGS

Telegraph Messenger: What was the most wonderful experience you've ever had?

Second Messenger: The night I took a telegram to a beautiful blonde which told her that her husband would not be home until the next day.

Soldier: How about the Chinese girls?

Sailor: I found that they're all Democrats.

Soldier: What do you mean?

Sailor: Every time I took one out she said, "No Dewey."

The young lieutenant had his platoon marching away from him. The men were receding rapidly, headed for a sharp drop over an embankment. The lieutenant was speechless. At last the instructor yelled to the officer: "Say something! Say something—even if it's only good-by."

The point system of demobilization in the service has one advantage over that of food rationing—there seems to be plenty of beef.

A woman flees from temptation but a man just crawls away from it in the cheerful hope that it may overtake him.

Night clubs these days are gay ninetyish—the gals are gay, and the guys are ninety.

GI Gertie says many a skirt is torn between love and duty.

A word to the wife is never sufficient.

## We Must Preserve Record

Strother Field, which has set the pace for other military installations in a number of previous drives, is still lagging in its Seventh War Loan bond buying.

To date, cash investments by military and civilian personnel total slightly under \$60,000. That means that 31 per cent of the quota remains to be reached in the 23 days that remain before the campaign ends on July 7. Not only is Strother Field lagging in investments with reference to its own quota, but the 69 per cent of quota achieved at this stage of the drive is 8 per cent behind the achievements the nation over.

This base has met in full every war bond obligation since it was first activated. It has a record to maintain, a slate to keep clean. It has an obligation to the Americans at Okinawa, in China, on the insect-ridden, Jap-infested islands everywhere in the Far East. That obligation can and must be met. It can be fulfilled only if civilian and military personnel visit the war bond booths immediately, and with the cash in hand.

## Male Call

by Milton





## NEW POSTMASTER

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contact with most of the SF personnel.

Sgt. Zatorsky, who's getting out under terms of the 40-year-old clause, will leave June 20 for the Fort Sam Houston separation center. Zatorsky is a "one-track man." He was a postman when he entered the armed forces in October, 1942. He's never had any other job in the Army. He'll return to the Dallas, Texas, post office as mail clerk just as soon as he can get caught up on his "extra-curricular activities." Zatorsky came to SF from basic training Nov. 18, 1942. Immediately he was assigned to the base post office, then serving a comparative handful of men. Unofficial but fairly good estimates place the number of pieces of mail handled by the Strother Field post office since Zatorsky joined its forces at 1,500,000. And most of the time, of course, Straub was in there helping hand out the good news and the disappointing as carried by Uncle Sam's postal couriers.

Cpl. Sams, who succeeds to the job of NCO in charge, is an ex-High Island, Texas, school principal. He came to SF Dec. 9, 1942, from Tarrant Field, Texas, after two months' army service. Since March, 1943, he's been a regular postal employe, performing duties of file and forwarding clerk.

The new "postmaster" will be assisted by Pvt. Fred Desautels, now a member of the PO staff, and by Cpl. George Rubin, who had 18½ years' postal work and who has been transferred from the EM's mail room. Pfc. Max Povil and Pvt. Mary Ognacevich will look after the mail room. Lt. Edward C. Thomas is base postal officer.

## BRAZILIAN TRAINEES

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again doing the honors.

Other items on the schedule of the twenty-five South Americans—members of the two senior classes here—included a dance at the Shoreland Hotel, sponsored by the Philco Corporation; a tour of Chicago night clubs; visits to the Aviation Science exhibit, the Field Museum, Yacht Club, and Chicago Art Institute; and luncheon at the Stevens Hotel on Sunday.

WAC  
Detachment  
NewsBy PFC. ALICE  
DEMATTHEWS

We bade farewell this week to: Lt. Jeanne Billau, who left for Kirtland Field at Albuquerque; Pfc. Elaine Weiss and Pfc. Marie V. Buskirk who transferred to Peterson Field; and Cpl. Bernadine Dillon, who was sent to the regional hospital at Salina. We welcome Sgt. Ann T. O'Hearn from Dahlhart, Texas.

Congratulations to Pvt. Eleanor Blake and S/Sgt. Thorwell C. Young, who were married recently.

Since Lt. McCutcheon, our new commanding officer, Cpl. Bullock, Pfc. Gladwill, Pfc. Perron and Cpl. Patterson took an interest in beautifying our area, the rest of the girls are taking the hint. Result: flower beds are sprouting and we almost have a lawn. A beautification program is now under way in our mess hall. We are using our artists in the squadron to paint murals.

## SF ARMORER

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on to near Corsica where they ditched it in the Mediterranean 300 yards from land. Five of the crew were picked up by the British Air Sea Rescue, Sgt. Burnett and two others of the crew managed to swim in, and two others were lost. It was that same day that Burnett was struck in the back by flak in action over Turin and subsequently received the first of the two Purple Heart decorations awarded him.

On Jan. 24, 1944, the crew of which Burnett was a member lost a Flying Fort over Bulgaria. All of the men parachuted to safety and managed to stick together during 146 days of evading enemy capture. Their numbers were increased to 12 when they were joined by a pilot of a P-38 plane. Separations, sometimes necessitated by approach of enemy patrols, were of short duration, and ultimately all of the men reached Allied lines on June 17, 1944. During the time they were fugitives from the Nazis three of the men suffered severe attacks of pneumonia.

## Squadron C News

By SGT. ROY C. TAYLOR

Members of Squadron C are invited to attend a swimming party on Monday, June 18, at the Winfield swimming pool. The party will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. It is being sponsored by the Winfield USO and all GI's will be admitted free of charge.

The Tropical Dance which was postponed from June 8 has been scheduled for June 29, at the Service Club, beginning at 8:30 p.m. It is expected that the Capt. F. B. Jones orchestra will be on hand.

## Released from Hospital

Two casual patients of more than ordinary interest were released yesterday from the Strother Field hospital where they had been receiving treatment for several weeks. They were Col. C. A. Valverde of Ponca City, Okla., and Capt. Harold Caplan of Allentown, Pa.

Colonel Valverde is in this country for a visit with his family, en route from many months' service in the European theater. He is assigned to the Quartermaster Corps, and soon will depart headed west for somewhat the same type of assignment in the Pacific war theaters.

Captain Caplan, who was brought to Strother Field for an appendectomy, is in the production division of the Air Transport Service Command at Wichita. He is a veteran of 26 months' foreign duty, 18 months of which was spent in headquarters of the plans and operations section of the Army Air Forces in China. Five months of his overseas service was in Egypt.

## ASPECTS OF BIG BUSINESS

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Stock Record Units 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The new system eliminates some of the colored tape which has always been a pet gripe of those who sought supplies of one kind or another. All memorandum receipts have found a common haven, as have stock record cards; and all requisitions, whether they are for air or ground equipment, edibles or combustibles, are now processed in the same office.



"And in addition to the Air Medal—here's half-a-buck for a haircut!"

## VETERAN DOUGHBOY

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ward we could see what we had done."

It's easy to understand that explanation when Sgt. Hamilton tells of his job as a mortar noncom.

The veteran's battle stars are for four of the most gruelling campaigns of the Pacific war—Papua, Wakde, Aitape and Biak Island. His unit was cited for its work in the Aitape and Papuan drives. Sgt. Hamilton received the Soldier's Medal for rescuing a drowning soldier from the seething waters of a tropical river in New Guinea.

Sgt. Hamilton says he had a number of close calls, but the closest ones were probably when Japanese planes came over the Biak beachhead to strafe American soldiers huddled together along a 500-yard stretch of sand, hemmed in between the sea and a precipitous ledge of rock. Accurate and concentrated anti-aircraft fire prevented noteworthy damage, however, he says, and the Japs lost at least three-fourths of the planes they sent over Biak.

The 32-year-old doughboy returned to this country last November, and was transferred to the AAF to train as an aircraft mechanic. He was eliminated from that training because of recurrent malaria. He was sent here to become a military policeman.

Before entering service Sgt. Hamilton was employed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in his hometown of Casper, Wyoming.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Dancing
	Ark.....	Do-as-you-please
Sun.....	Win.....	Song fest..Wed. nite girls
	Ark.....	Bingo
Mon.....	Win.....	Voice Recording
	Ark.....	Juke Box Dance
Tues.....	Win.....	Bridge and Rummy
	Ark.....	Ping Pong
Wed.....	Win.....	Bingo
	Ark.....	Fudge..Pop Corn
Thurs.....	Win.....	Do-as-you-please
	Ark.....	Open House
Fri.....	Win.....	Swimming
	Ark.....	Bridge..Candy

Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Bum Check at a Blood Bank



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## Great Benders Oppose Fliers in A. C. Sunday

"Another league victory" will be the battle-cry of the Fliers when they tackle a powerful Great Bend AAF baseball club in Arkansas City at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Great Benders, managed by Cpl. Jack Valentino, former St. Louis Cardinals farmhand, will come here with three recent 2AF League wins under their belts. Salina, Walker and Pratt fell before the mighty Gee Bees in rapid succession, while the Hutchinson Navalairs, 6-to-0 conquerors of the Strother team, went down by a 9-to-7 count in a non-league tussle.

A two-game practice series with Pratt was divided, while two pre-season tilts with Dodge City, which split a series with the Fliers, went against Great Bend. The Benders also have fallen victim to Harvard

### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

WEEK JUNE 15-22

Friday, June 15—Hutchinson NAS there

Sunday, June 17—Great Bend AAB at Ark City, 3 p.m.

Friday, June 22—Herington AAB there

AAB, dropping a bitterly contested 1-to-0 game to the outfit which beat the Strother nine 6-to-2.

The Great Bend club is built around six good pitchers, including Manager Valentino. Others include another Cardinal farmhand, Cpl. R. P. Whetstone, and an ex-Boston Red Sox pitcher, Pvt. Fay DePriest. A third Cardinal player on the roster is Pfc. J. F. Gibson, former Benders manager, and one of the team's better infielders.

Whetstone was the mainstay of Lincoln AAF's sensational 1944 ball club.

### SOFTBALL RESULTS

Headquarters 10; Squadron C 6  
Medics 8; Armament 6  
Fighter Control 7; Communications 1

Armament 5; Headquarters 1  
Squadron C 7; Flight A 6

## STROTHER FIELD FLIERS

### T/Sgt. Ralph Williams

Ralph "Willie" Williams is a 25-year-old South Carolinian who has played his share of baseball. For two successive years at the Anderson, S.C., High School he lettered in baseball and football. He alternated between first base and the outfield, and in the fall occupied the fullback spot on his school's grid team. In 1936, that team won the state championship.



Between school and service days, Willie played the outer garden, for three years with the Anderson American Legion team, another year with a semi-pro club in the Textile League, and still another season with the professional Greenville Spinners of the South Atlantic League, a Class C outfit. Williams batted .366 that year.

The agile outfielder played his first service game with Hunter Field of Savannah, Ga., back in 1941. For two seasons following that he was with the Eleventh Air Force in the Aleutians, where it was a bit too chilly for baseball. In 1944, Williams came back to the States and found a berth on the Strother Field team.

Williams is clean-up hitter for the second straight year in the Fliers' batting order. He is hitting well over .300, is endowed with a splendid throwing arm, rates second to none at handling angling balls which frequent his outfield position, and has done creditable work as a relief pitcher on several occasions.

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of sketches on the personalities who make up the 1945 Strother Field baseball team.)

## Fliers Beat Beavers To Retain League Lead

Scoring in every inning but the last, the Fliers downed the AC Beavers, colored team in the Arkansas City league, 16 to 0, Monday night. The victory enabled the Fliers to continue in first place in league standings, with a record of four victories and no losses.

Bill Richardson handled the mound assignment for the Fliers. Bobo, starting pitcher for the Beavers, was blasted out of the box in the second after he had given up enough hits and walks to give the Fliers ten runs. Willie Johnson took over to stop the rally, but the Strothermen were able to score one run in the third and five in the fourth on his offerings.

The game was called at the end of five innings in accordance with a league rule which stipulates that if a team leads by seven or more runs the game will be called at the end of the fifth.

## Pratt Takes 2AF League Game, 21-9

Pratt AAF's baseball team gave the SF Fliers a 21-to-9 drubbing at Pratt Wednesday night to lower the local club to a .250 percentage in 2AF league standings. The Fliers have lost to Herington, Topeka and Pratt, while winning over Ardmore.

Errors—bugbear of the Strother team in all important contests—played a major role in defeating the Fliers at Pratt. Art Schultz gave up 14 hits, but the Fliers pounded the Pratt pitcher for 20 hits. A total of 19 bobbles on the part of the SF players gave Pratt the chance to overcome the deficiency in hits.

Sunday's game with Great Bend will be the last regularly scheduled first-half league game, but make-ups with Salina and Walker will give the Fliers a chance to improve their standings in the 2AF circuit.

## Sailors Defeat Fliers; Walker Rained Out

The Hutchinson Naval Air Station Navalairs gave the Fliers a 6-to-0 beating at Arkansas City last Friday night. The sailors played heads-up ball to support the fine mound performance of Bud Flannagan and hold the Fliers scoreless in seven innings. Two extra tallies made by the sailors in the seventh were nullified when the game was called on account of rain before the inning was completed. Vern Chamberlain pitched for the Fliers.

The Strother team is at Hutchinson today for a return game with the Bluejackets.

The 2AF league game with the Walker Bombers, scheduled for Arkansas City Sunday afternoon, was rained out. The Walker club stayed here Monday with hopes of playing the game Monday evening, but continued bad weather made that impossible.

## Going Overseas? Kearns ORD Is Likely Stop-Over

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles prepared by the Public Relations Office at Kearns ORD for the information of personnel who may be ordered there.)

The first thing to do when you find yourself on an overseas shipment headed for the AAF Replacement Depot at Kearns is to discount every latrineogram. The deal at Kearns, as Army deals go, is a good one. You won't find luxury but you will find many things that please you.

Probably the two outstanding points about Kearns are efficiency and speed. You get your first taste of these two attributes at the railroad station in Salt Lake City (14 miles from camp) where you are met by an officer with a fleet of GI trucks. No matter what time of day or night you check into Kearns you are started on the well-oiled processing routine. Your records are checked immediately, and you are assigned to an outfit, a barracks, and you draw bedding. It's still chilly enough up here at night and early morning for two blankets and a comforter.

Your overseas processing really starts the next morning, when a noncom rouses you at the long-forgotten Army hour of 5:30 a.m. You march to breakfast at six, and fall in for first roll-call of the day at seven. There are plenty of roll-calls during the course of a Kearns day.

First stop on the processing tour is at one of the camp theaters, where you are greeted by chaplains of three faiths. It is the first of many talks, including one by a camp intelligence officer who makes clear the pertinent matter in good old AR 380-5. After lunch there are more lectures and movies, most of the latter being familiar to everybody. The first week of your processing consists chiefly of movies, talks, and a records check to ascertain that all pertinent matter is entered on your service record and Form 20. The opportunity is also given to make a will, grant power of attorney, and to authorize allotments and invest in war bonds.

Classification is a private interview. And what a system Kearns has. Hundreds of men are whisked speedily through a maze of booths.

## Low Flying Proves Costly to 2AF Pilot

Colorado Springs, Colo.—A returnee who flew 76 missions and earned the Air Medal with three clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross, First Lieutenant Dayne Kahle, 25, of Ft. Sumner AAB has been sentenced by a 2AF general court-martial to forfeit \$100 a month for 12 months and to be reprimanded for violation of flying regulations.

He was found guilty of flying at an altitude below minimum required by AAF regulations in a fighter plane on or about April 12, near Santa Rosa and Cuervo, N.M. At the latter place his airplane hit an obstruction causing a piece to strike and severely injure a civilian standing some 300 yards away.

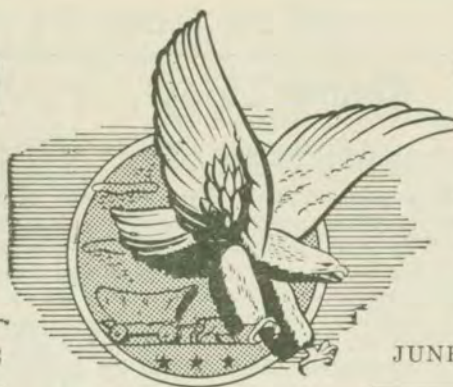
## The Wolf

by Sansone



"Leer, please!"





## Bernie Cummins Band Here Sunday; Will Play for EM and Officers' Dances

Top entertainment attraction of the year for Strother Field personnel will take place Sunday, June 24 when Bernie Cummins and his famous orchestra will play for two dances.

A dance for EM and civilian personnel will be held in the gym at 1500 and the band will play for an Officers' dance Sunday evening.

"Dark Eyes," the theme song of Cummins' band, will open the program of swing and sweet dance music to be presented by the orchestra and vocalists, Jeanne Bennett and Walter Cummins. It is understood that following the Sunday engagement Miss Bennett will leave for Hollywood, Calif., where she is to be given a screen test for appearance in motion pictures. Walter, tenor vocalist and guitarist, is the brother of band-leader Bernie.

## 100 EM and Wacs Receive Promotions

Twelve Wacs and 88 enlisted men of Strother Field received promotions to grades 3, 4, 5 and 6, effective Saturday, June 16. The promotions to grades 3 and 4 were given to members of Squadron M, the Medics.

Following are the names of enlisted personnel now wearing new and additional stripes:

TO STAFF SERGEANT MD Sq M	
Henry J. Plowhead	Jacob W. Ottersbach
TO SERGEANT MD Sq M	
Harold R. Post	Dinos G. Dickos
Don M. Prys	
TO CORPORAL MD Sq M	
George C. Hopkins	Carl Brinkley
Rush Hall	Paul J. Jungmann
AC SQ B	
Alice L. DeMatthews	Irene Lipke
AC SQ C	
Radius Nalls	James W. Sampson
AC SQ A SEC 1	
Erwin F. Dillman	Melvin D. Hughson
Leslie R. Kunze	Morris Bass
John D. Callahan	William H. Gibson
Kenneth L. Graham	Charles B. Haigler
Ralph L. Harris	Haywood L. Hollowell
Kenneth C. Keris	Earl B. Miller
Joseph Miller	Jack G. Riker
Edward L. Smith	Elmer J. Spargur
AC SQ A SEC 3	
Albert P. Boeglin	Glenn R. Zimmerman
Willis W. Adams	Otto D. Argadine
Jack O. Dance	George H. Drysdale
Chandler A. Gibson	Walter C. Gleba
James C. Goad	Harry A. McAllister
Richard H. Peek	Edward S. Reagan

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## Gold Star on Flag for Wac LoRee Williams

A gold star has been added to the service flag in the sub-depot woodmill at Strother Field in memory of the first woman employee of this base to give her life in the service of the nation.

The gold star is for Mrs. LoRee Williams of Arkansas City, who with 17 other members of the WAC and a plane crew of three men, was listed as missing a week as of June 6 while on a 766-mile flight in Africa.

Mrs. Williams, whose parents reside in Geuda Springs, was employed in the production control branch of the maintenance department when she resigned her position to join the WAC on June 1, 1944. She had worked at Strother Field since March 6, 1943.

The service flag bears three gold stars, the first two for Donald Wilson and John Day, former civilian employees of the base who gave their lives while members of the armed forces.

## R-6 Sikorsky Hard to Believeski

The first helicopters to appear at Strother Field came in Monday noon for a strictly military landing, that is by the numbers. Moving slowly northward above the runway the two came to a halt and right-stepped eastward over the ramp and eased to the ground. What a thing to go fishing in or to watch a football game from over the 50-yard line.

Pilots of the helicopters were F/O George Sulz of Emporia, Kans., and Lt. Ray Mabe. Mrs. Ann Morgan, the manager of the Woolworth store in Winfield, is the sister of F/O Sulz. The aircraft were enroute to the field artillery school at Wichita Falls, Tex., from Detroit, Mich.

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## SF Trainees Learn Use of Aerial Rockets

High velocity aerial rockets, dread of enemy land, sea and air forces, are now being used to train fighter pilots at Strother Field, it was disclosed today.

Training in the use of the deadly weapon was begun several weeks ago when Captain Max Hungate, veteran of the air war over Europe, fired the first salvo against a practice target at the Jet, Oklahoma, bomb and gunnery range.

Strother Field pioneered in the use of rockets for gunnery training in the 72nd Fighter Wing, to give fighter pilot trainees the most advanced training ever given in this country. When aerial rockets were first introduced, combat pilots

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## 35 Civilian Employees Get Emblems of Service

Service emblems were awarded to 35 civilian employees of Strother Field at ceremonies on the base Tuesday afternoon. Presentations were made by Lieutenant Colonel Merle W. Allen, director of station services, in the absence of Colonel D. E. Meade.

Colonel Allen commended the employees on the performance of their assigned duties. He said Strother Field civilians had set a worthy example for employees of other bases to follow.

A civilian employee who has served at least six months with the Army Air Forces and who has an efficiency rating of "good" or better is entitled to the Emblem of Service award.

## 36 SF Planes Escort Eisenhower into State

Thirty-six P-47 Thunderbolts from Strother Field took off at 10:40 a.m. Thursday to escort General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Allied commander, into his home state. The formation was led by a squadron commanded by Major Raynor E. Robertson, assistant director of training, and included three squadrons of four flights each. Major Julian Adams and Major John White led the other squadrons.

The Strother Field Fliers were scheduled to meet General Eisenhower's party over Lexington, Mo., at 12:05 p.m. and to escort it to Kansas City. After landing the three big C-54's carrying General Ike's party, the Thunderbolts gave a 20-minute demonstration of defensive formation flying over Kansas City.

Most of the planes sent to Kansas City were piloted by trainees

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Bernie Cummins is a well-known sports prophet in addition to being one of the nation's top band leaders. His predictions in baseball, football and boxing are the marvel of other experts in the country. Last year Cummins picked 13 out of the 15 sectional football leaders and the 1-2-3-4 clubs of the American League and the pennant winner in both leagues. Now he is starting with the Yankees.

### IF THEY CAN DO IT—SO CAN YOU

From the mud of his fox-hole on Okinawa an infantry private recently wrote his widowed mother in Georgia: "I have increased my war bond allotment to \$18.75. If I ever get back home I'll have something to start with."

Buy YANK at the PX.

GI DANCE TONIGHT

SERVICE CLUB 2030

GREAT BEND A.A.F. ORCHESTRA



One of the first two R-6 Sikorsky helicopters to visit Strother Field is shown above as it was posed for a "still" picture by F/O George Sulz of Emporia, Kansas, Tuesday of this week.



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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

(Continued from last week)

A good indication of the position in which the Japanese empire now finds itself lies in the fact that the Japan and Yellow seas, waters traditionally of the greatest possible value to the Nipponese, now present themselves as definite handicaps in the conduct of the war.

For a thousand years of history Japan has used these two comparatively small seas which lie between her home islands and the Korean and North China coasts as a shield against any possible aggression from the Asiatic mainland. More recently a bellicose and "big navy" Japan has used them as highways to conquest of her weaker neighbors and as routes by which to transport the loot of a continent back to Dai Nippon.

More recently still these water routes have become not only luxuries for the lords of Tokyo, but absolute necessities. In Japan itself there is a population of over seventy millions, and although more than half the people engage in agriculture and fisheries, nearly 50% of the total annual food supply must be imported. And all of it must come by water.

Now the American positions at Iwo and at Okinawa lie within bombing range of these vital water routes. Within a comparatively short time the rice of China, the soy flour of Manchuria and all the raw materials and manufactured goods of Asia will pass over the water under the shadow of American bombers. It is quite possible that the vital stream of supplies will dwindle to a mere trickle or be cut entirely. Japan no longer has a navy or an air force that can keep the Americans out. And today a sea route must be defended, can only be defended, by a navy and an air force.

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## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Service Club—Open House 1200-1830. Theater—No showing.	SAT. 23 JUNE
Service Club—Open House—Write those letters home. Gym—Dance 1500. Bernie Cummins orch. For EM and Civilians.	SUN.
Theater—The Corn is Green—Bette Davis, John Dall. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	24 JUNE
Service Club—Free GI Movies and Cookies. Theater—No showing.	MON. 25 JUNE
Service Club—Open House 1200-1800. Theater—Steppin' in Society—Edward Everett Horton, Gladys George. Ten Cents a Dance—Jane Frazee, Jimmy Lloyd. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2015.	TUES. 26 JUNE
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo, checkers, chess, bridge. Free prizes. Theater—Where Do We Go from Here—Fred McMurray, Joan Leslie. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	WED. 27 JUNE
Service Club—G. I. Dance—GSO Girls from Ponca City—2030. Music will be provided by a good orchestra. Theater—Ray Bauduc Orchestra in stage performance. 1830.	THURS. 28 JUNE
Service Club—Section C Party—1930. Theater—That's the Spirit—Jack Oakie, Peggy Ryan. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	FRI. 29 JUNE

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

With big-name orchestras making appearances on the base at this time, Strother Field personnel should not lose sight of the commendable work being done by Capt. Frederick B. Jones, Capt. Freeling H. Clower, Lt. Claude R. Taylor, and the civilians who comprise the Freddie Jones Orchestra. The group has done much to bridge the gap between appearances of outside bands at Strother Field. . . . An interesting character in the world of sports who came up from Dalhart Monday is Cpl. Luke Sapan. Luke was a regular guard on the great Long Island University cage teams from 1940 through 1943, and he played with that outfit against Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl basketball classics of 1942 and 1943. At Dalhart the corporal coached the team that won the Area VIII title in the 2AF League last season. He also played on that team. Before entering service Sapan was athletic director at New York's Manhattan Beach high school. . . . Not many ribbons adorn the chest of T/Sgt. Edwin Kerr, supply NCO who reported here Monday, but he has been around and done things. The sergeant went to England in April, 1942, with the vanguard of American troops, to help set up the first signal supply depot in that country—and to be bombed by German planes on the day of his arrival. In those early days Sgt. Kerr's depot supplied both air and ground forces, and dispatched materials of war to China and Russia as well. The sergeant returned to this country only two months ago after 35 months of service abroad. He is a home-towner to folks in Frankfort, Illinois. . . . Two of the Wacs who reported here this week from Dalhart wear the distinctive yellow-tipped green ribbon denoting service in the WAAC. They are Sgt. Juanita Jackson and Cpl. Elizabeth Pentz.

## ==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

"Sunday is the only day in the week that is mine." Such is the answer that is often given to an invitation to attend Chapel, the thought behind it being that the Army orders our lives on six days of the week, so on Sunday we're going to do just what we want to. Fine! Any soldier can readily appreciate that feeling. But is it as simple as that? Let's analyze and see.

The way we spend our Sundays is a pretty sure indication of our spiritual condition. God has cautioned, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Our spiritual condition rests directly upon the place God occupies in our lives. When we reach the place where the LORD'S Day is wholly spent for SELF, then our spiritual condition is precarious indeed.

If we did not attend the church of our choice last week it is certain that we do not place much value on character. Yet character is the backbone of the nation. Let us remember that since the birth of our nation Sunday has been the character building day, and the church our character building institution.

Do you love America? No American would verbally reply in the negative, but does so actually by his failure to attend church on Sunday. John Ruskin wrote, "Looking back over the history of nations, we may date the beginning of their decline from the moment they ceased to be reverent in heart." Our first president warned us, "The nation that forgets God will not long endure."

So when we are tempted to excuse ourselves by saying, "Sunday is my only day off," remember that serious and eternal things are involved. Attend the service of your faith.

## —CHAPEL SCHEDULE—

Catholic—Mass Sunday a.m. at 8:00. Confessions Sunday a.m. between 7:00 and 8:00. Protestant—Worship Service Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Mid-Week Service Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Thursday at 7:15 p.m. Jewish—Sabbath Service Friday at 8:00 p.m.

## YE LIFTINGS

The snow was falling softly. There was a definite wintertime scene being set. Poetically, the soldier spoke as he tucked his girl friend in the car, "Winter draws on."

Girl: "Is that any of your business?"

She was only the dentist's daughter, but she ran around with the worst set in town.

There was a little girl, who had a little curl, Right in the middle of her forehead; When she was good, she was very good, But when she was bad— She had lots more friends.

And then there was the Pfc. with the "Tarzan Eyes"—they swing from limb to limb.

If a WAC is a lady soldier and a WAVE is a lady sailor, what is a WOC?

A WOC is something wittle boys frow at rabbits.

The guests at a Cairo hotel were awakened one night by wild screaming in the corridor and discovered a beautiful gal in extreme negligee fleeing madly from a gentleman who was, to put it bluntly, peeled. The next day it developed that the impetuous Romeo was an English major. He was promptly court-martialed. His lawyer won his acquittal by virtue of the following paragraph in the army manual: "It is not compulsory for an officer to wear a uniform at all times, as long as he is suitably garbed for the sport in which he is engaged."—W. Winchell.

## Have You Read .

BRAVE MEN by Ernie Pyle.

Ernie Pyle, America's best-loved and most widely read war correspondent died like so many of the men of whom he wrote. But in his book *Brave Men* he left a tribute of understanding and knowledge to the fighting men of this war.

*Brave Men* is based on Pyle's dispatches beginning in July 1943 with the landing on Sicily, follows into Italy and the grim days on the Anzio beachhead. It covers the calm of those last pre-invasion weeks in Britain and follows the smashing drive through France to the liberation of Paris in September 1944.

But Ernie Pyle does more than give a battle-by-battle account. He describes the war in terms of human factors as they affected the American soldier. He introduces several hundred of these same men, giving their hometowns along with other interesting facts. *Brave Men* is honest and rich in the reality of the pathos, sorrow and occasional humor in the lives of the fighting American soldiers.

IT'S IN YOUR POST LIBRARY . . .

## Male Call





## Bauduc Band to Play For EM and Officers

Ray Bauduc, the All-American Drummer, and his orchestra, will make a double appearance at Strother Field Thursday, June 28. A swing stage program will be presented by the group in the post theater at 1830 for enlisted personnel and civilian workers on the base. Dance music will be played by the orchestra for SF officers and their guests at the Officers' Club later in the evening.

Bauduc and his band recently completed an engagement in Denver, Colo., and open tonight at the Blue Moon in Wichita. The orchestra leader played with a number of America's leading musical organizations before forming his band.

## Cpl. V. W. Cory Receives USAFI Certificate

Cpl. Victor W. Cory, Squadron A-3, recently completed the United States Armed Forces Institute course in airplane maintenance, parts I and II, and this week received a certificate for successfully passing the course. Cory, whose home is in Griggsville, Ill., entered service in March, 1943, and came to Strother Field in July, 1944.

### R-6 SIKORSKY

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The helicopters are the Sikorsky model R-6 and are used for rescue work in mountains, timberland and over water. They can attain a speed of 110 miles-per-hour and have a ceiling of 17,000 feet.

The aircraft caused quite a bit of excitement in Winfield on Monday when F/O Sulz "parked" his helicopter above Main street in order to announce his arrival to his sister. The aircraft resumed their flight to Wichita Falls, Tex., Tuesday noon. Rolled out of a hangar onto the ramp the helicopters took off—straight up, moved sideways out over the runway and then headed south. We don't believe it even after seeing it happen.

Female voice to bus driver: "Can't you wait until I get my clothes on?"

And 50 GI's twisted their necks out of joint while the laundress climbed aboard with a basket of clothing.

## Squadron C News

By PFC. JOHN S. LYONS

Returning to the column after a forced furlough (sprained ankle), "no, Joe, the writing wrist was still functioning" the writer wishes to thank Sgt. Taylor for his fine work of reporting.

The next Squadron C dance will be at the Service Club June 29th. The music will be "sessioned" by Alonzo Mills and his "Cats and Kittens."

A large group of Squadron C men attended the dance given by the Boeing employees on June 16th.

The squadron softball team broke even this last week beating the hustling Medics 3-2, Sqd. C. leading 2-0 until the 6th inning and sewing up the game in the last half of the 7th. Armament beat Sqd. C, 9-7, the game going 9 innings. M/Sgt. Washington and Sgt. Reed seem to have the team playing a lot of softball.

## Cpl. M. G. Doherty Receives Discharge

"How is the lad this fine morning?" These familiar words as spoken with an Irish brogue by one of Strother Field's best-known GI's, Cpl. Martin G. (Irish) Doherty, will be heard no more around the base. "Irish" is another 40-year-old who is being discharged from service. He left SF Tuesday for the separation center at Ft. Dix, N.J., and from there will return to civilian life in his hometown of Red Bank, N.J. Doherty entered service in August, 1942 and came to Strother Field during the winter of that year.

### 36 SF PLANES ESCORT

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of the United States Army Air Forces.

Strother Field has also been requested to send a formation of P-47 aircraft to Durant, Okla., on Tuesday, June 26 when Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, deputy commander of the Army Air Forces under Gen. Hap Arnold, chief of the Army Air Force will be given a home town welcome by the people of Durant.

## Quick Check-Up At Kearns ORD for Overseas Replacements

(This is the second in a series of articles prepared for the Prairie Flier by the Kearns Public Relations Office.)

The physical inspection at Kearns is a marvel of rapid efficiency on a wholesale basis. You strip, put your clothes in a bin, then start through the line that moves through various offices. First your teeth are given the once-over and if any work is needed an appointment is scheduled for the following day. Your immunization record is examined and required shots are administered on the spot. Next step is the eye examination booth; if you need glasses you're on the eye clinic appointment roster the following morning. Then comes the desk where complaints of physical disabilities are registered. Passing that, you come to the dog tag machine, where a GI with a sturdy and rapid touch can knock out a new set of tags as fast as you can spell your name. The only officer you encounter is the dentist. All other work is done by GI's. Execution of the entire processing procedure is accomplished by enlisted men, with the aid of efficient Negro Wacs, many of whom work far into the night.

Little new training is given at the ORD. About all you do here is fill in the missing musts on your training record. If you haven't fired the M3 submachine gun you're taken to the range, and that matter is taken care of in 25 rounds. The same is true of the carbine, pistol, and any work that is needed in camouflage, chemical warfare, map reading, or other tactical subjects. But if you have accomplished all these and have been credited with them on your service record and Form 20, you don't have to repeat them. However, a "must" in processing is the intensive five-hour water survival course embodying every phase of water survival procedure.

The GI chow is just about the best army chow you will ever digest. Efficiently operated mess halls convey the idea that the cooks take pride in their work. Next to chow, pay is the most important item to a GI. Kearns takes care of that very efficiently.

## Ft. Sumner Pilot Has 312 Points

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 22—Second Air Force nominates for Number One position in adjusted service ratings Lt. Col. Royal N. Baker of McKinney, Texas, a fighter pilot with a total of 312 points.

During two tours of duty overseas the 26-year-old officer flew 272 combat missions in Africa, Sicily, England and France. Despite his record-breaking point score for 2AF Col. Baker desires to stay in the service.

Here is the breakdown on his service credits:

47 months service .....	47 points
23 months overseas .....	23 points
Air Medal and 35	
Clusters .....	180 points
D. F. C. and 1 Cluster .....	10 points
Silver Star .....	5 points
7 combat stars .....	35 points
Parenthood, 1 child .....	12 points
Total .....	312 points

The wealth of fighter pilot tactics he developed overseas is now being imparted to Second Air Force trainees at Fort Sumner, N. Mex., army air field, where Col. Baker is assistant director of training.

### 100 EM AND WACS

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Jack L. Russel	George L. Sund
Howard S. Terry, Jr.	Sheldon K. Tucker
Charles R. Ritchie	Clayton G. Wright
<b>TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS</b>	
<b>MD Sq M</b>	
Joseph V. McKee	
<b>AC SQ B</b>	
Ira E. Arnold	Betty B. Irish
Alice A. Georges	Florence M. Greene
Verna Hackenberger	Antonia Innocenti
Mary E. Jenkins	Dorothy Nolan
Laura O. Semple	Ruth T. Nerren
<b>AC SQ C</b>	
Douglas Abraham	Newlyn E. Johnson
James Barron	John S. Lyons
Jacob A. Betrand	Henry C. Wright
John M. Abram	Carl E. Dorsey
Joseph D. Berry	James A. James
Jackson Caldwell	Wallace Johnson
Jesse Calender	Wilbert Powell
Vernon Jackson	Eugene Burns
<b>AC SQ A SEC 1</b>	
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Norman E. Graf	Eligius Krojnowski
William McCullough	Robert G. Ryzek
Carl E. Schinzler	Edward N. Smith
Paul E. Williams	Oliver Phillips
Norman Allen Jr.	Ralph S. Burkett
<b>Everett C. Sutton</b>	
<b>AC SQ A SEC 3</b>	
Robert L. Berard	William E. Miller
Lester P. Gooch	Otto A. Goth Jr.
Lewis G. Beverino	Alfred F. Kral
Harrison L. Hopkins	Joseph W. Waresch
Alfred L. Kerkove	Stanley J. Pilchowicz

Her mind was like a bachelor's bed—never made up. . . . She was the kind of a girl who wore the kind of dresses that kept everyone warm but her.

### USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....Win.....Dancing
Ark.....Do-as-you-please
Sun.....Win.....Picnic. Meet USO 6:30
Tues. nite girls in charge
Ark.....Bingo
Mon.....Win.....Voices Recording
Ark.....Juke Box Dance
Tues.....Win.....Bridge and Rummy
Ark.....Ping Pong
Wed.....Win.....Dancing, games, cards
Ark.....Fudge..Pop Corn
Thurs.....Win.....Do-as-you-please
Ark.....Open House
Fri.....Win.....Swimming
Ark.....Bridge..Candy

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



## Protective Coloration





## SF Trainees Take Top PFR Honors; Lt. Arthur Miller Sets New Field Record

Strother Field trainees, with a physical fitness rating of 76.30 for the 98 per cent of combat personnel, led the entire Second Air Force in the recent PFR tests, according to statistics released by Major William B. Reese, head of the physical training unit of the Operations and Training Division, Headquarters, Second Air Force. Another field under supervision of the 72nd Fighter Wing also scored top place when the ground grippers of Brownville, Texas, Army Air Field achieved a rating of 61.11 for 99 per cent of its personnel.

2nd. Lt. Arthur Miller, trainee at Strother Field, set a new record for base personnel with a Physical Fitness score of 93. He performed 114 sit-ups, 24 chin-ups and ran the 300-yard shuttle distance in 46 seconds.

In the combat training division, Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Ariz., was Strother Field's closest competitor with a PFR of 65, with Sioux City, Iowa, AAF in third place with a rating of 64.88. All tested about 98 per cent of the combat trainees.

Trailing Brownsville in the static and ground division were the following wing leaders: Clovis AAF, 57; Ardmore, Okla., AAF, 56.23; McCook, Nebr., AAF, 55.10. Several stations had higher PFR's than those listed above but were in the same wings as leaders shown here.

Strother Field ground personnel had an average PFR of 51.5, for enlisted men. The average score for officers was 55.7 per cent, according to statistics compiled by the local physical training department.

### STROTHER FIELD FLIERS

#### Cpl. Arthur Shultz

One of the outstanding baseball players on the Strother Field team is Cpl. Art Shultz, a veteran of two seasons with the Fliers. Winner of three games during 1944, Shultz has been unable to make many appearances on the mound this year due to a sore arm. He has proved valuable to the Fliers however, playing in the outfield and hitting .338. His long distance hitting has resulted in many runs being scored by the SF team.

Shultz was born in Plymouth, Indiana, and is the son of a former minor league pitcher. He attended high school in Mishawaka, Ind., and played two years of American Legion ball at Mishawaka. His team won six state tourney games with Shultz on the mound in four of those games.

### Headquarters Leads In Softball League

The Headquarters team continued to lead the softball league when it defeated "A" Flight Wednesday, 5 to 1. The Medics were beaten by Communications, 12 to 11, in an extra-inning game. The Medics led 7 to 1 at one time in the game.

#### SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Headquarters	3	1	.750
Armament	2	1	.666
Squadron C	3	2	.600
Communications	2	3	.400
Fighter Control	1	2	.333
Flight A	1	3	.250

### Fliers Defeat Kanotex To Win First-half Pennant

The Strother Field Fliers made a clean sweep of the first-half pennant in the Arkansas City baseball league when they walloped the Kanotex Oilers, 1944 titleholders, by a score of 22 to 3 in a game played Tuesday night in the Ark City ball park.

Klimas, SF catcher, made his first appearance of the season on the mound for the Fliers. He not only pitched 2-hit ball but banged out a homerun. He now leads the A. C. League in four-base hits, the one Tuesday being his third of the season.

The Fliers defeated all five opponents in the league during the first half of season play. Maurer-Neuer Packers lost 4-10, Dubbs All-Stars, 1-2, Santa Fe, 9-20, A. C. Beavers, 0-16, Kanotex 3-22. The Fliers totaled 70 runs in the five games, an average of 14 per game. Their opponents totaled 16 runs for an average of 3 1-5 per game.

### Fliers Lose to Boeing Team

After leading for six innings by a score of 2 to 1, the Strother Field Fliers lost a baseball game Wednesday night in Wichita to the Boeing B-29'ers. The Wichita team scored three runs in the final seventh inning to win 4 to 2. Richardson pitched for Strother Field.

### Win Three Bouts In Denver Boxing Show

Strother Field boxers, performing in the Denver war bond show before a crowd of 6,000 fans last week, won three of their four matches and helped push the "box receipts" to \$2,618,375 worth of war bonds.

Pvt. Charles Gwynn, 147-pounds, of Squadron C, lost the decision to Lou Dundee Lazzara of Lowry Field, Colorado, in a match generally hailed by sports writers as the outstanding event of the card.

Pvt. Joe McKee of the Medics, 2AF bantamweight champion, who weighed in at 108 pounds, knocked out Lynn Bell of Kearney, Nebraska, when their match was but one minute old.

Sgt. Ray Muchowich, in his first ring appearance since 1943, and who gave 27 pounds in the heavy-weight class, knocked out Willie Gibson of Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming, a minute after the second round got under way. Muchowich's weight was recorded as 183 pounds, his opponent's as 210.

Cpl. Jimmie Roberts of Strother Field won the three-round decision over Reginald Gillis of Fort Francis E. Warren. Both men weighed an even 135 pounds.

All of the matches were refereed by the famous Jack Dempsey, former champion heavyweight of the world and now a commander in the U.S. Navy.

### Boxers Defeat Pratt In 3 of 5 Bouts

Members of the Strother Field boxing team continued their winning streak when they defeated Pratt, Kans., Army Air Field, in 3 out of 5 bouts on a card held in Pratt Tuesday night.

Pfc. Joseph McKee, 2AF bantamweight champion, knocked out his opponent at Pratt in the third round of their bout. The "little man with the big left" really laid one on his opponent, his seconds working for 5 minutes to get him back on his feet following the end of the match.

Cpl. Jimmy Roberts, lightweight, dropped his opponent for the 10-count after 49 seconds of the first round. Roberts' flashy style and terrific punching proved too much for the Pratt fighter.

Sgt. Ray Muchowich, SF heavy-weight, won his match by default.

Pvt. Charles Gwynn, welter-weight, lost a close decision in a slugging match with a former collegiate wrestling champion. The bout was judged the best on the card by the spectators.

Pvt. Joseph Giordano, middle-weight, lost in his first appearance for Strother Field and lost by a default. His lack of conditioning resulted in his inability to finish the final round of the bout.

A return engagement with the Pratt team and representatives of other 2AF base teams is planned for the near future. The card will probably be held in Winfield.

#### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

##### WEEK JUNE 22-29

Friday, June 22—Herington AAB, there  
Sunday, June 24—Topeka AAB, Ponca City  
Tuesday, June 26—Jefferson Barracks, there  
Thursday, June 28—Kantotex at Arkansas City

#### SF TRAINEES LEARN

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received training in their use at foreign bases.

The bomb and gunnery section at Strother, commanded by Major Donald W. McLeod, supervises rocket firing. The section uses only latest model bubble-canopy type P-47's, each equipped to carry four two-and-a-quarter-inch training rockets.

A special target for use in conjunction with the firing of sub-caliber rockets has been designed by Major Samuel Carter of the bomb and gunnery section. Based on material obtained in Army and Navy manuals, the target consists of a large circle through which are drawn coordinate lines that intersect at right angles in the center. Large numbers along these lines are visible from two observation towers, enabling observers at the Jet range to record directly from the towers the scores made by trainee pilots.

Actual rocket shooting follows several hours of ground school, during which trainees see Army and Navy films on the use of this powerful weapon, listen to lectures by pilots who have observed its use in combat, and examine inert rockets of various types on display in the office of Lt. William Payne, base training aide officer.

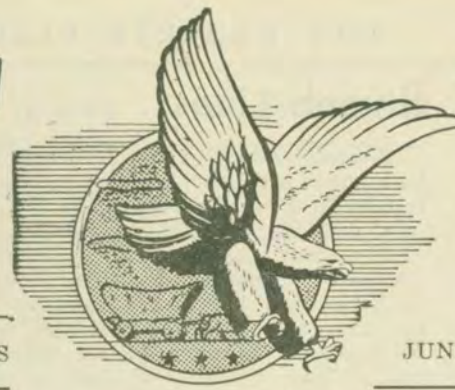
The P-47 used in combat is equipped with racks for launching ten five-inch rockets, giving the plane the salvo fire power of a light cruiser (armed with ten five-inch guns).

### The Wolf

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## Lt. Louis H. Percy Named Base Adjutant

Strother Field's new adjutant is Second Lieutenant Louis H. Percy of Philadelphia, veteran pilot who first entered service with the Royal Canadian Air Force in March, 1941. He succeeds Captain Edgar F. Hamilton, who is being transferred to Greenville, Texas.

Lt. Percy trained in Canada with the RCAF and went overseas as a sergeant pilot in March of 1942. Two months later he returned to Canada to transfer to the USAAF as a staff sergeant. He was appointed a flight officer in February, 1943, and commissioned a second lieutenant in April, 1944.



For five months in 1943, Lt. Percy served in the Aleutian Islands, where he was stationed on the same base as Col. D. E. Meade, SF station commander. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with one battle star for action against the Japanese in the Aleutians. At that time Lt. Percy was flying an A-24 dive-bomber. For the RCAF he had flown Hurricanes and Warhawks.

The new adjutant was an advertising executive and public relations director in his father's firm, the L. H. Percy Advertising Agency of Philadelphia, New York, and Norfolk, Va., before joining the RCAF. He is a graduate of Olney High School and Drexel Institute of Philadelphia.

Lt. and Mrs. Percy and their 21-months-old daughter, Patricia, are living in Arkansas City.

The Personal Conference Hour, formerly held in the Air Inspectors Office, building 2403, the second Monday of each month, will be held once each week in the future, in accordance with Headquarters Second Air Force Regulation 120-2. The weekly conference hour will be held on Mondays at 1300.

## Receives Utilization Award for Third Time

Strother Field is the first station in the Second Air Force to win the civilian manpower utilization plaque for three consecutive months. The achievement gives Strother permanent possession of the plaque, an ornamented picture of a B-29 which bears the record of awards in the Second Air Force.

Strother first won the award in March, when its rate of turnover among civilian employees was the lowest in 2AF, and again in April. Notice has been received that the local base also won the award for May, giving it a record in the effective use of civilian manpower.

Civilian personnel officer at Strother Field is Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth Wolf. Lieutenant Colonel Merle W. Allen, as director of administration and services, exercises supervision over all personnel matters.

## 'Jolly Times,' USO-Camp Show, Coming July 5

"JOLLY TIMES," coming to the post theater, Thursday, July 5, presents a colorful, snappy brand of entertainment designed by USO-Camp Shows to please everyone.

This show is plenty hep with sparkling comedy, smooth rhythm, and amazing novelties, moving from start to finish in a jive tempo calculated to leave no room for boredom,—and there is no admission charge.

## Encircled The Earth In Army Air Force Service

After three and one-half years as a globe trotter with Uncle Sam's Army Air Forces, during which he completely encircled the earth, S/Sgt. Melvin A. Justice of Fort Worth, Texas, a new arrival at Strother Field, will settle for anything, any place, just so it's in the U.S.A. There's nothing about the U.S.A. he'd swap for the lush vegetation of the South Pacific, the oil of Australia, the resources of China or the so-called splendor—or the filth—of India.

Justice was with the earliest expeditionary force sent from the United States to the South Pacific. He traveled on a tramp steamer converted into a troop carrier and as part of a large convoy of ships which ran into a storm of battle in the Java Sea in February, 1942. First the Langley, aircraft carrier, was sunk, then the Houston, a cruiser, and then the Pecos, a tanker. So close was the storm of battle of these ill-fated ships that

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## Strother Field Personnel Invited To Winfield Celebration July 4

Military and civilian personnel of Strother Field are invited to attend a gala Fourth of July celebration to be held in Winfield next Wednesday. Military personnel, excepting skeleton crews, will be off duty, according to announcement from Post Headquarters.

## Field Reaches 92% Of War Bond Quota

Forging steadily ahead in the Mighty Seventh War Loan drive, Strother Field military and civilian personnel will reach their \$87,000 quota, if, and only if, cash purchases continue at the good rate maintained the past two weeks, 1st Lt. Everett Phillips, war bond officer, announced today.

In the interval between June 11 and June 25, soldiers and civilians of the base invested \$18,480 cash in war bonds to push the field total to date to \$80,800.

The Strother Field drive is slated to end July 7. That means that seven purchasing days remain for air base personnel to help put the Strother Field Mighty Seventh across the goal—\$1,000 cash for every day.

## IG Inspection Next Week

A party of inspectors from the Inspector General's department, Second Air Force, will visit Strother Field next week, beginning July 5, to conduct the annual general inspection of this station and command for the fiscal year of 1946.

Lt. Col. Waldene F. Luke, assistant inspector general from Second Air Force, will head the delegation

Entertainment features planned for that day will include attractions of great variety which will begin early Wednesday morning and wind up with the night boxing show for which Strother Field will furnish half the talent.

Beginning at 0900 a fishing contest will be held at Island Park. A separate prize for service men will be given if a sufficient number enter the contest. Participants will use live bait and the one catching the most fish in one hour will be awarded the prize. Military personnel who will be available to take part and who desire to do so should contact the Public Relations

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## West Point Graduates Arrive for Training

The first West Point graduates to be assigned to Strother Field for P-47 training reported last week from Lincoln, Nebraska. They are First Lieutenants Howard N. Tanner, Jr., of Clearwater, California, and Alan C. Edmunds, of New York City.

The officers graduated from the U. S. Military Academy June 6, 1944. Before going to the officer pool at Lincoln they had been flight instructors at Craig Field, Alabama.



Enlisted men of Strother Field and their guests are shown dancing to the music of Bernie Cummins' orchestra in the post gym Sunday afternoon.



## THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Japan is learning now what other nations have learned to their cost; that the strength of any purely defensive position, whether it be the French Maginot line or the Nipponese ring of fortified islands, is only a fallacy unless supported by effective offensive striking power.

There is still a Japanese Imperial Navy, still a Japanese air force. Both are formidable in themselves. Compared to the mobilized power of America, however, neither is strong enough to take the offensive. They can fight, but only defensively. And so, in actuality, neither can any longer decide the issue in favor of Japan.

All the lessons of World War II tend to show that in this war a defensive battle can only delay defeat.

At Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and in the Philippines the Jap ground forces held defensive positions of potentially tremendous strength. The approaches were by air and water and the initiative lay with the Americans from the start. At all these places the Japs were decisively defeated.

Had their air forces and fleets been strong enough to fight offensively, to retake the initiative and drive off the Americans, Japan might have won these battles. But, except for the one sea battle off the Philippines, the Jap planes and ships could not take the offensive. They fought defensively and had only a nuisance value. Accordingly the battles were lost.

This is a pattern which we may expect and hope to see repeated as new hammer blows strike ever closer to the heart of Japanese strength. It is a pattern that will not be changed by any number of suicide pilots or "samurai" heroics. So long as the initiative remains with the Americans, the end is predetermined.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Service Club—Open House 1200-1830. Theater—Twice Blessed—Preston Foster, Gail Patrick. Short subjects.	SAT. JUNE 30
Service Club—Open House—Write those letters home. Theater—Out of This World—Eddie Bracken, Veronica Lake, Diana Lynn. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. JULY 1
Service Club—Free GI Movies and Cookies. Theater—No showing.	MON. JULY 2
Service Club—Open House 1200-1800. Theater—Bells of Rosarita—Roy Rogers, Dale Evans. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2015.	TUES. JULY 3
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo, checkers, chess, bridge. Free prizes. Theater—Thrill of a Romance—Van Johnson, Esther Williams, Lauritz Melchior. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	WED. JULY 4
Service Club—G. I. Dance—GSO Girls from Ark City and Winfield—2030. Music by Capt. Jones Orchestra. Theater—USO-Camp Show, "Jolly Times." One showing at 2000.	THURS. JULY 5
Service Club—Section C Party—1930. Theater—Within the Walls—Thomas Mitchell, Mary Anderson. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	FRI. JULY 6

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

*Nostalgia:* One of the Brazilian trainees here put in a telephone call to Rio de Janeiro last week, got his party, talked for 70 minutes, paid the bill—\$350. . . . *It's a fact:* A radio mechanic, an armorer and a truck driver who served together in the 376th Bomb Group in Africa and Italy for 15 months—and at the same base—got acquainted only this week, on their way to SF from the reassignment pool at Lincoln. They returned to the U. S. on the same boat, too. The men are, in order of assignments listed above, S/Sgt. Ralph Charles, Cpl. Harry Heimlich, and Pfc. Russell Carver. . . . *Ditto:* Two men who lived less than three miles apart all their lives, had been trained in the same three Army schools, and who had been stationed at the same base and doing the same kind of work for 18 months, became acquainted on their way here from Boca Raton, Fla., this week. They are Cpl. Irving Langer and Cpl. Robert Kovar, both of Worcester, Mass. . . . *Good deal:* 2nd Lt. Mabel B. Merring, Army Nurse Corps, reported here Monday from Lemoore, Calif., for duty at the station hospital. She is the wife of Lt. Merton J. Merring, base classification officer. . . . *Good work:* A certificate of commendation just received by S/Sgt. Frank Branka, SF crew chief, from Major General F. Gilbreath, CG, South Pacific Base Command, gives him credit for, among other things, "rounding up enemy troops who had infiltrated through our lines." . . . *Used-to-be:* The big white-haired noncom who was known at the Officers' Mess as Sgt. Clifford Tilton is now Mister Tilton. Life begins at 40. . . . *Loss:* SF lost a good boxer this week when 2nd Lt. Harold R. "Junior" O'Neill was transferred to Pratt. Sgt. Ray Muchowich may soon have to provide an opponent for Junior. SF takes on the Pratt pugilists in an Independence Day match at Winfield. . . . *Umpire:* Pfc. John R. "Toby" Tobias, GI umpire at Ark. City League baseball games in which SF participates, was in the boiler-making trade in civilian life. And now supporters of civilian clubs in the league say he is making them boil.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Many startling and thought provoking stories have come out of Pearl Harbor. We now have the Navy's semi-official "Battle Report" which tells of the battleship, "West Virginia," which was sunk there. When this ship was raised months later, a mute record chalked on a bulkhead showed that three of her trapped men lived in a water-tight compartment, deep within her, in blackness and in terror and in fear, without food or water for 16 days. On the day before Christmas Eve they succumbed.

One shudders at the awfulness of the death which these men must have endured. But his feelings will be intensified a thousand-fold when he stops to remember that only 40 feet above them a tropical sun blazed in all its glory. Only this short distance separated them from an abundance of life, health, food and companionship—yet they were lost!

We call upon you to realize that there is a striking parallel to this story in the spiritual realm. The human race is trapped in the darkness, suffering and terror of sin. While it struggles hopelessly and helplessly to liberate itself, and its life slowly slips away, all that a mighty God can give it is near at hand for its deliverance. God has made redemption so accessible, yet so many perish for lack of fellowship with God. Why perish in the darkness and the awfulness of sin when the light and life of God are just above you and yours for the asking!

Catholic—Confessions Sunday from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
Protestant—Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Mid-Week Service Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Thursday at 7:15 p.m.  
Jewish—Sabbath Worship Service Friday at 8:00 p.m.

## YE LIFTINGS

Private: "Honey, your lips are wet with the dew of passion."

Gal: "Sonny, that ain't dew—it's don't!"

Cpl: "I want to die with my boots on."

Gal: "Well, put 'em on. Here comes my husband."

Pfc: "You're one in a million, kid."

Gal: "So are your chances."

"Does your boy friend have ambitions?"

"Oh, my, yes, ever since he's been knee-high."

"Bill is nice, but I think men are trying at times."

"All the time, dearie, all the time."

A sophisticated girl is the kind who can take a cigarette from the ash tray just like she'd been smoking it in the first place.

Sign on a shack at the fork of a mountain road in the backwoods of Tennessee: "Don't ask for information—if we knew anything we wouldn't be here."

Officer: "Where did you get that black eye?"

Sgt.: "In the war, sir."

Officer: "What war?"

Sgt.: "The Boudoir."

An hour's ride from San Antonio is Comfort, Texas, flanked by two other little villages, Alice and Louise. The single auto camp bears the following slogan—"Sleep in Comfort, between Alice and Louise."

At a formal banquet given for some returned flying officers, a young Jaygee found himself sitting next to a high-hat dowager with a very low-cut gown. All through the dinner she ignored him, but finally condescended to speak. Gazing haughtily through her lorgnette at his uniform she said loftily, "I see you're naval."

"That's all right, madame," he answered, smiling, "I see yours too."

She: I see dark spots before my eyes.

G.I.: Yes; I'm planning to park in one of them.

## Orchids . . . . .

To the crew chiefs and mechanics of Section A Engineering whose efforts made possible the General Eisenhower escort mission to Kansas City, Mo., last week. By working through the previous night installing fuel tanks on 36 P-47's the flight was able to take off on scheduled time for the mission.

## Male Call





## WAC Detachment News

By CPL. ALICE  
DEMATTHEWS



Our gals have done it again; the WAC softball team defeated the Sub-Depot girls team by the score of 9 to 2.

Goodbyes are in order for Pvt. Margaret Kirkpatrick, who has been transferred to the Ft. Sam Houston separation center. Pfc. Margaret Phillips and Betty Irish who have received honorable discharges.

We welcome the following new members of our squadron: Sgts. Mary A. Chambers, Jaunita T. Jackson, Cpls. Elizabeth K. Pentz, Dorothy S. Palmer, Jaunita I. Robertson, Pfc. Anne M. Johnson, Thelma R. Brown, Lois A. Wimsott, Josephine G. Quintillia, Rose M. Bariuch, Pfts. Florence C. Jarowitz, Bonnie L. Jeffries, Helen R. Lawrence.

## Amber of the Fair Hair Arrives at Post Library

In reply to constant demands, the Post Library staff wishes to announce that "Her Grace, the Duchess of Ravenspur," familiar to most as Amber, is now in the library, available by appointment only. The waiting list forms at the charge desk. Step in anytime, from 1030 to 2200, Monday through Friday; 0800 to 1700, Saturdays; and Sundays 1400 to 2200—building 1902.

Baseball and Boxing at Winfield  
The Fourth of July

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Dancing
	Ark.....	Do-as-you-please
Sun.....	Win.....	Do-as-you-please
	Ark.....	Bingo
Mon.....	Win.....	Voice Recording
	Ark.....	Juke Box Dance
Tues.....	Win.....	Bridge and Rummy
	Ark.....	Ping Pong
Wed.....	Win.....	Dancing, games, cards
	Ark.....	Fudge, Pop Corn
Thurs.....	Win.....	Field Dance
	Ark.....	Open House
Fri.....	Win.....	Swimming
	Ark.....	Bridge, Candy

## WD Approves Victory Medal for World War II

Approval by the War Department and the House Military Affairs Committee of a general "victory" medal to commemorate service in World War II was reported last week by Army Times in a Washington dispatch. The House bill would authorize the medal for any person who served honorably on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or the Philippines government at any time between Dec. 7, 1941, and the end of the war. Posthumous awards are authorized by the bill.

The measure would permit the medal to be worn by those who remain in uniform after the war. An earlier bill authorized a World War II victory medal for wear only after discharge.

## Open NCO Extension For Sqd. C Members

An extension of the Strother Field non-commissioned officers' club for use by members of Squadron C is to be officially opened tonight in building 2114.

Following extensive redecoration by members of the squadron the building is now ready for use. The east section of the structure will be known as the Tropical Room. It contains an attractive bar with canopy and tables and chairs. The west section of the building has been equipped with comfortable divans and chairs and will also be used for dancing.

The tropical scenes painted on the wall panels are the work of Pfc. Alden Craig of the Special Service Department. S/Sgt. H. W. Ward of Squadron C will be the NCO extension manager.

## Vocational Kit at Library

The Army Vocational Kit, a job information service of the Special Service Department, has been moved from the service club to the library. The data on job opportunities in many fields of employment is now available to military personnel in the library.

Overheard—Wonder if I should wear the baby's training pants to that beer bust?

## Willie and Joe Get a Shave; What to Do Now?



"If ya see Willie, tell him Joe's lookin' fer him. He swiped my razor."  
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## Squadron C News

By PFC. JOHN S. LYONS

A squadron dance will be held tonight in the service club with Capt. Jones Orchestra providing the music. Girls from Ponca City, Wichita, Winfield and Ark City will attend.

A softball game between Squadron C and Pratt AAF's Squadron C is scheduled for Sunday at Pratt. Plans call for a return game here on July 8. Pratt plans on sending its "jump" band when the return game is played at Strother Field.

All squadron members interested in forming a choir and quartette see Sgt. Meredith Knox. If you can play any musical instrument report to S/Sgt. Berry Branch.

New York (CNS)—Boyish Sgt. Bill Mauldin, creator of Willie and Joe, figures in his "Up Front" cartoon in Stars and Stripes, plans to bring his grimy heroes back to the States and civilian life. So he told reporters who met him on his arrival here from Europe.

"I think it wise," the 23-year-old Pulitzer Prize winner said, "to follow them through and see what happens to them. They experienced induction, training, and a long period of war and now they are coming home."

Time magazine quoted him further on the subject: "They (Joe and Willie) do not need pity because you do not pity brave men. They simply need bosses who will give them a little time to adjust their minds and their hands, and women who are faithful to them, and friends and families who stay by them until they are the same guys who left years ago." Willie and Joe have been slicked up and shaved. Their point totals have not been revealed, but Mauldin himself has 131. When he was decorated recently with the Legion of Merit, he intimated to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney that he would apply for a discharge. How the Army will feel about that remains to be seen.

If the Army declines to release the young artist, and sends him to the Pacific to record the war against the Japs, another question arises. Will he have the same freedom in portraying the bitterness and misery of war and Army life as he had in Europe?



Sgt. Bill Mauldin

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

## Side Issue





## SF Boxers to Meet Pratt AAF In 4th of July Card at Winfield

A boxing card featuring teams from Strother Field and the Pratt Army Air Field will be held in Stewart Gymnasium, Winfield, next Wednesday evening, the 4th of July, beginning at 2030.

On the 10-bout card at least six SF boxers will appear against Pratt opponents. The remaining bouts will feature local talent from Winfield. Strother Field fighters will include Pfc. Joseph McKee, 2AF bantamweight champ; Pvt. Charles Gwynn, lightweight; Cpl. Jimmy Roberts, welterweight; Pvt. Joseph Girodano, 155-pounder; Pfc. Saul Grogan, middleweight; Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, heavy-weight. Lt. Harold O'Neill, featherweight, was scheduled to meet a Smoky Hill AAF opponent on the card but the former was transferred to Pratt this week and it is not known whether he will be allowed to represent SF on the card the night of the Fourth.

The Strother Field team recently defeated Pratt in 3 of 5 bouts and, it is understood that the latter team is out for revenge on next Wednesday's program.

## T-Sgt. Williams Now Stationed in Arkansas

The Strother Field baseball team lost one of its most valuable players this week with the transfer to Blytheville Army Air Field, Stringer, Ark., of T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, centerfielder and relief hurler.

Williams came to Strother Field last year when the Second Air Force took over the operation of this installation. He starred on the Flier team during the 1944 season as well as with this year's club. He has been clean-up hitter both seasons and this year has been hitting well over .300.

He has been non-commissioned officer in charge of the Base Unit Supply during his one-year stay at Strother Field.

## STROTHER FIELD FLIERS

### T/Sgt. Walter J. Klimas

Leading the Arkansas City League in home runs and batting .340 is T/Sgt. Walter J. Klimas, catcher and hurler on the 1945 Strother Field Fliers baseball team.

Klimas played sandlot baseball in Chicago and while attending Harper high school in that city was awarded seven letters for athletic participation, four in football, one each in baseball, swimming and basketball. During his high school football career he threw two touchdown passes that beat Austin high school on which team Bill DeCorrevant, sensational star, played safety. Klimas participated as a javelin thrower against European All-Star track team, throwing for the Chicago All-Stars.

T/Sgt. Klimas has 96 points for service in the Army Air Force and plans to try out with the Toledo, Ohio, baseball club of the American Association if discharged from service in the near future.

## Fliers Beat Topeka In 2nd Air Force Game

The Strother Field Fliers snapped the Topeka Army Air Field three-game winning streak last Sunday in Ponca City, defeating the Liberators, 8 to 6 in a thrilling game. Topeka had met and defeated Pratt, Ardmore and Ft. Riley teams on three consecutive days before tangling with the Fliers.

Klimas, regular catcher, took the mound against Topeka and did an excellent job along with his teammates to win the Fliers' second game in six played in the district Second Air Force League. This gives the Fliers a percentage of .333 in league standings. In the final frame with the bases loaded and only one Topeka player out, Williams, catcher, took over the mound duty and held the visitors scoreless.

## Herington Defeats Fliers by Score of 11 to 1

Herington Army Air Field continued its hot winning streak last Friday when it defeated the Strother Field Fliers 11 to 1 in a 2AF game played at Herington.

Errors on the part of SF contributed greatly to the Herington victory. Herington collected 11 runs on 10 hits and the Fliers scored one run on four hits made by them. Cpl. Arthur Schultz pitched for the Fliers.

A pessimist thinks all women are immoral. The optimist merely hopes so.

## The Wolf

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"What difference does it make how we pair off?"



Jeanne Bennett, vocalist, is shown with dance-band leader Bernie Cummins, during the GI swing session in the post gym Sunday afternoon.

## SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Headquarters	4	2	.664
Squadron C	3	2	.600
Medics	3	2	.600
Armament	3	3	.500
Fighter Control	2	3	.400
Communications	2	3	.400
Flight A	2	3	.400

## BASEBALL

### WEEK JUNE 29—JULY 6

Friday, June 29—Ardmore AAB, there.  
 Sunday, July 1—Phillips 66, Bartlesville, Okla.  
 Tuesday, July 3—Maurer-Neuer at Arkansas City.  
 Wednesday, July 4—Planeview at Winfield.  
 Friday, July 5—Walker AAF at Victoria, Kansas.

## Fliers Meet Planeview Indians on July 4th

The Strother Field Fliers will meet the Planeview Indians of Wichita in a Fourth of July baseball game to be played at Winfield. The game is scheduled to begin at 1430 and Cpl. W. W. Richardson will pitch for the Fliers.

The Fliers defeated the Planeview team 6 to 1 in an early season game. Richardson also pitched for SF in that game and allowed only 5 hits.

The baseball game is part of the holiday entertainment program to take place during the day and evening of the Fourth.

## ENCIRCLED THE EARTH

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men aboard the converted tramp steamer heard the thunder of their guns. Then, suddenly, the steamer turned from its course and headed, blackedout, for Ceylon, and then to a port in India.

For three months Justice was stationed in India, but in December, 1942, he went to China to remain for 25 long months.

A good old American baseball game led to the adoption of the six-year-old daughter of a Kunming washwoman by a group of 150 soldiers. Fun-loving GI's nicknamed the tot Susie.

Ultimately they came to care enough about Susie they assumed responsibility for her education in China and for a trip to the United States when she had completed that course. One of the number, confident that by that time he would be prospering sufficiently in peacetime occupations to assume her educational responsibilities in this country, obligated himself to look after her wants in the United States provided she could be brought here. That called for some figuring. Collectively, the group decided that each man would contribute \$20 a month from his pay for several months toward the child's education. A fund of several thousand dollars was created, trustees appointed, the child's mother's permission secured, and the papers signed. That's where things stand now.

## FOURTH OF JULY

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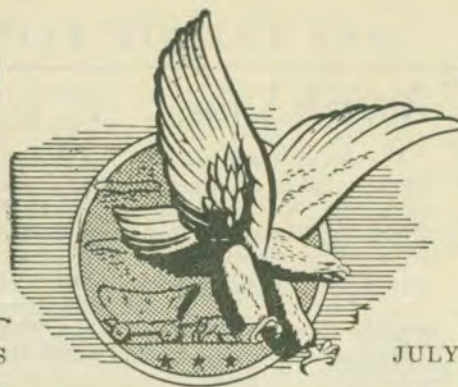
Office immediately.

Speed boat racing on the park lagoon is scheduled for 1015. Swimming events by townspeople and demonstrations by Strother Field divers will take place in the municipal pool at 1045.

A picnic will be held in the park at noon. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a basket lunch. A horseshoe pitching contest, shuffleboard and other games will be played following the picnic.

The Strother Field Fliers will play the Planeview Indians from Wichita in a ball game scheduled for 1430 and in the evening, at 2030, the SF boxing team will meet the Pratt AAF team in Stewart Gym. Admission prices for the baseball game and for the boxing show will be 25c for military and 50c for civilian personnel.





## Base Designated Post-Graduate Fighter Pilot Training Station

Strother Field Monday became the post-graduate fighter pilot training station of the Second Air Force.

Change of mission of the local base was announced by Col. D. E. Meade, commanding officer, upon completion of large movements of trainee pilots to and from Strother Field.

Over the week-end all trainees who had not completed their P-47 transition training at Strother were transferred to other 72nd Fighter Wing bases. In exchange, Strother received from the several other stations in the Wing all trainees who had already completed transition training.

The change did not affect personnel other than the trainee pilots concerned. A net gain of trainees and airplanes for Strother Field resulted.

Lt. Col. George C. Deaton, director of operations and training, said the shift would not cause any notable change in the training program. He said considerable advanced instructions would continue to be given fighter pilots awaiting commitment to tactical units, including further bombing and gunnery practice.

Simultaneous with the change in the training status of Strother Field was the arrival of a group of Mexican fliers, who, along with three groups of Brazilians now in training here, will constitute the international element among the trainees. The Mexicans came here from Majors Field, Greenville, Texas, which ceased to function as a 72nd Wing fighter pilot station as a result of the change in the Wing's training program.

## Former Instructors And Cadets Return

Six Strother Field old timers checked in here this week with trainees arriving from Fort Sumner, New Mexico, to continue their P-47 Thunderbolt training as post graduates.

Two of the fliers—Capt. Fredrick B. Koehler and 1st Lt. Glenn P. Otto—were instructors here when Strother Field was a basic flying school of the Central Flying Training Command. Koehler was flight commander at the center-stage from January to May of 1944. Otto, an SF instructor from March, 1943, to June, 1944, was a member of the winning basketball team in SF competition.

The other four are 2nd Lt. Leslie Szunyog, a cadet with class 43-J; 2nd Lt. James Donly, class 44-A; 2nd Lt. John W. Goyen, Jr., class 44-E; 2nd Lt. Orville L. Stover, class 44-I.

## Posthumous Award Of Medal of Honor To Strother Graduate

Strother Field today added to its roll of honor the name of Lieutenant Donald Dale Puckett of Boulder, Colorado, aviation cadet in Class 43-I, who has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. He is the first Strother Field graduate known to have been awarded the medal, highest bestowed by the United States upon members of its armed forces.

The official citation accompanying the medal presented to his widow, Mrs. Lorene J. Pucket of Boulder, is as follows:

"First Lieutenant Donald D. Pucket, Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group (H), pilot of a B-24 bomber, took part in a highly effective attack against vital oil installations in Polesti, Romania, on July 9, 1944.

"Just after 'bombs away' the plane received heavy and direct hits from antiaircraft fire. One crew member was instantly killed and six others severely wounded. The airplane was badly damaged; two engines were knocked out, the control cables cut, the oxygen system on fire, and the bomb bay flooded with gas and hydraulic fluid.

"Regaining control of his crippled plane, Lt. Pucket turned its direction over to the co-pilot. He calmed the crew, administered first aid and surveyed the damage.

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## Bauduc Band to Play Two Dances July 13-14

Ray Bauduc, the All-American Drummer, and his GI Band, that appeared at Strother Field June 28 in a stage show for EM and later played for dancing in the Officers' Club, will return here next Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14.

The band will play for an EM dance in the post gymnasium on Friday night and for an officers' dance on Saturday.

All but four members of the Bauduc organization are discharged veterans of World War II. Bauduc was at one time drummer with the Bob Crosby Bobcat orchestra.

## Lt. Tarnoff Returns To Strother Field

1st. Lt. Beatrice Tarnoff, assistant special service officer at Strother Field from Dec. 10, 1943 until June 28, 1944, returned to this 72nd Fighter Wing base to take over her old job Monday of this week, nearly a year to the day after her departure.

Lt. Tarnoff reported to Second Air Force Headquarters, Colorado Springs, Colo., upon leaving Strother Field last year. Two months later she was assigned as assistant SSO at the Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kans., where she remained until coming here.

One of four WAC officers stationed at SF while the field was in operation under the Central Flying Training Command, Lt. Tarnoff was the only WAC officer to remain here when the 2AF took over operation of the base in June, 1944.

Her home is in New York City, N. Y. She attended Brooklyn College where she received her bachelor's degree in liberal arts, then University of Michigan where she received her master's degree in education together with another AB degree in library science. Lt. Tarnoff enlisted in the WAC in December, 1942.

## Promotions For Five SF Officers

Promotion of five Strother Field officers to the grade of captain was announced Monday by base headquarters. Those promoted from first lieutenant were: Howard L. Hawley, signal supply officer; Leo J. Hayes, squadron commander; Fred R. Hundley, aircraft engineering officer; Morton L. Levy, supervisor of maintenance; William A. Kanzinger, director of food services.

## Capt. Clower Lost 22 Days in Jap Area

Capt. Freeling Clower of Bushnell, Ill., is back in the air again—a fighter pilot instructor at Strother Field. To stretch his wings again, Capt. Clower turned his back on the richness of Bengalese palace life and the inspiration of international diplomatic contacts, and traveled half way 'round the globe. He left behind the scenes of 22 terrorizing days as a lost American pilot in Jap-occupied territory.

Those who have read Capt. Clower's citations and delved into facts of his 16 months' service in the China-Burma-India theater believe he has nothing to fear, few higher achievements to anticipate.

Take for example Dec. 13, 1943, when he attacked alone a formation of some 20 enemy bombers and 30 fighters. He broke up the enemy formation, attacking time and again until his ammunition was gone and his plane damaged. That day his flying ability cost the Japs one fighter plane and damage to two bombers and another fighter. He received a Silver Star for that job.

But a fight as part of a formation 15 days later forged the first link in the chain of events that led him to Strother Field, for the life of a pilot "teacher." It was when he warned his fellows of an attack, turned into the leading enemy aircraft, broke up the formation and destroyed a Jap plane, and then, wounded, leaped from his own crashing plane into the jungle that things really began to happen.

His 'chute spread out like a mist and Capt. Clower landed in the jungle treetops. Below him were Jap patrols who had seen him leave his plane. He had only time to reach for his medicine kit. There was only time to crawl into a nearby stream, cover himself with leaves and watch the Japs hunting for him.

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## Field Over 7th War Loan Goal by 26%; Cash Purchases Total \$110,046.03

Strother Field's war bond flag, flying from the top of the big Mighty Seventh billboard, today proclaimed to passersby as well as to field personnel that the air base had surpassed by 26 per cent the Seventh War Loan quota of \$87,000.

Cash purchases of bonds during the Mighty Seventh by military and civilian personnel now total \$110,046.03, Lt. Everett Phillips, war bond officer, announced today. All purchases and allotments made prior to midnight July 7 will be

included in Strother Field's total figures for the drive.

All quotas in the Mighty Seventh have been oversubscribed, the statistics show. Civilians have invested \$62,085.53 cash to date, or \$20,085.53 more than the quota set up for civilian personnel of the base.

Military personnel likewise have surpassed their \$45,000 quota by purchases of bonds in the amount of \$47,960.50.

Largest single purchase during the Seventh War Loan at Strother Field was the investment of more than \$5,000 cash by an officer.



## THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

The speeches have been made and the midnight oil burned. They've closed up the halls and the banquet and conference rooms at San Francisco and gone home. The men who met together to frame a charter for world organization and world cooperation and the prevention of future wars have done their work.

Now it's up to the peoples of the world, to you and a Chinese rice farmer, to a steel worker from Kiev and a British earl and a fisherman from Benevento.

A charter is a piece of paper, and no piece of paper ever stopped a war. The words on a charter are a statement of hopes and ideals and thoughts. But words never accomplished anything unless they were backed up by deeds.

A lot of hard work went into the framing of that charter; thought and study and talk and the sharing of ideas. The men who framed it did the best job they know how; and not for themselves but for the peoples whom they represented. Now it's up to the people.

It took a lot of compromise to make the charter. Men and nations had to give and take. Original ideas and purposes had to be altered to make the document.

The people of the world can look at the charter now. If they like it, they can make it work. If they don't like it, or if they feel that some other approach would do the job of preventing war more surely and more efficiently, they can bring pressure on their governments to that end.

If the peoples of the earth want a better world badly enough to think about it and work for it, through this charter or by some other road, they will get it. If they try for a better world hard enough, they may make mistakes to begin with, but sooner or later they will get the world they want. The only really fatal mistake would be to do nothing at all.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Service Club—Open House 1200-1830. Theater—No showing.	SAT. JULY 7
Service Club—Open House—Write those letters home. Theater—Along Came Jones—Gary Cooper, Loretta Young. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. JULY 8
Service Club—Free GI Movies and Cookies. Theater—No showing.	MON. JULY 9
Service Club—Open House 1200-1800. Theater—Boston Blackie's Rendezvous—Chester Morris, Nina Foch. Blond Ransom—Donald Cook, Virginia Grey. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2015.	TUES. JULY 10
Service Club—GI Dance—GSO Girls from Wellington. 2030. Music by Pratt AAF Dance Band. Theater—Ernie Pyle's Story of GI Joe—Burgess Meredith, Robt. Mitchum. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	WED. JULY 11
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo—Checkers—Chess—Bridge. Free Prizes. Theater—No showing.	THURS. JULY 12
Service Club—Section C Party—1930. Theater—The Cheaters—Joseph Schildkraut, Billy Burke. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	FRI. JULY 13
Post Gym—Dance with music by Ray Baude's GI Band. GSO Girls from Wichita.	

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

*Loyalty:* When two of his World War I service bonds reached maturity last week while he was visiting here, Herbert A. Thomson, former SF Red Cross field director, collected the money, bought \$150 worth of War Bonds, credited his purchase to Strother Field. . . . *Aftermath:* The recent PRO story calling the attention of Believe-It-Or-Not Riley to his faux pas in ignoring Major Donald McLeod as a holder of the boot, fish and caterpillar insignia brought about — among other consequences — a request from a lady in Los Angeles that the PRO forward an item to Ripley for her. She had been trying for two years, she said, to get Bob's address, hoped we could get her believe-it-or-not to him. . . . *Common clay:* Lt. Bill Payne of Training Aids has tangible proof that the common clay of Kansas is worth something, unprintable comments of some SFers notwithstanding. He has molded flower holders, dishes, vases and ash trays out of the stuff, some of which he ornamented by slip-painting with red and white clay dug from the drainage ditch adjacent to the hospital. . . . *Harvest:* Does advertising pay? Maybe the War Bond officer doesn't know it, but the bond drive figures published in the Flier last week inspired a civilian employee to increase his payroll allotment from \$20 to \$37.50 a month, and to make cash purchase of a \$100 bond in the Mighty Seventh. . . . *Bard:* Lt. Lloyd Evans, intelligence officer who left Sunday for an assignment at Pratt, was a poet and probably not aware of the fact. For two consecutive weeks he won the \$1 prize offered by Capper's Weekly for the best last line to a limerick. . . . *Language glutton:* Capt. Joao Ribeiro of the Brazilian trainees is quite an eager chap. Besides following the prescribed regimen for trainees and performing extra-curricula duties as ranking officer of his class, he is taking private lessons in English. In addition, he puts an hour and a half daily into the study of the Russian language. Besides English, he already speaks French, Spanish and Portuguese. . . . *Headline of the future:* U. S. BOMBERS HIT USA. Usa is a city of northern Kyushu, 65 miles northeast of much-bombed Omuta.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

A recent Chinese visitor to America said, "Funny people, you Amelicans! You take glass, put in sugar to make sweet, lemon to make sour. You put in gin to warm you up and ice to keep you cool. You say, 'Here's to you!' and then you drink it yourself. Can't understand you Amelicans!"

We're wondering if the Chinese visitor had cared to carry his observations into other fields if he could not have made some startling statements.

The Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture states that "American Protestant Churches are now moving toward a \$600,000,000 postwar building improvement and new equipment program." Yet it will be admitted by most denominations that there are more dead and dying churches today than ever before.

We take great pride in calling ourselves a Christian nation, yet if the truth be known we are anything but. If the total membership of every church of every denomination and faith in the U. S. with a liberal allowance made for all small sects is subtracted from our total population it will be revealed that more than 70,000,000 do not BELONG to any church of any faith.

Of the 64,000,000 who do belong to a church statisticians reveal that 25 per cent never go to church; 50 per cent never contribute a cent to its support; 75 per cent never attend the midweek prayer service; 90 per cent have no family worship in the home, and 75 per cent never make an effort to win a convert to Christianity.

## YE LIFTINGS

A damsel who hailed from Madrid,  
Was naughty in all that she did,  
She favored strip poker,  
And played till it broke her,  
Which made her a popular kid.

Visitor: "I just heard some nurses say some unkind things about you."

GI Patient: "Yeah, ever since I've been here they've had me on the pan."

Nurse (to young father attempting to enter hospital nursery): "You can't go in there. You're not sterile."

Young Father: "You're telling me!"

Blond: "I've been married five times. Do you think I'm a loose woman?"

Redhead: "No, dearie, just a busybody."

Two ways to make a blonde: Peroxide and gin.

An old gentleman and his wife lived across the street from the local cemetery and were sitting on the porch one moonlight night talking. "Pa, every time I look across the street I keep thinking of our dear daughter lying over there in the dampness and it makes me very sad," said the old lady.

"Yes, Ma, it makes me unhappy too. Sometimes I almost wish she were dead."

An officer returnee was addressing a group of basic trainees and was explaining his experiences overseas.

"A bullet hit my helmet," he said, "and then went careening off into space."

"That I can believe," a voice piped from the back row.

## Have You Read .

If you're slightly zany and like it; if you laugh, and like it; and if you like the inimitable James Thurber, we recommend to you *The Thurber Carnival*.

James Thurber's "Carnival" is a collection of both drawings and writings selected by the author from his works of the past 15 years. One selection is composed of materials not previously published in book form.

Many people have tried — unsuccessfully — to analyze and define that particular form of *genii humor* possessed by the author. The *London Times*, after a long discussion of the wellspring of his wit, concluded helplessly, "Thurber is Thurber."

To get acquainted, if you're not, come to the Post Library and read *The Thurber Carnival*, or some of his others: *My World — and Welcome to It*, *Let Your Mind Alone*, *Fables For Our Time*, or *My Life and Hard Times*.

THEY'RE ALL IN YOUR POST LIBRARY.

## Male Call





## CAPT. CLOWER LOST

(Continued from page 1, column 4)

For the next 13 days, Capt. Clower laboriously dragged himself up and down mountains and through jungle swamps and streams, his leg bleeding slowly but continuously; 13 nights he fought sleep lest he be unable to elude enemy patrols or animals.

Once as the young flier moved along a jungle path there was a sudden crash. Directly ahead of him was a huge black panther, its eyes gleaming. Capt. Clower had no weapon and little strength to do battle. So he merely stood his ground. That was enough for the animal lunged off.

On the fourth day, Capt. Clower halted beside a stream and used the first of his six precious matches, and ate his first bit from the one small chocolate bar his medical kit held. So closely did Clower ration himself that when he dragged himself into the camp of a native tribe on January 10, a third of the bar remained.

The natives of the camp, believing him a Jap, kept him prisoner. Then a tribal leader engaged in guerilla warfare came by and freed Clower. The native ordered husky natives to prepare a litter and carry the flier to a safer place.

The trip was a hazardous one, harassed by Jap patrols. Finally a small radio station was reached and word flashed to American headquarters in that sector that Capt. Clower was on his way out. A photo reconnaissance flight was sent out and a spot smooth enough to land a small plane was discovered. There a small liaison plane, with heavy fighter cover protection, landed and took Captain Clower aboard 22 days after his ordeal began. His weight had dropped from 145 to 87 pounds. But constant bleeding had prevented infection and saved his leg.

Tokyo Rose, capitalizing on information that Clower's 'chute had been found, broadcast he was a prisoner. Later she broadcast the false news that he had escaped, when as a matter of fact the Japs had never laid hand on him. But an escaped prisoner is subject to shooting if he ever falls into enemy hands, and so, in American headquarters, too, Clower was regarded as an escapee as a means of pro-

## World War II Veterans Among New Employees

Three veterans of World War II were among the 29 civilians hired during June, according to the Civilian Personnel Office. Kirby Jackson of Arkansas City and Roger J. Miller of Oxford were employed as firefighters, while Carl W. Gilbert, also of Arkansas City, was employed as a mechanic's helper.

Two World War I veterans were hired as patrolmen.

Of the new employees, 15 are from Arkansas City, 12 from Winfield, and one each from Udall and Oxford.

## Tribute to Nurses

Featured on the popular CBS program, "Report to the Nation," when it is broadcast at 5:30 p.m. CWT, Saturday, July 8, will be a tribute to nurses serving with the country's armed forces.

protecting his life. He was ruled out of the skies.

Came an unusual request to American headquarters in India. The Honorable Sir Richard Casey, British governor of Bengal, wanted an aide-de-camp from among the Americans. Major General George E. Stratmeyer commanding general of the United States Air Forces in India, asked Captain Clower if he'd like the brilliant assignment. Clower moved to the palace of Bengal, a 128-room structure of great beauty and importance, replete with all the pageantry of Oriental royalty.

Clower and Sir Richard became fast friends, the latter after a time noticed the wistfulness in Clower's face when he talked with his flying friends. So touched was Sir Richard that he wrote General Stratmeyer stating his sincere pleasure with the young man but his willingness to accept a substitute if by some means Clower might return to flying.

That's the story back of Captain Clower's return to the States, and his assignment to Strother Field as pilot instructor. It's a story backed by his possession of the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart decorations.



## Pappy's Sermon

The month so aptly characterized, "Then if ever come perfect days," is gone, and July heat and dog days are here. Let us all remember we are vitally concerned with each other's health, happiness and enjoyment of freedom, such as is not possible in any other country. In order to enjoy this freedom, we are each backing up the fighting forces of the greatest war of all times.

Need we be reminded that all Americans are doing their utmost to end this war, and part of this effort is to constantly endeavor to keep out of all accidents, injuries or destruction of property, whereby our work is reduced, our production is lessened, and our efficiency lowered.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## Squadron C News

By PFC. JOHN S. LYONS

The dance held on June 29 at the Service Club was a complete success. Patio dancing was enjoyed by most of the GIs and there were plenty of dancing partners from adjacent towns. The guest with mileage honors was Mrs. Berry Branch from Houston, Tex., here visiting her husband, S/Sgt. Berry Branch. Capt. Jones orchestra provided the music.

Squadron C's softball team bombed Headquarters to the tune of 14-9, Tuesday. This win puts Sqdn. C on top of the softball league.

Watch for a dance date on the 13th of July. Plans now call for the Pratt band to appear. In the future "Snookum" Russell and his recording orchestra will play for a squadron dance.

Three new members of the Fliers baseball team are Sgt. Eddie Combs, Sgt. Charles Berkeley and Pfc. Hugh Collier.

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

## Critical Point

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## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Dancing
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please	
Sun.....	Win.....	Sat. Nite Girls
Ark.....	Bingo	
Mon.....	Win.....	Voices Recording
Ark.....	Juke Box Dance	
Tues.....	Win.....	Bridge and Rummy
Ark.....	Ping Pong	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dancing, games, cards
Ark.....	Fudge-Pop Corn	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Do-as-you-please
Ark.....	Open House	
Fri.....	Win.....	Swimming
Ark.....	Bridge-Candy	



## Strother Boxers Defeat Pratt AAF In 7 out of 8 Bouts on Holiday Card

The Strother Field boxing team defeated Pratt Army Air Field in 7 of 8 bouts on a Fourth of July card held in Stewart Gymnasium, Winfield, Wednesday night. Fighters from Wichita and the Smoky Hill AAF joined SF and Pratt regular team members in filling out a well-balanced program.

Three technical knockouts during the evening gave the large crowd of fans plenty of thrills. McKee, Strother Field's 2AF bantamweight champion, twice floored Koolhoff of Pratt in the first round of their bout before Lt. O'Neill, former SF boxer and now coach of the Pratt team, tossed in the towel for his man.

Giordano, SF 156-pounder, won a TKO over White, Pratt, in 45 seconds of the first round. Several hard blows to the head and body had White defenseless and the referee stopped the bout.

Waymire, Wichita heavyweight fighting for SF, nearly KOed Brown of Pratt during the second round of their bout and won by the TKO route when Brown failed to come out for the final round.

Roberts, flashy 135-pounder on the SF team, defeated by decision Aguire of Wichita, fighting for Pratt. Roberts hit Aguire with everything but the corner posts but the latter refused to hit the canvas.

Ray Muchowich, SF heavyweight and boxing coach, won an easy decision over Olivera of Pratt. Muchowich landed several hard blows to the head and body of Olivera who failed to land one solid punch on the former.

Gwynn, SF lightweight, won a decision over Piseno of Pratt in a slow bout during which neither boxer landed a hard solid punch.

Sefrentiz, Wichitan fighting for SF in the 165-pound class, won a one-sided decision over Holland of Pratt.

Two heavyweights from Smoky Hill AAF, Abbajoy, wearing SF colors and Nealy, representing Pratt, appeared on the card with the latter taking the decision, giving Pratt its only victory.

### POSTHUMOUS AWARD

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Finding the bomb bay doors jammed, he used the hand crank to open them to allow the gas to escape. He jettisoned all guns and equipment but the plane continued to lose altitude rapidly. Realizing that it would be impossible to reach friendly territory, he ordered the crew to abandon ship.

"Three of the crew, uncontrollable from fright or shock, would not leave. Lt. Pucket urged the others to jump. Ignoring their entreaties to follow, he refused to abandon the three hysterical men and was last seen fighting to regain control of the plane. A few moments later the flaming bomber crashed on a mountainside. Lt. Pucket, unhesitatingly and with supreme sacrifice, gave his life in his courageous attempt to save the lives of three others."

Question to serviceman—What were you before you joined up?  
Answer—Perfectly contented.

How to sell war bonds—Hide 'em under a counter.

## Packers Beat Fliers; Game Is Protested

The Strother Field Fliers, winner of the first-half season pennant in the Ark City League, lost their first game in second-half play to the Maurer-Neuer Packers, 3 to 2, Tuesday night.

The game was protested in the fourth inning by Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer and S/Sgt. Orwin White, coach, when the umpire called a hit ball that rolled into the third base bag, a foul. During the following argument and quoting of the rule which states such a hit ball as fair, the umpire, an Ark Citian, put Hobson, first baseman, out of the game.

Hobson singled in the first inning scoring Turner from second base for SF's first run. Gilmore of the Packers hit a home run to left field in the fourth scoring a runner on second. In the sixth the Packers hit what was apparently a foul ball outside left field but the umpire called it fair, resulting in a home run and putting the Packers ahead, 3 to 1.

Combs, playing his first game for SF, hit a terrific home run in the seventh, with no one on base, the second and final score for the Fliers.

### SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Squadron C	5	2	.710
Headquarters	4	3	.568
Flight A	4	3	.568
Medics	3	3	.500
Armament	3	3	.500
Fighter Control	3	5	.475
Communications	2	5	.284

## Fliers Lead A. C. League In Batting and Fielding

(Daily Traveler July 2nd)

The Strother Field Fliers, besides winning the first half championship with five straight victories, also lead the league in team batting and team fielding.

The soldiers, who took three of their five victories in five-inning runaway games, were extended by only the youthful Dubbs All-Stars. The All-Stars gave the Fliers a royal battle only to lose in the best game of the season, 2-1.

Strother Field leads the local circuit in runs scored, hits, batting percentage, and is the best fielding team, making only seven errors in 129 chances.

Besides all these honors, the Fliers are also high in individual honors. Strother has four batters over the .460 batting mark. M. White leads the league with a blistering 700 pace.

The Fliers have played only five games, which accounts for their not being in several of the other individual batting leads.

Klimas, Strother all-around player, holds a tie for third in the league batting race with a .533 average, and leads the league in home runs and runs batted in, although playing but five tilts. Richardson of the Fliers leads the league in games won and innings pitched with three victories.

### BASEBALL

WEEK JULY 9-JULY 18

Monday, July 9—Dubbs All-Stars at Arkansas City

Wednesday, July 11—Great Bend AAF at Great Bend

Sunday, July 15—Smoky Hill AAF at Salina, Kans.

Tuesday, July 17—Santa Fe at Arkansas City

Wednesday, July 18—Smoky Hill AAF at Strother Field

## Strother Field Enters Kansas Semi-Pro Tourney

The Strother Field Fliers baseball team meets Conway Springs in a first round game of the 1945 Kansas State Semi-Pro tournament 1 p.m. Saturday of this week.

The first game of the tourney for the Fliers should be fairly easy as Conway Springs is a member of the Southern-Kansas League, the organization from which the Fliers dropped out due to lack of competition. The second round is a different story, win or lose, for the Fliers. In case they should be defeated by an upset the Fliers will then meet the loser of the Sherman Field-Smoky Hill AAF game July 10th. Sherman Field won the National Semi-Pro Tournament last year and Smoky Hill is reported to have a strong club.

If the Fliers win over Conway Springs they will play their second round game on Thursday, July 12 at 8 p.m., meeting the winner of the Cessna Bobcats-Ark City Dubbs game. Cessna has one of the best semi-pro teams in the country this season.

## Ten Best SF Hitters

By PFC MAX POVILL

Following are the ten top hitters among the Strother Field Fliers. The averages are from games against better teams this season. The Southern-Kansas League and practice games are not included in this tabulation.

Names	Pos.	AB	H	R	RBI	BA
Turner	3b	47	16	11	8	.340
Wagener	lf	54	13	6	4	.240
Hobson	1b	29	10	6	11	.344
Yachwan	ss	54	16	10	4	.296
Morrison	2b	20	9	4	3	.450
Klimas	c	43	12	9	11	.279
White	c	25	7	2	5	.280
Petrosky	p	8	2	2	2	.250
Richardson	p	17	3	2	2	.176
Lyons	rf	7	3	1	1	.428

## Fliers Beat Planeview, 9 to 5

The Strother Field Fliers defeated the Planeview Indians of Wichita 9 to 5, in a holiday game played July 4th in Winfield.

Petrosky was the winning pitcher in the Fliers second consecutive victory over the Wichita club. Early in the season the Strother team beat the Indians 6 to 1 in a game played in Wichita.

## STROTHER FIELD FLIERS

Sgt. George P. Hobson

Sgt. George P. Hobson, the towering first baseman of the Fliers baseball team, is a three-way veteran, not only in the respect of 10 months in the CBI theater of operations but as player of semi-pro and professional baseball and professional football.

Hobson played semi-pro ball and pro football in Los Angeles, Calif., his home town, and professional baseball with Class D teams in Big Springs, Tex., and Clovis, N.M. While stationed at Peterson Field, Colo., in 1942 he played service baseball and football.

The big first-sacker is hitting .344 this season for the Fliers.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## The Wolf

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### Announces Exemptions From CW Training

The Big Three may be meeting in Germany but the Big Five will not be meeting at Strother Field, at least not as regularly as in the past.

The Big Five referred to are the categories in which officers and enlisted personnel are to be exempt from attendance at future Chemical Warfare "refresher" training classes.

1st. Lt. Q. W. Osburn, CW officer, announced today the following classes of exemption: (1) all personnel physically disqualified for overseas service; (2) all personnel who have served overseas for at least six months since Dec. 7, 1941, and who have not volunteered in writing for a second tour; (3) officers with equal to or above adjusted service rating critical score; (4) enlisted men having adjusted service rating scores equal to or in excess of 85 points and who have not waived eligibility for demobilization; (5) enlisted men 35 years of age or over.

However, until further notice, only those men falling within the first one of the above five categories will be exempted from participating in a gas chamber exercise once every three months.

### Seven EM to Attend B-29 Training Course

With the promise that they will become second lieutenants or flight officers as engineering officers on B-29 Superfortresses if they complete satisfactorily the prescribed course of instruction, seven Strother Field enlisted men are on orders to attend the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. All are airplane mechanics or propeller specialists.

The men are: S/Sgt. Charles H. Combs, Jr., Manchester, Ky.; S/Sgt. Norman C. Merrill, Ft. Myers, Fla.; Sgt. James L. Waldrep, Jr., Tyler, Texas; Cpl. Victor Cory, Griggsville, Ill.; Cpl. John W. Hughes, Leonia, N. J.; Cpl. Kenneth Schmidt, Auburn, Mich.; Pfc. Harrison L. Hopkins, Santa Barbara, Calif. Cory and Hopkins have departed for their new station and the others will follow shortly.

Effective as of July 19 the weekly issue of The Prairie Flier will be delivered on Thursday instead of Friday. The advance of one day has been requested by publishers of the paper, the Winfield Courier, in order to give better service.

### Ray Bauduc Band Here for Two Dances; Play for EM Tonight, Officers Saturday

There's big doin's tonight in the post gymnasium for enlisted personnel, civilian employees and GSO gals from Winfield and Arkansas City. Ray Bauduc, the All-American Drummer and his GI Band will play for dancing commencing at 2100.

### Mexican AF Non-Com Is a "Hot" Typist

The rapid-fire sound emitting from Squadron A-3 orderly room these days is not that of a sub-machinegun. The "weapon" is an ordinary typewriter in the hands of Second Sergeant Felipe Jimenez Rubio, a member of the Mexican Air Force attached to Strother Field.

Rubio, who has a non-com rating equivalent to that of an American technical sergeant, is administrative non-commissioned officer of the group of Mexican trainees that arrived at Strother Field last week. He types an official 95 words a minute in English, a language he cannot read, and has been clocked at 120 words a minute in unofficial tests.

The typing speed-demon came to Strother Field from Majors Field, Tex., where he had been stationed for a short time. He has served more than five and one-half years in the Mexican infantry, air force and administrative corps. His father

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The band appeared at Strother Field last month and at that time the EM had to be content with tapping their feet on the floor of the post theater. The Bauduc organization played for a stage show at that time and later the same evening played for a dance at the officer's club.

The Berry Sisters, a well-known singing trio on the airways, will appear with Bauduc's orchestra during its engagement at Strother Field.

Bauduc and his band have just completed an engagement at the Blue Moon in Wichita and were brought to Strother Field for a two-night appearance, tonight in the gym for the EM dance and on Saturday evening they will play in the officers' club. The dance tomorrow night will begin at 2130.

All but four members of the Bauduc band are ex-GIs. They know the type of music soldiers like and really swing out with it. Ask anyone who heard their rendition of "One O'Clock Jump" during the stage show on the field last month.

In one of the orchestra's specialty numbers Bauduc at the drums and the bass viol player get together for an unusual bit of swing. During the selection Bauduc uses his drum sticks to beat out rhythm on the bass viol.

### Capt. Clayton E. Davis Possesses DSC Award

The highest military decoration held by Strother Field personnel is possessed by Captain Clayton E. Davis of Brookfield, Vt., who reported here last week from Majors Field, Greenville, Texas. It is the Distinguished Service Cross, outranked in importance and significance only by the Medal of Honor.

The citation accompanying the DSC awarded Captain Davis by Lieutenant General Carl Spaatz, commanding general of the U. S. strategic air forces in Europe, reads as follows:

"For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy 8 May 1944. On this date Captain Davis led a flight of fighter airplanes in an attack against 15 enemy fighters and in the ensuing engagement destroyed one enemy airplane and assisted in the destruction of another.

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Shown above at an "international conference" on the merits of American fighter planes are P-47 pilot trainees from three countries, all undergoing training at Strother Field. Left to right: 2nd Lt. Wilson de Castro Barbosa, Brazilian Air Force, Espirito Santo, Brazil; 2nd Lt. Robert B. MacKnight, USAAF, Newton Center, Massachusetts; and 2nd Lt. Louis R. Sarabia, Mexican Air Force, Mexico City, Mexico.

(Arriba se ven en una "conferencia internacional" sobre los meritos de los aviones de caza norte-americanos pilotos del P-47 de tres paises que se estan entrenando en Strother Field. De izquierda a derecha: 2nd Lt. Wilson Barbosa, Forca Aerea Brasileira, Espirito Santo, Brasil; 2nd Lt. Robert B. MacKnight, USAAF, Newton Center, Massachusetts; e 2nd Lt. Louis R. Sarabia, Fuerza Aerea Mejicana, Durango City, Mexico.) Official AAF Photo.

### Strother War Bond Quota Exceeded 29%

Strother Field swept over the top in the Mighty Seventh War Loan drive which closed Saturday night, exceeding its quota by almost 29 per cent. Cash purchases totaled \$111,864.75 as compared with the goal of \$87,000.

Civilians of the Post Exchange—non-War Department employees—early in the game set a bond-buying pace that was never headed or equalled by other groups on the field. This small group of workers purchased Seventh War Loan bonds in an amount equal to 326 per cent of their quota. Total investments amounted to \$3,542.50 cash, as against a goal of \$1,087.50.

War Department civilians were next in the Mighty Seventh at Strother Field. Their purchases totaled \$58,918, or 44 per cent more than the quota of \$40,912.50. The average individual investment was \$96.48 as compared with a goal of \$67.

Military personnel of Strother Field likewise surpassed their goal by a sizeable figure. Cash investments and allotments during the drive totaled \$49,404.25, or \$5,404.25 or almost 10 per cent, more than the \$45,000 goal.



## THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Into the business and residential streets, the parks and show places of Tokio last Tuesday there hurtled a deadly rain of concentrated destruction. High and swift overhead the big, slugging Superforts of the AAF cruised at will. Beneath them carrier-based bombers of the Navy's task forces flashed in and out in swift, shattering attacks. The strike was day long and the might of Japan, in her innermost holy of holies, could do nothing but huddle beneath the fury of the storm.

Fifteen thousand miles away at the same moment transports left the ports of Europe bringing home the combat troops who had smashed Hitler's crack divisions into bloody fragments. Rested and re-equipped, these troops were scheduled to tranship for the Pacific as a part of the steadily mounting American war effort which had already, at Okinawa, established a permanent base only 325 miles from the Jap homeland.

Steadily the clouds mounted to obscure the face of Nippon's rising sun. In Borneo Australian troops consolidated their hold upon the rich oil fields lost three years ago. And in the Philippines a few hundred half-starved guerilla troops alone survived of an army of over 400,000 which tried to keep MacArthur out. On the vast, amorphous plain of China other Jap armies pulled back to the north, saw a near-severed line of communication behind them.

"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness," wrote Oliver Wendell Holmes, but for the Japs this week there was no candle to light. There was only mounting darkness.

GI: "There's a certain reason why I love you."

Gal: "My goodness."

GI: "Don't be absurd."

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Service Club—Open House 1200-1830. Theater—Topper (Reissue)—Cary Grant, Constance Bennett, Roland Young. Short subjects.	SAT. JULY 14
Service Club—Open House—Write those letters home. Theater—Christmas in Connecticut—Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan, Sydney Greenstreet. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. JULY 15
Service Club—Free GI Movies and Cookies. Theater—No showing.	MON. JULY 16
Service Club—Open House 1200-1800. Theater—Bewitched—Phyllis Thaxter, Edmund Gwenn. Penthouse Rhythm—Lois Collier, Edward Norris. Shows at 1800-2015.	TUES. JULY 17
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo—Checkers—Chess—Bridge. Free Prizes. Theater—A Bell for Adano—Gene Tierney, John Hodiak, Wm. Bendix. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	WED. JULY 18
Service Club—GI Dance—Girls from Ponca City. Theater—No showing.	THURS. JULY 19
Service Club—Section C Party—1930. Theater—Call of the Wild (Reissue)—Clark Gable, Loretta Young. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	FRI. JULY 20

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

**Morale builder:** Among the civilians hired last week is Miss Marguerite M. Elam of Winfield, a driver for the Motor Pool. She is just one of eight new civilian employees, but her hobby makes her stand out. She corresponds regularly with 245 servicemen, most of whom she has never seen. And last Christmas she talked the rationing board out of sugar enough to make 80 pounds of fudge, which she put up in 145 boxes and sent to that many GIs in all parts of the world. Five pairs of nylon hose came to her in appreciation. One of Miss Elam's correspondents has just returned to this country after many months in a prison camp, and he has written that he will come to Winfield to see her. They have never met. . . . **Vengeance:** Pfc. Verley Joscelyn of Tilton, N. H., Wac who reported here this week for duty as an ordnance supply clerk, has more than the ordinary incentive to help finish the war quickly. Her husband has been a Japanese prisoner since the fall of Bataan more than three years ago. She has heard from him only once since that time. . . . **Blush:** The only reason the editor's face has not been red is that no one has ribbed him about his new 9-day week. In the baseball schedule in last week's Flier he listed games for "Week June 9 to June 18". . . . **Landed:** Col. Joseph F. Carroll, SF's first commanding officer, is reported to have established himself somewhere in the Pacific war zone. In his outfit is Captain George N. Rood, former SF adjutant. . . . **Chronicler:** Pvt. Helen Cameron, Wac who reported here Monday from Majors Field, will tell posterity all about the achievements of SFers. She has been assigned to the PRO as historical records clerk. . . . **Fellow townsmen:** When General Eisenhower came home to Abilene the other day Pfc. Raymond L. Huston of the MP's got a 3-day pass, went to Abilene—his hometown as well as the general's—was rewarded with a handshake, an autograph and an exchange of greetings by his five-star fellow-GI.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

America needs men and women of conviction. Had not our military and naval leaders been absolutely convinced that certain patterns of strategy were the only ones that would win, we would be struggling along in Europe with the war still not won.

If we are to be a success as a nation conviction must govern everything we do. Every man should examine his activities and be able to say, "I do this because I am convinced it is the only reasonable and right course of procedure."

Now let's do this to the profane language we use so much. If we still continue to swear, we shall have to say, "I am convinced that the only reasonable and decent thing to do is to swear." But if a man has convictions, he must have reasons. What reasons would you give? These? 1—It pleases mother so much. 2—It is a fine mark of manliness. 3—It proves I have self control. 4—It indicates how clearly my mind operates. 5—It makes my conversation so pleasing to everybody. 6—It leaves no doubt in any one's mind as to my good breeding. 7—It impresses people that I have more than ordinary education. 8—It is an unmistakable sign of culture and refinement. 9—It makes me a very desirable personality among women and children and in respectable society. 10—It is the best way for me to honor God who said, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

How about it?

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Catholic—Confession Sunday from 7:00 till 8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
Protestant—Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Thursday at 6:30 p.m.  
Jewish—Sabbath Worship Service Friday at 8:00 p.m.

## YE LIFTINGS

A fussy old lady was travelling cross-country via bus and was terribly upset at the many stops the driver made. All she did was gripe for hours then finally she stepped up to the bus driver and said, "This is the worst transportation in the country . . . why do you have to stop at every telegraph pole?"

The driver couldn't take it any longer and without turning his head, he said: "Sorry, lady, but this is a greyhound."

"This is a pretty snappy suit," remarked the infant as he was fitted into his rubber pants.

Aeronautical engineers are often baffled by the fact that some of the girls with streamlined figures offer the most resistance.

Did you hear about the absent-minded sculptor who put his model to bed and chiseled on his wife?

Next to lightning, the fastest thing in the world is a nudist who has just spilled hot coffee in his lap.

"I fainted. They brought me to. So I fainted again."

"Why?"

"They brought me two more."

They walked together down the lane  
The sky was covered with stars  
They reached the gate in silence  
He lifted for her the bars.  
She neither smiled or thanked him  
Because she knew not how;  
For he was just a farmer's boy  
And she was a Jersey cow.

## Have You Read .

The Sad Sack by Sgt. George Baker.

You just haven't been in the army if you haven't scanned a Sad Sack cartoon, thought it funny as hell—and true to (army) life. The title character, as you know, is the exemplary G.I., the hapless little Joe, friendless in the orderly room, who discovers R.H. I.P. each day, who always gets it in the end.

Since his first appearance in Yank in May of 1942, Sad Sack's popularity has steadily grown, his likeness decorates planes and tanks on every battle front. Fan clubs of stripeless soldiers have formed in which the members recount their and his misadventures over a bottle of 3.2.

Sgt. Marion Hargrove (See Here, Pvt. Hargrove) wrote the introduction for this collection of 115 cartoons.

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## Male Call



by Milton Caniff, cre





## Major McGuire Tops SF Vets in Decorations

Major Maxey Ward McGuire of Del Rio, Texas, whose missions over the Western Front and throughout enemy-occupied Europe earned for him more decorations than any other combat veteran reporting at the local air base, checked in at Strother Field during the week-end. He has been assigned as a flight instructor for the fighter pilot trainees now stationed at this base.

Major McGuire has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with 24 Oak Leaf Clusters. In addition, he wears the ribbons of the Distinguished Unit Citation and the European-African-Middle Eastern campaign. His E-A-M-E ribbon bears four bronze stars.

Although his tour of combat duty was short with respect to longevity, it was a lengthy one as regards missions. During the less than 11 months he was in the European theater, Major McGuire flew 137 missions.

## Major Sam S. Wolf Attends School in Florida

Major Sam S. Wolf, director of maintenance and supply at Strother Field, has gone to Orlando, Fla., to attend a 30-day Army Air Force post hostilities course for staff officers.

The school is for the purpose of training men to serve in an advisory capacity in the handling of administrative problems in the occupied countries of the European theater. Upon completion of the school, Major Wolf will return to Strother Field, pending further orders.

During the absence of Major Wolf, Capt. John F. Euart, supervisor of supply and transportation, is the acting director of maintenance and supply.

From life's book of tears and laughter

I have gained this bit of lore,  
I'd rather have a morning after  
Then never have a night before.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## SF Civilian Worker Former Swim Champ

In case you feel in a challenging mood while splashing around in the post swimming pool you better forget the backstroke and mile swim events. The challenged may turn out to be Mrs. Ellen Hays, wife of S/Sgt. Joseph Hays, Armament, and who is employed in the military personnel payroll section at Headquarters.

Mrs. Hays, the former Ellen Lind of Kansas City, Mo., was a member of the K.C. Athletic Club swimming team from 1936-41. In Missouri Valley AAU competition she at one time held the titles for all distances in the backstroke event and in 1940 set a record in the free style mile event in that competition that remains unbeaten.

Mrs. Hays entered the National AAU Women's 100 Meter Backstroke Championship event in 1939 and took 6th place honors. In the lanes on each side of her were two of America's greatest women swimmers, Eleanor Holm (now Mrs. Billy Rose) and Katherine Rawls. The two women finished in first and second place, respectively.

The Hays have an 8-year-old daughter, Dorothy Jean, who is being coached in swimming by her very capable mother.

## Squadron C News

By PFC. JOHN S. LYONS

"Snookum" Russell and his orchestra, now appearing at the Savoy Ballroom in New York City, will play for a Squadron C dance in the post gym on July 22. Russell is an ex-GI and offers dance music soldiers enjoy.

The official opening of the NCO extension was held Wednesday evening. Pratt AAF's Squadron C orchestra played for dancing. Hostesses were from Wichita, Ponca City, Winfield and Ark City.

A squadron dance with music by Billy Eckstine's band is tentatively scheduled for the near future.

And did you hear of the Scotchman who took his wife, about to have a baby, to the country because he heard that they had Rural Free Delivery?

## WAC Detachment News

By

PVT. BETTY B. TIEN



Twenty-one Wacs arrived at Strother Field last week-end, nineteen coming here from Majors Field, Tex., one from Lowry Field, Colo., and one from WAC basic training school, Des Moines, Iowa.

Pvt. Beverly Horst, the new arrival from Lowry Field, is on DS here. She is a member of Army Airways Communication System and is the first WAC control tower operator to be stationed at Strother Field.

## Fire Department Chief To Attend School

Harry Chapman of Arkansas City, chief of the Strother Field fire department, will leave tomorrow for Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado, for a 10-day tour of duty as instructor at the Second Air Force crash firefighting school slated to open on Monday.

The school is one of three scheduled by the Second Air Force for Post Engineers and civilian employees in the Post Engineer staffs of the various air bases.

The two Strother Field assistant chiefs—Bill Warren and Ellis Morton, both of Winfield—and Capt. Robert Ralston, Post Engineer, will attend subsequent schools at Peterson Field, dates of which have not been announced.

## Four Are Promoted To First Lieutenant

Four Strother Field officers are wearing new first lieutenant's bars this week as a result of promotions announced Saturday.

Those promoted from second lieutenant are: Doc E. Hughes, assistant training secretary; and Joseph R. Squeo, La Verne R. Grosskopf, and John M. Lindley, Jr., aircraft engineering officers.

A picnic featuring fried chicken and beer will be held Sunday at 1500 in Springhill Park, Ark City, for members of Squadron A1 and their guests.



## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN?

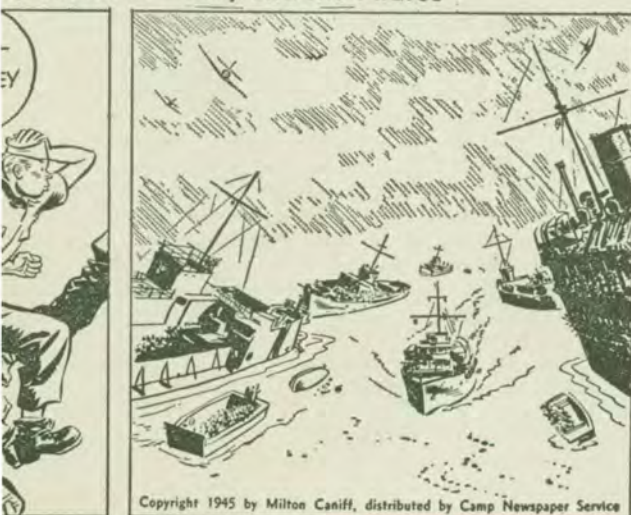
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Ark.....	Juke Box Dance	
Tues.....	Win.....	Bridge and Rummy
Ark.....	Ping Pong	
Wed.....	Win.....	Swimming
Ark.....	Fudge..Pop Corn	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Do-as-you-please
Ark.....	Open House	
Fri.....	Win.....	Bingo
Ark.....	Bridge..Candy	



## Fliers Defeat Andover In Semi-Pro Tourney

The Strother Field Fliers won their first-round game in the Kansas State Semi-Pro Tournament at Wichita last Saturday, defeating Andover by a 12-3 score.

The Fliers, playing heads-up ball, made only one error in the entire game while collecting 15 hits off two Andover pitchers.

The Fliers batted around in the first frame, tallying six runs. Two more were made in the second inning giving SF an 8-0 lead. Andover made one run in the third and two more in the fifth while Strother Field added four more tallies in the seventh and final inning.

Hobson, first baseman, hit a terrific triple in the seventh against the centerfield fence, 424 feet from home plate.

Strother Field played the powerful Cessna Bobcats in a second-round game Thursday night at 2015.

Andover				Strother Field			
Ab	R	H		Ab	R	H	
Kennedy, ss	4	1	2	Gwozdz, 3b	5	1	2
G. H'an, 1b	3	2	1	Yachwan, ss	3	0	0
Hutter, 3b	4	0	1	M'rison, 2b	3	2	1
Smith, c	4	0	0	Hobson, 1b	3	3	3
Stanford, p	2	0	2	Wagener, lf	4	2	3
Knebler, c	3	0	1	Klimas, p	2	1	2
L. H'man, rf	2	0	1	Combs, cf	4	2	2
Wilson, 2b	1	0	0	White, c	4	1	1
W'britter, p	2	0	0	P'trosky, rf	4	0	1
F'gerald, lf	3	0	0				

Tot.— 28 3 8 Tot.— 32 12 15

Score by innings:

Andover ..... 001 020 0— 3 8 0

Strother Field ..... 620 000 4—12 15 1

Errors: Morrison.

Runs batted in: Andover—Hutter, Smith, Stanford. Strother Field—Gwozdz (2), Wagener (4), Klimas (3), Combs, Petrosky.

Two base hits: Gwozdz, Klimas, Combs, White.

Three base hits: Hobson, G. Herman.

Home runs: None.

Stolen bases: Wagener, Yachwan, Hobson.

Losing pitcher: Stanford.

Tommie and Mollie  
Were lying in the sand.  
The sand was cool to Tommie's  
But not tamales.

## Pratt Defeats Fliers In 2AF League Tilt

Pratt Army Air Field handed the Strother Field Fliers an 11-2 defeat in a Second Air Force district league baseball game played at Winfield Sunday afternoon.

What started as a close game during the first three innings developed into a one-sided victory for the visitors when they scored three runs in the fifth, three in the seventh and two in the ninth inning.

Pratt opened the scoring in the top of the first, tallying one run. The Fliers tied the score in the same inning when Morrison, second baseman, drove in Gwozdz, third baseman. In the second frame Pratt scored two runs when a home run blow was hit with one man on base. The Fliers scored their second and final run in the third when Morrison connected with a solid hit scoring Gwozdz in a repetition of the Fliers first inning scoring setup.

Klimas pitched the entire game for the Fliers, his second session of mound duty in as many days, having tossed for SF in the Kansas Semi-Pro Tourney game against Andover the previous day.

Morrison, in addition to his two timely hits, made a sensational catch in the eighth inning. Wagener, left fielder, made two fine catches in the first and final innings. Combs, centerfielder, pulled one out of the sky in the second inning, a catch that thrilled the spectators.

### BASEBALL

WEEK JULY 15-22

Sunday, July 15—Smoky Hill AAF at Salina.

Tuesday, July 17—Santa Fe at Arkansas City.

Wednesday, July 18—Smoky Hill AAF at Winfield, 1800.



Shown above are four action pictures taken during the Strother Field-Pratt AAF boxing card in Winfield on July 4. Left top: Pvt. Charles Gwynn, SF welterweight, left, mixes with Pisenio of Pratt. Gwynn won by a decision. Right top: Cpl. Jimmie Roberts, SF lightweight, right, lands a right hand blow to the head of Aguire, Wichita, fighting for Pratt. Roberts won an easy decision. Lower left: Pfc. Joseph McKee, SF's 2AF bantam champ, cools off Pratt's Koolhoff in the first round of their bout. Koolhoff went down for the count of nine twice before McKee was awarded the bout on a TKO. Lower right: Sgt. Ray Muchowich, SF heavyweight and boxing coach, right, tangles with Olivera, Pratt. Muchowich won a one-sided decision.

## The Wolf

by Sansone



### CAPT. CLAYTON E. DAVIS

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"Captain Davis then joined two friendly fighters and was almost immediately attacked from above by 20 or more enemy fighters, one of which he destroyed. Alone at a very low altitude and with only one gun firing. Captain Davis courageously attacked and destroyed an enemy fighter over an airdrome in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire. The heroic and fearless behavior of Captain Davis in the face of odds and grave danger reflect highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

During his two tours of duty as a fighter pilot in the European war theater the 24-year-old officer also earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with three Clusters, and a distinguished unit citation.

And there's also a girl on this post whose boy friend calls her MP—because she's always checking his pass.

### MEXICAN AF NON-COM

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er is a retired officer who fought against Pancho Villa. A brother, Arturo, is a brigadier general; another, Alfredo, is a lieutenant colonel, and a third, Armando, is a retired captain.

When asked how he liked his new station, Rubio, through his interpreter during the interview, Miss Rebecca Ortiz, of the Publications Control office, said, "I like it fine here or any place in the United States."

Evidently the U. S. has made quite an impression on Rubio. While stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., he met and married an American girl, Candid Lopez of Florence, Colo.

### SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Squadron C	7	2	.777
Armament	6	3	.666
Flight A	4	3	.572
Headquarters	4	4	.500
Fighter Control	5	5	.500
Medics	3	5	.375
Communications	2	6	.250





### Benny Carter Band To Play for Two Dances

Benny Carter, "America's Amazing Man of Music," and his orchestra featuring Savannah Churchill will make a double appearance at Strother Field next week.

The orchestra will play for a dance at the Officers' Club Wednesday evening and on Thursday night the band will play for dancing at the NCO Club beginning at 2030. The club will be opened to members and guests beginning at 1930 and free beer will be served during the evening.

In addition to being a trumpet player, saxophonist, clarinetist and pianist, Benny Carter is a top-flight composer and arranger. Among his most famous compositions, all of them recorded, are "Blues in My Heart" and "Back Bay Boogie."

In Metro's "As Thousands Cheer" Carter and his band accompany Lena Horne in a series of scenes. In one, Benny and Lena play and sing "Honeysuckle Rose."

### New Instructor Here Native of Kansas; Flew 225 Missions

First Lieutenant George H. Wagner of Argonia, Kansas, and a former Southwestern College, Winfield, student, has checked in at Strother Field to become an instructor for the post graduate fighter pilots now in training here.

A hasty check by field personnel of the flying records of others shows that Lt. Wagner has flown more missions in combat than any other flier ever reporting at Strother Field. During the 16 months he was in the Southwest Pacific — from August, 1942, through December 1943 — he flew 225 missions.

Lt. Wagner is a son of George E. Wagner of Argonia and is a graduate of the Argonia high school.

### Jobs for Veterans Is Airline Policy

The policy of the airlines of the United States to rehire all former employees who have served in the armed forces and to fill many additional jobs with veterans, is emphasized in a recent statement issued by the Air Transport Association of America.

It was pointed out that while the airlines had only 26,000 employees in 1941, the number has grown to around 50,000 in 1945 with prospects that within five years the total airline payrolls will reach 150,000.

"The airlines expect to fill as high a proportion as possible of these additional jobs from the ranks of returning veterans of World War II," the ATA statement continues. "Hundreds of veterans are needed immediately. Thousands more will be required in the months and years ahead."

"The most pressing need of the airlines, at present, is for MECHANICS. Any veteran who has had any experience in the installation, maintenance, overhaul, or operation of mechanical devices or mechanical equipment, such as aircraft engines, aircraft instruments, radio, radar, automotive equipment, motors, etc., can probably qualify for a position as a MECHANIC, JUNIOR MECHANIC, or APPRENTICE."

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### P-47 Representative Praises Men on the Line

The men on the line, the fellows who stuck to their jobs when the metal of the planes on which they worked was so cold their flesh stuck fast—those are the unsung heroes of the war in Europe in the opinion of Walter Knight of Worcester, Mass., who reported to Strother Field a few days ago as the civilian representative of Republic Aviation Corporation.

Knight, who is a flier in his own right with 1,600 hours' logged time, returned not long ago from the European theater where he was special consultant for Eighth Air Force bases using P-47 Thunderbolts. He found a ready-made welcome committee on hand when he walked into the Strother Field Officers' Club. Headed by Col. D. E. Meade, commanding officer, the committee included some 15 Strother Field officers with whom Knight became acquainted in various parts of the world during the six and one-half years he's been a Republic representative. His acquaintance with Colonel Meade dates from 1938 when Meade was a lieutenant at Selfridge Field.

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### Aquacade and Bathing Beauty Contest To Be Held at Post Pool August 1

#### Program Will Be in Connection with 38th Anniversary of United States Army Air Forces

A Pan-American aquacade and bathing beauty contest, the first such attraction ever presented at Strother Field, is planned for August 1 in connection with the first world-wide observance of the creation of the United States Army Air Forces thirty-eight years ago. The double-header event will take place at the post swimming pool during the afternoon or evening, exact time to be announced later by the Special Service and Physical Training departments, sponsors of the program.

#### Resume Music Hour Series Monday Night

The Monday Music Hour at the post theater will be resumed July 23 at 1900 when an hour and a half program of recorded music will be presented over the sound system used for the features. This will be the first of a series of recorded concerts for all those who have expressed a desire for some means of hearing good music played over an adequate reproducing system.

This is your opportunity to listen to music in comfortable, cool surroundings and in addition to be able to hear the music you desire as well, for requests and suggestions are most welcome and will be filled to the best of ability. Contact Pfc. Craig at extension 297 or 302.

The program for the first Hour follows:

Oberon Overture - - Von Weber  
Gaité Parisienne - - Offenbach  
Depuis le jour "Louise" - -  
- - - - - Charpentier  
Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor  
- - - - - Tchaikowski  
Toreadore's Song "Carmen" - Bizet  
Perpetual Motion - - - Strauss

### 'Snookum' Russell Band Plays for Sqd. C July 22

"The groovy man with the groovy band," "Snookum" Russell and his Hollywood band of 15 artists will play for a Squadron C dance in the post gymnasium Sunday evening, July 22, beginning at 1700.

The little "Bombshell" of rhythm and his solid band is one of the country's outstanding musical attractions. Featured with the orchestra will be Alice Rose, dynamic singer of sweet and swing songs. "Among the selections she will sing for Squadron C members and their guests next Sunday will be "Body and Soul," "Shoo Shoo Baby" and "I've Got It Bad and that Ain't Good."

Russell's orchestra recently completed engagements in the Club Plantation in Los Angeles and the Savoy Ballroom, New York City.

The bathing beauty contest is open to young women working as civilian employees on the base and the civilian wives of SF military personnel. The winner, selected by the contest judges, will be named "Strother Streamette of 1945." She will receive two lovely gifts presented with the compliments of

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### GI Life Insurance Policies Are Extended

Extension of National Service Life Insurance policies issued on or before Dec. 31 of this year for an additional three years has been effected by Congressional enactment, according to a statement by the Fiscal Director, Headquarters Army Service Forces.

This legislation means that your GI life insurance policy can remain in effect for eight years from the time it was taken out, regardless of whether the holder has, or has not, been discharged from the service in the meantime.

In order to take advantage of the extension of the life of the policies, those having less than the maximum \$10,000 coverage have only until Dec. 31, 1945 to take full advantage of National Service Life Insurance.

All existing benefits of the policies, such as premium waiver provisions and the right to convert to permanent life insurance plans, have been extended for the additional three-year period.

#### ENTRY BLANK Strother Field Pan-American Aquacade

Name.....

Dept.....

Office Phone No.....

Events in which you desire  
to compete:

Swimming ☐ Diving ☐

Check and send to Physical  
Training Dept. before July 24

#### ENTRY BLANK Strother Field Bathing Beauty Contest

Name.....

Dept.....

Office Phone No.....

If wife of service man give  
his name.....

Rank..... Sqd.....

Fill out and send to Special  
Service Dept. before July 24



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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

To date the war against Japan has been chiefly a United States job. Despite the undoubtedly heroic efforts on the part of our Allies, it is indisputable that the bulk of the forces provided have been American, the bulk of the fighting has been done and the bulk of the victories won by American soldiers, sailors and marines.

Just so the final decision and responsibility as to what is to be done with a defeated Japan will rest largely upon our shoulders. This is something that we, as the most powerful post-war force in the Pacific, could not escape if we would.

To avoid confusion, delay and possible error and to profit by the experience of the past the time to think and decide just what we will do with Nippon is now. There are plenty of alternatives to think about too.

Shall we garrison Japan? If so, will it be with American troops, or Chinese, or detachments from all the Allied nations? How long should such a garrison be maintained? How can we disarm the Japs, and keep them disarmed? Will we allow them any industry; any merchant marine? If so, how can we keep this industry and shipping from being used for another war? If not, how to feed and clothe the Jap women and children? Or would it be better to just let starvation and chaos wipe out the nation? How much American money are we willing to spend in post-war Japan? How much in the way of food, medical and other supplies are we willing to give?

These are only a few of the questions that will have to be decided, and decided soon. What would your answer be? The time to give it some thought is now. Right now.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Service Club—Section C Party—1930.	FRI.
Theater—Call of the Wild (Reissue)—Clark Gable, Loretta Young. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	JULY 20
Service Club—Open House 1200-1830.	SAT.
Theater—Two O'clock Courage—Tom Conway, Ann Rutherford. Short subjects.	JULY 21
Service Club—Open House—Write those letters home.	SUN.
Theater—The Naughty Nineties—Abbott & Costello—Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	JULY 22
Post Gym—Squadron C Dance. "Snookum" Russell's orchestra.	MON.
Service Club—Free GI Movies and Cookies. Sq. A, B, M.	JULY 23
Theater—No showing.	
Service Club—Open House 1200-1800.	TUES.
Theater—West of the Pecos—Robt. Mitchum, Barbara Hale. Jealousy—John Lodew, Jane Randolph. Shows at 1800-2015.	JULY 24
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo—Checkers—Chess—Bridge. Free Prizes. Sq. A, B, M.	WED.
Theater—Blood on the Sun—James Cagney, Sylvia Sidney. Short subjects. Shows at 100-2000.	JULY 25
Service Club—Open House 1200-1800.	THURS.
Theater—No showing.	JULY 26

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

SOS: A doughboy just arrived from the States writes from Luzon to tell us how fussy the mosquitoes are, now that so many Yanks have landed. He says before taking a bite they turn over your dog-tags to find out what type of blood you have. . . . *Trainee topics:* Coming from a real war-service family is 1st Lt. Herman A. Schmid of Pine Bluff, Ark. His father is a captain in the Corps of Chaplains, just back in this country after a year in the Pacific. Two brothers are in the Navy, recently got together in Hawaii. A sister is in training as a cadet nurse. . . . Another chaplain's son now at SF is 2nd Lt. Bertram L. Smith of Ada, Oklahoma. His father, Lt. Col. B. L. Smith, is convalescing after a long tour of duty in the Southwest Pacific with the Air Service Command. . . . 2nd Lt. Trinidad Celaya of San Francisco likes engineering, but says he can't do much for his hobby while learning to fly a P-47. But there's one part of his hobby he can and does do: assemble a library. He buys books, reads them, then sends them home. The catch: his books are all on physics and Einsteinish engineering subjects. . . . One of the post-graduate trainees listed under *Hobbies* on the PRO Information Sheet: "Being a Civilian." . . . Riding an old hobby—saddle horses—is 2nd Lt. Keith E. Gressly of Hollywood, Calif. His saddle has gone from trotter to Thunderbolt. . . . 2nd Lt. Kenneth Gamble was a radio "ham" back in Jackson, Michigan; he had his own station, call sign W9MJL. . . . Captain Edward Sosebee of Rosedale, Miss., and Lt. Henry MacBride of Port Arthur, Texas, had a happy reunion when they met in the processing line here the other day. They graduated in the same class at Foster Field in October, 1942, but had not seen each other nor exchanged a single word since.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

There is nothing that so oils the machinery of living and lessens the sense of strain and stress as does courtesy. In the hustle and bustle of military life it is very easy for courtesy to go AWOL. So essential is it that a community of people can hardly function without it.

The fact that this is the Army and that we are living under constant pressure are not legitimate reasons for one to be lacking in courtesy. It takes no more time nor effort to be pleasant than it takes to be unpleasant. If the truth be told it takes less energy to be amiable than it does to be disagreeable.

Courtesy is something that carries its own reward. If you are kind and thoughtful in your dealings with others they will invariably respond with the same. Much misunderstanding, ill will and low morale could be eliminated if every man were thoughtful of his fellow man.

It is actually a good financial investment for a man to be courteous. Courtesy wins respect and friendship. Few people go far in this world without these. Native ability and development of skill mean a lot but these alone do not insure success. Many a man is in a mediocre position simply because he has not learned to practice a few of the fundamentals of living.

The courteous man is like the shade of a big tree on a hot day. He is like love when one is lonesome, a bed when one is tired, food when one is hungry, and money when one is broke. Try wearing a smile and being thoughtful of every man's welfare and see what happens.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Catholic—Confession Sunday from 7:00 till 8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
Protestant—Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Thursday at 6:30 p.m.  
Jewish Sabbath Worship Service Friday at 8:00 p.m.

## YE LIFTINGS

Then there's the one about the wealthy retired businessman who, nearing a ripe old age, invited his six married sons to a Sunday dinner. As they sat down at the table, he said he had not made any arrangements in his will because of his disappointment that he was not yet a grandfather. As a bonus, he added that he would give \$10,000 to the first grandchild. As he finished his statement, he looked up to find he was the only one at the table.

GI: "I hear you and the leading lady are on the outs."

Electrician: "Yeah, it was one of those quick-change scenes with the stage all dark. She asked for her tights and I thought she said lifts."

Two small boys were sitting on the curb. One turned to the other and said: "I'm five. How old are you?"

"I don't know. I guess I'm five, too."

"Do you dream of women?"

"Nope."

"Then you're only four."

A young lady finding herself stranded in a small town, asked an old man at the station where she might spend the night.

"There ain't no hotel here, but you can sleep with the station agent."

"I'll have you know I'm a lady!"

"So is the station agent!"

She was entered in two contests—one for the most beautiful back and the other for the most beautiful bust. She was so excited she didn't know which way to turn.

## Have You Read .

Lost in the Horse Latitude.

H. Allen Smith is at it again! This time for your inspection, and cheering laughs, he turns that American pinwheel, Hollywood, inside out. He revels in the resulting sparks and calls his misadventures *Lost in the Horse Latitudes*.

Research that Mr. Smith compiled for this "educational" treatise ranges from *Sex Life of the Date Palm*, through *General Grant and the Present War*; *Of Toothbrushes and Scalp Tonic*; to *Feet Have Their Good Points*. To confuse any possible readers, he uses these subjects and ill-assorted others as titles. For the sake of variety, he commences his bedlamic collection with the final chapter and concludes with the preface.

As background for the new students of H. Allen Smith and preparation for *Lost in the Horse Latitudes*, suggested readings are his two earlier studies, *Low Man on a Totem Pole* and *Life in a Putty Knife Factory*.

THEY'RE ALL IN YOUR POST LIBRARY!

## Male Call





## Lt. F. O. Gilbert Now on Luzon

Latest in the Prairie Flier's unofficial reports from volunteer foreign correspondents and Strother Field alumni on the war fronts is a letter in this week's mailbag from 1st Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, former SF Special Services officer.

Stationed, at time of writing, on Luzon Island, Lt. Gilbert speaks highly of the Filipino people. "They serve well at a reasonable price," he writes, "and are very cooperative both now and at the time we were trying to get a foothold. One Filipino lad of 21 is in the office here largely because he pulled one of our colonels out of his flaming plane after being shot down. The lad's parents nursed him along and smuggled him back through the Jap lines. The Negritos with bow and arrow come down out of the hills occasionally, and at times they are bringing in Japs. Usually they don't bring them back, but our A-2 has impressed many of them with the value of the information they are able to give."

The situation in Manila is critical, says Lt. Gilbert, because the fighting there threw over a half million people out of their homes and means of livelihood. "The sight of wrecked Jap planes, sunken Jap ships, and the almost complete ruin of every structure is Manila and Luzon today."

Lt. Gilbert is now assigned as an Information and Education officer with the 5th Air Force.

## Sgt. Douglas Plantz To Be Discharged

Sergeant Douglas Plantz, now of Squadron A-3 at Strother Field and soon to be a civilian citizen of Alexandria Bay, New York, owes his forthcoming discharge to the conscientious work of headquarters personnel of the squadron in which he served overseas in the European-African-Middle Eastern theater.

A letter which arrived only last week from his old outfit credited Sgt. Plantz with two bronze battle stars to which he had previously not known he was entitled. The added ten points were just enough to start the sergeant running his clearance papers.

## WAC Detachment News

By CPL. ALICE  
DEMATTHEWS



Pvt. Lillian K. Nozumi, WAC Supply Clerk of Squadron B at Strother Field, will soon have completed a year of military service. Being a Japanese-American, it was not easy for Pvt. Nozumi to join the Corps and only after months of trials and tribulations was she accepted.

Pvt. Nozumi entered service August 5, 1944, receiving her basic training in the 1st WAC Training Center, Fort Des Moines, Iowa. After a few days at Headquarters, 2AF Colorado Springs, Colorado, she was sent to Strother Field.

Pvt. Nozumi was a clerk at Sanger, California, and also worked on a farm prior to her enlistment. She has four sisters and two brothers, one of whom is now serving overseas.

"I can truthfully say I like Strother Field. I have made many friends and find my work in the Supply Room most pleasant. The enlisted personnel and officers are fine people and my wish is to serve them adequately."

## Squadron C News

By PFC. JOHN S. LYONS

Members of the N.C.O. club extension gave a dance for its members Saturday evening, July 14th. Girls from Ponca City were invited and a large group attended. This was a "juke-box" dance with the "Dukes" records predominating. These Saturday night juke dances will be a weekly feature at the N.C.O. club extension unless other parties conflict.

Sqd. C's softball team dropped a decision to Flight A last week but retained their league leadership. Stevenson pitched a fairly steady game, but errors cost the team the decision. Grogan kept up his usual hard hitting, with most of his hits wasted because of a lack of runners ahead of him. A softball game with Sqd. C Pratt AAF is being planned; also one with Herington's Sqd. C.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## Reduce USAFI Course Cost for Army Officers

Commissioned officers (Army) are now permitted to participate in the United States Armed Forces Institute program on the same financial basis as enlisted personnel. From now on officers will only have to pay the initial two-dollar fee and will be permitted to enroll for additional courses at no extra cost.

For those who enroll in cooperating University Extension courses, USAFI will pay one-half the cost up to twenty dollars.

See your I & E Officer about today's education for tomorrow's job.

## Sgt. Miller Served With 11th Bomb Group

It is with great personal satisfaction that Sgt. Thomas A. Miller of the Gun Camera Film Processing Laboratory at Strother Field, reads the daily headlines telling of thousand-plane raids on Japan. Back in the summer of 1942 Sgt. Miller was a member of the Ordnance department in the 11th Bombardment Group (H) stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, then in the New Hebrides for eight months and then onto Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands. Miller and his group moved to Henderson Field shortly after the Marines took it from the Japs.

"In those days we counted our planes by the squadrons. Today it is a different story with thousands of fighters and bombers striking the Jap mainland at will."

Sgt. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Miller, Chicago, Ill., found himself in the thick of things shortly after enlisting in Feb. 1942. In June of that year he was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands loading ammunition and bombs in planes that took part in the Battle of Midway. From that time until in the early fall of 1943 he served with the 11th Bombardment Group (H). For this service he wears a Distinguished Unit Citation ribbon.

When Sgt. Miller's outfit was relieved and sent back to the Hawaiian Islands in the fall of that year he became ill while aboard ship, of malaria contracted

## Who's Who at Strother Or, 'A Huntin' We Go'

From the names listed on the roster of P-47 trainees who recently arrived at Strother Field from Ft. Sumner, N.M., several should get together for a rabbit-hunting trip this winter. They certainly have the names for such an occasion.

Can't you just see a MILK-MANN (2d Lt. Norman), BUTCHER (2d Lt. Wm. N.), FISHER (F/O Frank A.) and SELLER (2d Lt. Connie L.), meeting at the city storage plant DOCK (2d Lt. Peering through the window GLASS (2d Lt. Charles D.) the men decide to GAMBLE (2d Lt. Kenneth R.) on the weather and as they step outside the leader turns his CHEEK (2d Lt. John H. Jr.) to the WINTER (2d Lt. Eugene C.) blast while the BEAGLE (F/O James H.) hound joins the man carrying the GUNN (1st Lt. Horace L.).

All we have to say is that they OTTO (1st Lt. Glen P.) know better than go out in that kind of weather!

## Women's Club to Meet

The SF Women's Club will honor wives of new officers—permanent party and trainee—at a tea at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. Hostesses will be: Winfield—Mrs. George Byrne, phone 970, and Mrs. Nathan Schleker, phone 2154W; Arkansas City—Mrs. J. E. Teichrow, phone 2054W, and Mrs. J. F. Crow, phone 2054R. Reservations should be made by Sunday night.

while on duty in the South Pacific islands. "I was too sick to appreciate it at the time but I received the honor of being the first man off the ship onto Hawaiian territory—carried on a stretcher of course—but at least the first man ashore."

Miller has seen service at Boise and Pocatello, Idaho, and Greenville, Tex., since returning to the U.S. He arrived at Strother Field from Greenville last week. In civilian life he worked for a telephone company and did commercial photographic work as a sideline.

He wears the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with two stars for the battle of Midway and the Solomon Islands.

The girl who does everything under the sun is likely to get her hide tanned.

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

## Natural Cover



## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- |            |                  |                       |
|------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Fri.....   | Win.....         | Bingo                 |
|            | Ark.....         | Bridge..Candy         |
| Sat.....   | Win.....         | Dancing               |
|            | Ark.....         | Do-as-you-please      |
| Sun.....   | Win.....         | Chicken Supper—By War |
|            | Dads of Winfield |                       |
|            | Ark.....         | Bingo                 |
| Mon.....   | Win.....         | Voice Recording       |
|            | Ark.....         | Juke Box Dance        |
| Tues.....  | Win.....         | Bridge and Rummy      |
|            | Ark.....         | Ping Pong             |
| Wed.....   | Win.....         | Dancing               |
|            | Ark.....         | Fudge..Pop Corn       |
| Thurs..... | Win.....         | Do-as-you-please      |
|            | Ark.....         | Open House            |



Leave Ark City	Leave PX	Leave Winfield	Leave PX
5:30 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	5:30 a.m.	6:00 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.	10:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	12:00 Noon
11:30 a.m.	12 Noon	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
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11:30 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.*	11:30 p.m.
12:00 m.*	12:30 a.m.*	11:30 p.m.†	12:00 m.†
1:00 a.m.*	1:30 a.m.*	12:00 m.*	12:30 a.m.*
2:00 a.m.*	2:30 a.m.*	1:00 a.m.*	1:30 a.m.*
		2:00 a.m.*	2:20 a.m.*

\* Saturday only.  
† Not on Tuesday.

"Why, yes! As a matter of fact I *am* rather busy!"





## Open House, Bathing Beauty Contest, Aquacade, Air Show, Planned for Aug. 1

The 38th anniversary of the Army Air Forces, Wednesday, August 1, will be a big day at Strother Field. The base will hold open house from 1600 until 2100. In addition to the bathing beauty contest and aquacade announced last week, it is probable that an air show, display of aircraft and allied equipment will also be on the program for visitors to the field.

The entry limit in the bathing beauty contest for civilian girls working on the base has been extended until Saturday, July 28. Several entries have already been received at the Special Service Office but in order to make the affair a greater success with a larger number of contestants the

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## Promotions As Awards In Suggestion Program

Enlisted men may not be eligible for cash awards in the AAF Suggestion Program, but when suggestions are adopted by an AAF installation the Awards Committee will recommend promotions to the individual's commanding officer, if the suggestion possesses merit warranting this action.

This information is contained in AAF Letter 35-257 dated 17 July 1945, which authorizes such awards in order to create a greater incentive to obtain beneficial suggestions from enlisted personnel.

The letter adds that the installation CO then will either accomplish the promotions under AAF Regulation 35-54, or if restrictions of this regulation prohibit the commander from promoting the enlisted men, the recommendations will be forwarded through channels for consideration of higher headquarters as exceptions to AAF Regulation 35-54.

## Soap to Be Rationed To Military Personnel

Announcement was made this week by the Strother Post Exchange that, until further notice, sales at the PX of soap, both bar and in boxes of chips or flakes for laundry use, will be made only to uniformed military personnel of the base.

When and as available, soap will be sold to military personnel only on a rationed basis of one box or bar per week. Those buying must sign a register at the time of purchase, just as has formerly been done in the case of purchases of camera film. Sales will not be made to dependents of military personnel, even though those persons may possess a commissary card, but only to officers and enlisted men and women buying in person.

## Chamberlain Has DFC; Destroyed 3 Nazi Planes

T/Sgt. Richard F. Chamberlain, whose home is in Milton, Mass., and who is now assigned to Combat Intelligence at Strother Field, is one of the few enlisted men stationed here who possess the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Enlisting April 13, 1942, Chamberlain found himself stationed one year later in England with the Eighth Air Force. He returned to the United States in September, 1944, and spent eight months in a convalescent hospital at Louisville, Ky., before coming to Strother Field in May of this year.

Chamberlain will always remember two of his twenty-five missions as a B-17 tailgunner. These were his first and last trips over Germany. Engine trouble developed while en route to the target in Germany on the initial mission. The bomb run was completed with only three engines in operation. On the return trip to England another engine was knocked out by flak. The plane was brought back safely to its home base but during the flight it lost altitude rapidly at various periods, resulting in Chamberlain suffering a punctured eardrum. It was this injury that hospitalized him for two

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## Sgt. Vaynes Sets High Score in Exam

Highest scoring honor in the final exam given enlisted men attending the recent Property and Sales Auditing School at Sioux Falls AAF, S. D., was made by Sgt. Steve L. Vaynes, Finance Office, representing Strother Field. Vaynes' score for this examination was 98. Although no one topped his score Vaynes said today that he heard before leaving Sioux Falls that one other enlisted man had possibly tied the record 98.

Sgt. Vaynes is now assistant Property and Sales Auditor of Strother Field. CWO O. R. Schrage, Finance Officer, has been assigned the duties of Property and Sales Auditor.

Seventeen bases in the Second Air Force sent enlisted men as representatives to attend the 10-day course in P & S Auditing that began at Sioux Falls AAF on July 10th.

## German Prisoners Now Working at Base

For work on the runways, maintenance of the grounds and some minor construction work at Strother Field, a group of German prisoners of war from the internment camp at Tonkawa, Okla., are being utilized. Monday was their first day of duty at the local air base.

The prisoners, accompanied by guards from Tonkawa, come to Strother Field each morning, arriving about 8:30. They are taken from the field shortly after four o'clock each afternoon in order to reach their camp before dark. They have breakfast and supper at the internment camp and bring their lunches with them. That fact and the fact that only guards from Tonkawa are employed in watching them insures their complete isolation from Strother Field personnel—military or civilian.

## Large Group Here in Redeployment Program

The first large group of men to be assigned to Strother Field in the Army Air Forces redeployment program reported at the base last week from Second Air Force's redeployment station at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

All but two of the men are veterans of service with the Fifteenth Air Force in Africa and Italy. They will be replaced in their various units by men who are now at continental bases and are qualified for overseas service.

Occupational specialties represented in the group include aircraft armorers, refuelers, ordnance technicians, truck drivers, radio and aircraft mechanics, administrative clerks, parachute riggers and communications specialists.

## Benny Carter Band at Theater, NCO Tonight

Benny Carter, "America's Amazing Man of Music," and his orchestra will present a stage show tonight at 1900 in the post theater.

This entertainment attraction is in addition to the dance tonight in the NCO Club for which the Carter band will play, beginning at 2030.

The orchestra played for dancing last evening at the Officers' Club.

**ENTRY BLANK**

**Bathing Beauty Contest**

Name.....

Dept.....

Office Ph. No.....

(Send to Special Service  
Dept. by Saturday, July 28.)



"Snookum" Russell, leader of the dance band that played for a Squadron C dance in the post gym Sunday evening, is shown, left, doing a bit of crooning over the microphone. At the right are Pvt. and Mrs. Osie Barnes, winners of the \$10 first prize in the jitterbug contest.



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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

News keynote of the fighting war this week, as week before, lay in the reports of American fleet activities in the waters off Japan. Day after day the big fleets cruised the waters off Tokyo Bay, sometimes coming in as close as five miles off the land, picking targets at will and slugging them into smoking rubble with bombs from the carriers and long range shelling by the big battle wagons.

To the Jap there could have been no more impressive show of American might than this long-continued, arrogant flaunting of their innermost citadel, to us no more convincing proof of Nipponese weakness than the ineffectiveness of the defenses encountered.

Across the world the big news on the diplomatic front hung in abeyance awaiting the raising of the security curtain which still covered the Big Three debates in Potsdam. Here in the one-time palace of Frederick the Great, militarist par excellence, President Harry Truman sat down with Churchill and Stalin to plan for peace. As yet there was much speculation, almost no real news, concerning their debates.

And in the United States itself, while high noon of summer blanketed the land in heat and housewives complained of a new shortage of laundry soap, the continent-wide network of railroads girded itself for perhaps the greatest job in passenger transportation history. Into the Atlantic ports poured a rising stream of men and equipment returned from the now inactive European war fronts. All had to be transported by rail, sometimes, as in the case of furloughed men, for five or six long hauls, and finally funnelled out of the Pacific POE's to join the forces mustering against Japan. For every Pullman berth, every train seat, every square foot of freight car capacity, there were a dozen clamoring priorities. The railroads set themselves to meet the challenge.

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Service Club—Section C Party—1930. Theater—Junior Miss—Peggy Ann Garner, Allyn Joslyn. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	FRI.
Service Club—Open House 1200-1830. Theater—No showing.	JULY 27 SAT. JULY 28
Service Club—Open House—Write those letters home. Theater—Her Higness and the Bell Boy— Hedy Lamarr, June Allyson, Robt. Walker. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800- 2000.	SUN. JULY 29
Service Club—Free GI Movies and Cookies. Sq. A, B, M. Theater—No showing.	MON. JULY 30
Service Club—Open House 1200-1800. Theater—Bedside Manner—John Carroll, Ruth Hussey. Shows at 1800-2015.	TUES. JULY 31
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo—Check- ers—Chess—Bridge. Free Prizes. Sq. A, B, M. Theater—Captain Eddie—Fred McMurray, Lynn Bari. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	WED. AUG. 1
Service Club—Dancing on the Patio—Sqdn. A, B, M, and Civilian Personnel. Theater—No showing.	THURS. AUG. 2

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

**Sharp eye:** Lt. Robert Koval of Rochester, N. Y., post-graduate trainee here, was awarded a trophy in ceremonies at the post theater Wednesday for having the highest gunnery score in his class. The award was made by Col. Schinz of Galveston and Col. Salzburg of Brownsville. . . . **Ex-GIs:** Two ex-soldiers of World War II were hired by the Civilian Personnel Office last week. Eugene W. Gilkey, veteran of 34 months in the Southwest Pacific and recipient of a unit citation and three stars on his theater ribbon, was assigned to the motor pool as a truck driver. He says he'll take the motor pool before any other place he's seen, whether it be in Australia, New Guinea or the Dutch East Indies. . . . Earl V. Ruf of Arkansas City is now a mechanic's helper in Maintenance, after serving in the Army from November 16, 1939, to July 6, 1945. Ruf was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. His grade at mustering out was master sergeant. . . . **Press-agent:** Lt. Charles T. Wiseman of Cincinnati, erstwhile PRO with the 449th Bomb Group in Italy, is now assistant PRO at SF. His wife, 1st. Lt. Emily Wiseman, is an evacuation nurse on a regular run between Scotland and New York. . . . **Suggestion Committee:** The AAF Suggestion Committee has made arrangements to employ an executive secretary to study the suggestion program, and to assist in the preparation of information on suggestions. That adds up to the fact that military and civilian personnel submitting suggestions will find the Committee more receptive and responsive than ever before. . . . Lt. Edmund Cordery, ex-navigator now assigned here as Combat Intelligence Officer, will be presented the Air Medal authorized him May 5, 1944, some time next week. The Merchantville, N. J., officer was the first returned navigator to be assigned here. He was a prisoner of war in Romania for four months, is a member of the Caterpillar Club, and earned the Purple Heart and two stars on his ETO ribbon as well as the Air Medal. . . . **MPs:** Tomorrow is the day designated by Seventh Service Command Headquarters at Omaha, Neb., as MP Day. Perhaps the greatest off-the-record service these men have rendered is the help they gave civil authorities in Arkansas City and Winfield during the floods of 1944 and 1945. This is but one of the many unrecorded incidents that make the MPs here proud of their jobs—and proud of their achievements, despite their inability to come to grips with the enemy.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

There was once an old violinist who possessed a most remarkable instrument. Every time he played it his listeners were charmed by its soothing mellowness. Never once did it fail to waken responsive chords in the heart. Finally some one asked if he could explain its charm. The old man, tenderly caressing the graceful curves of the instrument replied, "Ah, a great deal of sunshine must have gone into the wood, and what has gone in has come out."

That is the explanation for a lot of the sourness, discontent and evil that is in the hearts of men. The sunshine of God's love which mellows and softens even the hardest heart has shone into so few.

The reason is not that there has been no sunshine, but that man's sins like a cloud, have shrouded the soul. The doors and windows to man's soul have been so tightly closed and barred by his own rebelliousness and indifference that not a single ray has filtered in.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Catholic—Confession Sunday from 7:00 till 8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
Protestant—Worship Service Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Thursday at 6:30 p.m.  
Jewish Sabbath Worship Service Friday at 8:00 p.m.

## YE LIFTINGS

They called her the village queen because every poker player in town had held her.

Once upon a time there were two girls who got on a troop train by mistake. One got excited and jumped off immediately. The other remained calm and collected.

There was a young maiden—a Sioux  
As tempting as any home brew  
She displayed her cute knees  
As she strolled past teepees  
And the braves all hollered:  
"Wioux! Wioux!"

Some aliens were being quizzed for citizenship. The instructor asked them numerous questions about the flag, but none knew the answers. Finally in desperation he asked: "What is always flying over the city hall?" Hopefully, one asked, "Peejuns?"

A lady was observed passing through a hotel lobby several times. Finally, a polite soldier stepped up to her and asked, "Pardon me, but are you looking for a particular person?"

"I'm satisfied if you are," she replied.

A noted meat packer named Young.  
One day when his nerves were unstrung.  
Pushed his wife's maw unseen,  
In the chopping machine.  
He canned her and labeled her: Tongue.

## Have You Read .

Yankee from Olympus.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes—at eighty was a courtly, witty, scholarly, and kind man. But to know that man, one cannot begin just with 1841, the date of his birth. To really understand the beginning of these qualities and their possessor it is well to have an acquaintance with the background.

There was Holmes' Calvinist grandfather, Abiel Holmes; his handsome and worldly great-grandfather, Judge Wendell; the mother from whom he said he'd inherited "a trace of melancholy." Finally there was that sturdy Yankee father, author of good books and bad verse, frank in the fact that he thrived on applause.

Catherine Drinker Bowen, author of *Yankee from Olympus* tells us of them in his biographical story. Further she proves that the significance of his life lay not wholly in his legal achievements, nor wholly in his written words. But in these, plus his genius for living and his passionate pursuit of knowledge his life became a vivid picture—a picture of American history.

It's IN YOUR POST LIBRARY!

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff





## Business Girls Spend Vacation in Presenting Shows at Army Camps

The story behind the story of "Mom" Middleton and her entertainment troupe has added to the appreciation of Strother soldiers for the show which the girls put on at the post Service Club last Wednesday evening, July 18th. "Mom" and her fifteen associates in the troupe, including her daughter and granddaughter, all hold down full-time, year-round jobs in offices and banks in their home town of St. Louis, Missouri. The entertainment tour, on which Strother Field was only one of eleven camps and bases played, was strictly a volunteer enterprise, and all expenses were met by the girls themselves.

"Mom," who was formerly active in camp entertainment work at Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis, thought of the tour some months ago and contacted talented girls of her acquaintance. By some careful "wire pulling" at their respective offices all the girls arranged to take their summer vacations during the same two-week period. Pooling their vacation savings, they rented a bus for the trip and prepared to pay all incidental expenses. Letters to post Special Service officers in this area arranged for eleven bookings in base theaters and service clubs.

## What Is Safety?

Safety is the difference between joy, evidenced by smiles, and pain or sadness, depicted by tears. It prevents sadness, pain, heartache, and misery, yet only the worker can possess it.

If you possess logic and love—logic to study and perform your job correctly and love for your home and your fellow men, you can't help but become a safe worker. Before performing a job, be sure you know the proper way to do it and that you are properly protected—then go ahead and do the job, you can't help but work safely.

HENRY C. BRYAN  
Captain Air Corps  
Ground Safety Officer.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## WAC Detachment News

By PVT. BARBARA WEYMOUTH



Transferred from Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., to Squadron B and most welcome are Pvts. Katherine Cline and Velma Van Der Pluim, assigned to flight line communications.

Greatly enjoyed by the Wacs was the fried chicken dinner at the Winfield USO Sunday evening. We wish to express our appreciation to all those who made it possible.

Missed by the Company are Cpl. Alice De Matthews, company clerk, and Pfc. Antonio Innocenti of fighter control, who were recently transferred from Strother Field.

Birthdays greetings were extended by Squadron B on July 17 to 1st. Sgt. Elizabeth Virdin and S/Sgt. Amelia Rovtar, mess sergeant, whose birthdays are on the same day. The two are the same age. Both Wacs were guests of Barracks I for a dinner in Arkansas City and were later treated to a delicious cake, courtesy of the WAC cooks.

Pfc. Verna (Polly) Hackenberger, Thompsonstown, Pa., is truly authorized that smiling face. Her brother, M/Sgt. Joseph Hackenberger, back from England, was able to visit her at Strother Field this week, their first meeting in four years.

Another new-comer to Strother is Cpl. Christine Centrilla Gentile, recent bride of T/Sgt. Carl Gentile who joined her here a couple of days ago.

## MUSIC HOUR Post Theatre

1900 — 2030

Donna Diana Overture - Reznicek  
Roumanian Rhapsody - Enesco  
Te Deum "La Tosca" - Puccini  
Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (Unfinished) - Schubert  
Mimi's Farewell Act 3, "La Boheme" - Puccini  
Two Arabesques - DeBussey  
G Major  
Ballet Music from "Faust" Gounod

## Seek Field Talent For Base GI Show

Can you sing, dance, play a musical instrument? Do the boys roll on the barracks floor as the result of your clever remarks? If you can qualify in any of the above achievements the Special Service Department at Strother Field wants your name, rank, squadron, and name of department in which you work.

In the not-too-distant future the SSD plans to present a GI stage show in the post theater. Talent in the production will be selected from military personnel on the base. The services of one or more piano players are desired.

Recently a bit of hidden talent exposed itself in the terpsichorean art. It was during the Ray Bauduc dance for enlisted men held in the post gym. Two husky GIs deserted their feminine partners during a rapid-fire number to do a little jiving together. It not only was a vigorous exhibition but the men brought forth a great amount of applause for their intricate and clever dancing. (How about reporting to the SSD, you two? Your dance number will help make the coming GI show a success.)

## Squadron C News

By PFC. JOHN S. LYONS

"Snookum" Russell and his orchestra rolled into Strother Field for their dance engagement on Sunday, July 22. After dinner at the squadron mess hall they were guests of N.C.O. Club extension members at a pre-dance party.

The dance itself, at the base gymnasium, was a complete success. Russell's singing of "Caledonia" bringing down the house.

Guests from all adjacent towns attended the dance, Wichita's contingent being the largest, with some "lovelies" motoring down for the party.

Sqd. C's softball team avenged an earlier defeat when it blasted out 14 hits to beat Armament 12-7 last week. Stevenson on the mound, aided by Tucker's sensational fielding, pitched a steady game. Johnson and Parker each made 3 hits with Parker coming through with a home run. This leave Sqd. C still on top in the league as we go to press.

## Major Leonard F. Marks Possesses Silver Star

Major Leonard F. Marks of Woodside, Long Island, New York, whose daring combat tactics in the Southwest Pacific earned for him the coveted Silver Star medal, has reported at Strother Field to become an instructor of fighter pilot trainees.

Major Marks earned the Silver Star on May 10, 1942, as a first lieutenant, for gallantry in action over Port Moresby, as a part of a formation of eight planes which was attacked from above by 12 Zeros.

After diving away from the attack, Marks found himself still engaged by two enemy planes. While endeavoring to evade the Japs and rejoin his formation, he discovered two more Zeros similarly attacking a comrade. Sacrificing altitude and position to the two fighters pursuing him, he dived to assist his fellow officer. When he opened fire, one of the Zeros burst into flames and the other withdrew to avoid further damage. This action enabled the friendly aircraft to get away and Marks eluded the planes pursuing him by another dive.

Major Marks is one of a group of combat veterans reporting to Strother Field from similar duty at Majors Field, Greenville, Texas, to instruct post graduate P-47 fliers now stationed here.

## Going to College? Catalogues, Bulletins Available at I & E

As part of its program of assistance to Strother soldiers planning a post-war education under the GI Bill of Rights, the Information and Education section is asking all military personnel to contact the I & E Officer and make known specific plans and needs. Institutions offering the desired courses will be contacted and the necessary information obtained.

The I & E section is assembling a library of university and college bulletins and catalogues from institutions throughout the country. These will be available as a reference library for consultation by officers and enlisted men and women desiring to select a college in advance for attendance after discharge from the armed forces.

The Information and Education Officer may be contacted at the Special Service Office, Building 1903, just south of the base library, or by phoning extension 297.

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Fri.	Win.	Field Dance
Ark.	Bridge	Candy
Sat.	Win.	Dancing
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Sun.	Win.	Tues. Night Girls
Ark.	Bingo	
Mon.	Win.	Voice Recording
Ark.	Juke Box Dance	
Tues.	Win.	Bridge
Ark.	Rummy	Pinochle
Wed.	Win.	Ping Pong
Ark.	Dancing	Cards
Thurs.	Win.	Fudge
Ark.	Pop Corn	
	Do-as-you-please	
	Open House	

ton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

## All Together They Spell "Musher"





## Fliers Beat Beavers 21 to 4 in A.C. Game

The Strother Field Fliers won another Ark City League baseball game Monday night when they pounded out 21 runs in 4 innings against the A. C. Eager Beaver nine. The Beavers used three pitchers in an endeavor to stop the rampaging Fliers, but to no avail.

The Fliers scored one run in the 1st frame, 5 in the 2nd and 3 in the 3rd to lead 9 to 1, the Beavers putting across one run in the top half of the opening inning. In the 4th the Beavers scored 3 runs making the score 9 to 4. The Fliers needed 2 runs to regain the 7-run lead necessary to complete the game in 5 innings.

Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer, playing his first game for the Fliers, had struck out and then walked in his first two appearances at bat. In the 4th inning Schultz and Antos had hit safely when Williams came to bat. The latter came through with a hit to right field scoring his two teammates and giving the Fliers the desired 7-run lead. His hit was evidently an inspiration to the other members of the team and before the inning ended the Fliers had scored a total of 12 runs. Lt. Williams batted again the same frame and scored his second hit, giving him a .666 average at bat. Schultz hit a terrific triple with the bases loaded, scoring Wagener, Morrison and Reese. Gwodz, SF pitcher, hit a home run with Antos on base in this big inning.

Hobson, towering first baseman, good-naturedly took a lot of kidding from his teammates in the 4th inning when he struck out twice in the same frame, setting a record of some sort.

Now that sheer stockings are being made from coal, wood and rubber, when a gal gets a run she doesn't know whether it's a clinker, a splinter or a blow-out.

## Field May Have Its First Football Team

A number of inquiries have been made at the physical training department as to the possibilities of organizing a football team at Strother Field.

Present plans by Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer and Cpl. Joe Giannangelo, PT instructor, call for the formation of a football team, providing a sufficient number of men with high school, college or professional experience report to the gym within the next few days.

If a team is organized practice sessions will commence the second week in August. It is hoped that a number of games can be scheduled with colleges in Kansas. Two schools have inquired as to scheduling games with the base team, if the organization of such is successful.

All military personnel excepting flying officers and trainees are eligible for the Strother Field team.

### SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
*Section C .....	9	3	.750
Armament .....	7	4	.637
Flight "A" .....	7	4	.637
Headquarters .....	6	5	.546
Fighter Control .....	4	7	.364
*Communications .....	4	8	.333
*Medics .....	3	9	.250

\* Schedule completed for first half of season play.

## CW Officer Promoted

Quentin W. Osburn of Sunman, Indiana, chemical warfare officer at Strother Field, has been promoted to the rank of captain, the promotion effective July 17.

"How come you in jail, Sam?"  
"Jes for throwin' rocks outa de neighbor's yard into mine."  
"What's wrong with that?"  
"Dese was Plymouth Rocks."

## Smoky Hill AAF Beats Fliers 10-5

The Strother Field Fliers lost another Second Air Force district league baseball game Thursday afternoon of last week when the local team met the Smoky Hill AAF at Winfield. The final score was 10 to 5.

The Fliers led throughout the first five innings, the score reading 5 to 3 at the beginning of the sixth frame. With the bases loaded as the result of a hit and two walks and with no outs, Salina banged out a double scoring two runs to tie the score 5 to 5. Before the inning was over Salina had tallied four more runs to take the lead 9 to 5. The Smoky Hill team collected an additional run while holding the Fliers scoreless the rest of the game.

Hobson, SF first baseman, was robbed of a home run in the third inning, but the hit, called a three-bagger, drove in Morrison and Schultz and the Fliers took the game lead, 3 to 2. The ball hit by Hobson, struck one of the light poles on the field and was ruled a three-base hit. Cpl. Art Schultz pitched for the Fliers.

## Fliers Lose to Harvard AAF by Score of 11-6

When the Strother Field Fliers met the Harvard, Neb., AAF team in a baseball game played at Winfield Sunday afternoon, there was a marked resemblance to athletic meetings between the school of the same name and Yale in which anything can happen and usually does. Harvard won the thrilling game 11 to 6.

The Nebraska air base team scored three runs in the first inning, two runs in the third and one in the fourth to lead 6 to 0. Schultz, Fliers' centerfielder, banged out a terrific home run over left field in the last of the fourth inning to tally SF's first score. The blow evidently inspired his teammates as they scored five runs and tied the score in the fifth frame.

With Wagener and Curtis on base, Morrison, second baseman, hit a homer. In the same inning Hobson, first baseman, poled out a circuit blow with Antos on base, making a total of five runs.

Neither team scored during the next two innings but in the eighth Harvard bats again found the range and four runs crossed home plate, boosting the score to 10-6 for the visitors. They put over an additional run in the final frame to win the game, 11-6.

### BASEBALL

WEEK JULY 26-AUG. 2

Thursday, July 26—Herington AAF at Herington.

Friday, July 27—Great Bend AAF at Winfield.

Sunday, July 29—Smoky Hill AAF at Salina.

Tuesday, July 31—Great Bend AAF at Great Bend.

Thursday, Aug. 2—Pueblo AAF at Pueblo, Colo.

## Many Attend Picnic-Swim Party

A picnic supper and swimming party for enlisted personnel and USO girls from Ark City, Winfield and Newkirk, Okla., was held at the post swimming pool Tuesday evening.

The event, first of its type held on the base, was sponsored by the Special Service Department. The large turnout of enlisted men and USO girls made the party a success. Food was provided by the General Mess and USO girls.

### OPEN HOUSE, BATHING

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deadline for entry has been extended.

The bathing beauty contest will be held at the post pool at 1800 August 1. The aquacade will follow this event and will feature relay teams represented by American trainees, enlisted men, and base officers, and Brazilian and Mexican officers.

There will be swimming contests in the backstroke, butterfly, crawl and under water divisions. A clown act will also be presented during the aquacade. A life raft and equipment will be on display at the pool.

"Red" Grantham of Winfield will be master of ceremonies during the aquacade. He will be remembered for his mike ability during the recent boxing shows in Winfield.

The War Department public relations policy prohibits Wacs from participation in events such as bathing beauty contests.

### CHAMBERLAIN HAS DFC

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months in England and for the eight months period in the U. S.

The twenty-fifth and final mission in which Chamberlain participated was the one for which he and his crewmates received the DFC. His plane, the lead ship in the flight, narrowly escaped being rammed by suicide German planes. The lead planes in each of the other two squadrons with which his outfit was flying formation were destroyed by these ramming tactics. Chamberlain's plane was next on the list but the top turret gunner either disabled the German plane or killed the pilot before it struck their B-17. The Nazi plane suddenly went into a half-roll and crashed into one of the B-17s flying wing to Chamberlain's ship. Only two planes of his squadron returned to their base in England, the one bearing Chamberlain and his crew and the plane that originally started the mission in the tail-end spot.

Chamberlain is officially credited with destroying two Focke-Wulf and one ME-109 German planes in combat.

In addition to the DFC, T/Sgt. Chamberlain wears the Air Medal with three Clusters, ETO ribbon with two battle stars for the Battle of Britain and the aerial invasion of Europe, and the Distinguished Unit Citation with cluster for the Regensburg attack and for participation in the first shuttle raid to Africa in 1942.

## The Wolf

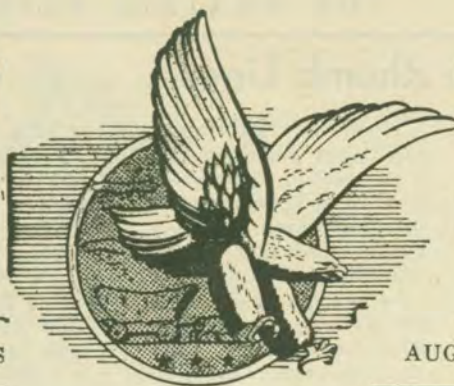
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"Oh yes! I've heard a lot about you!"





# Field to Close August 15

## 30-Day Furlough Time Authorized in 2AF

At Post Headquarters it has been announced that a message received here, as well as at all stations throughout the command, from General Robert B. Williams, Commanding General, revokes existing 2AF furlough regulations.

Furloughs for enlisted personnel and officers' leaves will, at the expiration of a 90-day period, be governed by Army Regulations which provide for a total of 30 days' vacation time per year. No furlough or leave may exceed 15 days in any one period.

The new policy will go into effect after the first of October. It will become effective at that time because of the current redeployment program and the heavy demands on the nation's transportation facilities.

Under Army Regulations 615-275 for enlisted personnel and 605-115 for officers, the policy of granting furlough time not to exceed 30 days per year will be applicable to all personnel here.

Army Regulation 615-275 states that officers so designated "may grant furloughs to enlisted personnel under their control on the basis of 30 days a year and for such

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## Lt. Bushong's Granddad Played with Dodgers

When Lt. Albert J. Bushong lists "sports" as his hobby, the listing has a dual implication: he participates in most of them, particularly swimming these hot days (he swam for dear old Brooklyn College before he became an aviation cadet); he talks about them, particularly baseball in which he early gained a good background from his grandfather, one of the outstanding baseball catchers of all times. Incidentally, Lt. Bushong bears the name of his grandfather, best known as "Doc" Bushong.

Among Lt. Bushong's prized possessions as he flits through the skies in a P-47 Thunderbolt is a copy of an old photograph of the Brooklyn Dodgers of 1888, with his grandfather's handlebar moustache a prominent part of the picture.

"Doc" Bushong was a member of the St. Louis Browns team before the Browns became the St. Louis Cardinals. He was one of the only three players bought by Ebbetts (for whom Ebbetts Field was later named) manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1888, the year the Dodgers won the world championship.

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## Most of Post Military Personnel Here To Be Transferred to La Junta, Colo.

Strother Field will close August 15, Colonel D. E. Meade, commanding officer, announced this week.

There are indications most of the officers and men now here will be transferred to an overseas training unit at La Junta, Colorado, and that under-graduate trainee pilots—limited to the Mexicans and Brazilians now at Strother Field—will go to another 72nd Fighter Wing base to complete their training.

## Sgt. Mosteller Invents Gun Camera Tester; Approved by 72nd Wing

Time-tested and proved today is the gun-camera tester invented and built by S/Sgt. William P. Mosteller of Strother Field to solve what had formerly been a major headache for Air Forces gunnery training officers. Previously frequent jams of the camera film had prevented proper photographic recording of the firing of fighter pilot trainees engaged in gunnery practice missions. S/Sgt. Mosteller's device, in actual use at this base for some eight months, has cut the number of jams almost 100 per cent.

The camera tester, in the words of the inventor, is a device which makes it possible "to see inside the camera while it operates and correct in advance any defect which might cause a jam."

Use of the tester has been approved by the 72nd Fighter Wing and instructions for its assembly and functioning circulated by Wing bases.

S/Sgt. Mosteller became interested in the problem through his work at Strother Field Gunsight Aiming Point Photographic Laboratory.

Before entering service three and one-half years ago S/Sgt. Mosteller was a professional artist, and his work, especially the posters he has executed for War Bond drives, is well known to Strother personnel. His home is Scranton, Pennsylvania.

This, the 122nd consecutive issue of the Prairie Flier, may be the final edition of the Strother Field weekly newspaper. With military personnel scheduled to be transferred by August 15 and the possibility of there being no funds available to defray the cost of an additional edition, the Ed and members of the Special Service office take this opportunity to say, "So long." (The Ed feels he better say good-bye while he is here to do so—they nearly got him Tuesday!)

To the Public Relations office and contributors of news items and articles during the past 2 1-3 years we wish to extend our gratitude for helping to make possible the Prairie Flier.

Strother Field was activated in November, 1942, as a basic flying school of the Central Flying Training Command. After sixteen classes of aviation cadets had been trained, the field was declared excess to the Training Command. It was taken over by the Second Air Force June 1, 1944. Since that time it has served as a final-phase training station for P-47 pilots. On July 1, the base became the 72nd Fighter Wing's post-graduate fighter pilot training station.

Geographical notes about La Junta, Colo.: Population 7,193. Elevation 4,062 which is approximately 2,800 feet above that of Strother Field. La Junta is 57 miles from Pueblo, Colo., a city of 50,096. Colorado Springs is only 96 miles from La Junta. Those men who have become attached to the state of Kansas will find consolation in the fact that La Junta is only 84 miles across the Kansas line. La Junta is approximately 440 miles from Strother Field.

## New USO-Camp Show Coming Here Aug. 4

One of the most popular units ever put out by the USO-CAMP SHOWS organization, OFF THE RECORD will bring to the stage of the post theater, Saturday, Aug. 4, a wide variety of talents assembled to offer sophistication, jive and sentiment all in one show.

Plus outstanding attractions in comedy, song, dance and novelty numbers, OFF THE RECORD invites audience participation in an act that's sensationally new and different.

JIMMY REYNOLDS—M. C., Comedian.

3 GOBS AND A GAL—Acrobatic Act.

SIX MADLYN WALLACE GIRLS—Singing, Dancing.

RAY & HARRISON—Comedy Danc-ing.

THREE MERRY MEN—Comedy act.

## Thousands Attend Celebration Here; Helen Gordon Wins Streamette Title

A special program and open house held at Strother Field Wednesday, August 1, as part of the world-wide celebration of the 38th anniversary of the Army Air Forces, attracted several thousand civilians from southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma. The field gates were opened to the public from 1600 until 2100. The affair was also a farewell gesture on the part of military and civilian personnel of the base to the citizens of this area, it being the final open house at the field which is scheduled to be inactivated August 15.

Opening ceremonies started at 1600 with invocation by Chaplain Karl B. Smith and a welcome by Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, Executive Officer. Then followed an aerial salute by 60 P-47 Thunderbolt planes at 1600. Formation flights were made over Winfield and Arkansas City and then the group, under the leadership of Major Donald McLeod, director of operations and training, flew over Strother Field for the entertainment of the Air Force Day visitors at the base. Another dozen pilots performed single combat maneuvers for the enlightenment and enjoyment of the crowd.

Following the flying exhibition the spectators gathered at the post swimming pool for the first of two events scheduled there, a bathing beauty contest in which ten of

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## THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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## The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Last week the British people overwhelmingly rejected at their general election the Conservative Party of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and swept the Laborites of Clement Attlee into power by a topheavy vote. It was a stunning and complete upset of all the hopes of the Conservatives and a repudiation of many traditional imperialistic policies for which the party stood.

It is evident that deep feeling and thought upon the part of the common man in England governed the voting. For almost the first time in history a government which had just successfully conducted a major war was thrust out of office without even being allowed to begin to tackle peacetime problems. This was done moreover while a second war was still being fought.

Obviously the voting reveals a pronounced swing to the left in the political thinking of the nation. To such an extent it strengthens the hand of Stalin's Russia in Europe, and may cause partial or complete abandonment of such policies as the British armed occupation of Greece. Whether or not it will lead to a reversal or liberalization of policy in regard to such colonial sore spots as India remains yet to be seen.

Certainly it is a crushing victory for labor as against the vested monied interests at home. Support for the Attlee group came from the common man and he will expect a definite return to be embodied in the future domestic policies of the party.

Nevertheless it must be remembered that the Englishman of whatever political faith is no extremist. Republican or imperialist policies will not mean capitulation to Russian interests on the continent of Europe. Neither will it mean immediately adoption of Communism at home. Undoubtedly there will be a swing to the left, but not so far as to unbalance the traditional structure of English life and policy.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Service Club—Section C Party—1930. Theater—A Thousand and One Nights— Cornel Wilde, Evelyn Keyes. Short sub- jects. Shows at 1800-000.	FRI. AUG. 3
Service Club—Open House 1200-1830. Theater—No showing.	SAT. AUG. 4
Service Club—Open House—Write those letters home. Theater—Pride of the Marines—John Gar- field, Dane Clark, Eleanor Parker. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2015.	SUN. AUG. 5
Service Club—Free GI Movies and Cookies. Music Hour, 1900. Theater—No showing.	MON. AUG. 6
Service Club—Open House 1200-1800. Theater—Man from Oklahoma—Roy Rog- ers, Dale Evans. Shows at 1800-2015.	TUES. AUG. 7
Service Club—Game Night—Bingo—Check- ers—Chess—Bridge. Free Prizes. Theater—Incendiary Blonde—Betty Hutton. Arturo de Cordova, Barry Fitzgerald. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	WED. AUG. 8
Service Club—Open House—1200-2300. Theater—No showing.	THURS. AUG. 9

## Rhumb Lines . . . . .

*Souvenir:* After almost three years in Kansas, S/Sgt. Bill Biederman has at last grabbed a substantial souvenir of the Sunflower State. Last week he became the father of a Kansas-born baby girl. . . . *Page Ripley:* Sgt. Nathan Ginsberg of Station Supply, a New Yorker, likes Kansas so well he named his Winfield-born son Morris K., with the K—no fooling—for Kansas. . . . *Fixture:* Monroe Hendricks, chief barber at the PX shop, came here from his LaGrange, Texas, home two years ago as Pfc. Hendricks; received a CDD about a year ago. . . . *Appreciation:* Col. Meade in an impromptu talk to SF officers at the Club Saturday night said the 14 months he had spent here were the most enjoyable of his Army career. . . . *Vandal:* Story behind the long line of cars waiting to be searched at the south gate the other day is that a visiting officer—a colonel, no less—had been relieved of his briefcase. The thief, however, wanted only the case; he dumped its contents onto a desk where the colonel had left it. . . . *Share in tribute:* Discharged AAF personnel who served honorably in World War II were permitted to wear their uniforms yesterday, Air Force Day.

## Speaking of-- The Army Medics

The Army Medical Department justly celebrates 170 years of service. Its skilled personnel have helped our country win every war in which we have participated. It has won victories without guns.

Often disease has been an Army's greatest enemy, causing more casualties than bullets. Medical research and ceaseless experimentation have resulted in highly successful methods of combatting almost every known disease.

The stories of how the Army Medical Department has restored the wounded, are epics of courage and skill. Nearly 97 out of every 100 soldiers who reach a hospital are saved. This record has been achieved only through the heroic work of every member of the Medical Department: the medical aid men who, under heavy fire, have carried their comrades to safety, the nurses, whose tireless spirit has given new hope to many a seriously wounded soldier, the doctors, whose steady hands have performed miracles of surgery.

One guiding principle has characterized the leadership of our Army: maximum power with minimum casualties. It is to this principle that the Army Medical Department is dedicated.

## =CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

## MY GUARD WITH GOD\*

I'm standing guard at sunset,  
But I know I'm not alone;  
There's another One who's watching  
From His place upon a throne.  
He's my Lord, my Great Protector,  
Who once died to make men free.  
He is watching, He is guarding.  
He is taking care of me.

I'm standing guard at midnight  
On an island in the sea,  
Far from home and all my loved ones,  
But my Lord is still with me;  
And the Southern Cross is gleaming  
In the starry sky above,  
And it serves as a reminder  
Of my Lord's undying love.

I'm standing guard at sunrise,  
With the dawn's bright sky above,  
And I know the Lord will keep me,  
Watching over me in love.  
Now my watch is almost over,  
But His watch shall never cease—  
He has given me assurance  
And an everlasting peace.

\* This poem was written by a soldier just before he was reported missing in action.

Things Like These Get  
In Our Hair

In order to ease the railroad transportation problem a U. S. senator recently made the suggestion that military and naval personnel refrain from week-end trips by rail.

Evidently the gentleman is not a veteran of World Wars I or II. If so he never would have uttered such a statement.

Five days and nights of living in a tent or tar-papered hut gives a man in uniform the urge to travel—any place, any time—and the last two days in each week is the only time he can conveniently get leave.

"Should a war veteran who has risked his life in battle be given his old job back, even if a man with greater seniority, more experience, has to be pushed out?" Such was the question for debate last week on the America's Town Meeting radio program sponsored by Reader's Digest.

There is just one thing we would like explained. If the war vet had not been away from his civilian job how would the other fellow have acquired said seniority and additional experience?

"60,000 Workers Remain Off Jobs." "6,000 Workers Engaged in Production of B-29 Engines Walk Out." These two headlines from last week's news certainly speak for American patriotism.

Imagine how these same people would scream and yell "Deserters" if four divisions of our troops threw down their weapons and refused to fight in the Pacific, or if 6,000 B-29 officers and enlisted men refused to board their planes for raids on Japan.

Why not put the workers and employers who engage in work-stoppage disputes during wartime into a special branch of service, assign them to duty on their old jobs at buck privates' pay? But not in our uniform. We do not want it disgraced!

## YE LIFTINGS

"Why does Geraldine let all the boys kiss her?"

"She once slapped a boy who was chewing tobacco."

Taxi driver: "I take the next turn, don't I."

Voice from rear: "Oh, yeah?"

Then there's the bachelor who was thrown out of his apartment when his landlady heard him drop his shoes on the floor twice.

Voice from upstairs: "Olga is that young man there yet?"

Voice from davenport: "No, mother, but he's getting there."

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator





## Squadron C News

By PFC. JOHN S. LYONS

Sqd. C's new adjutant is 1st Lt. Jack Perlmutter who recently came to Strother Field from Majors Field, Greenville, Texas. Lieutenant Perlmutter, a native of New York state, has already ably assisted 1st Lt. Bagdasarian, Squadron Commanding Officer.

There will be a picnic Sunday, Aug. 5th at Springhill Park, located between the base and Arkansas City. Members of the squadron and guests are invited. Free beer and refreshments will be served. The picnic is Sqd. C's farewell affair at Strother Field. The picnic will start at 2 p.m.

## Famous Last Thoughts

"I'm pretty sure I can lift this heavy box myself."

"I'll fix that electric socket and save a little time."

"I think I'll have a little fun with Joe and kick his ladder just a little."

"If I run real fast at noon to get downstairs, I can take an extra smoke."

"Heck, I can run this machine with my eyes closed."

"I don't need safety shoes; nothing ever happened to my toes."

"I can make that bus before that car gets here."

HENRY C. BRYAN,  
Captain Air Corps  
Ground Safety Officer

An Englishman, attending an auction, was greatly attracted to a large china jar—an immense jar with large pink roses on the side, a bale by which to carry it, and a lid with a knob to cover it. So attracted to it was he that he bid off the item and picking it up started to carry it home.

On the way home he stopped at the butcher's, set the jar on the counter and to the clerk said:

"A pound ah fillet, sir."

The clerk looked askance for a moment, appeared to be tussling with his conscience, then said:

"A pound you don't."

"My wife says that if I don't give up drinking, she'll leave me."

"That's going to be pretty hard, isn't it?"

"Yes, I'll miss her."

## WAC Detachment News

By PVT. BARBARA  
WEYMOUTH



One of the interpreters for the Brazilian trainees at Strother Field is Pfc. Mary Gagne, of Los Angeles, California.

Majoring in French and Spanish, Pfc. Gagne graduated from UCLA with an MA degree in French. After graduation she taught French, Spanish and Latin in the Los Angeles high schools for three years and on July 5, 1943, her birthday, incidentally, enlisted in the WAC. She served as a dispatcher in Base Operations at Peterson Field, Colorado. Upon being transferred to Pocatello, Idaho, she was assigned as English teacher to the 201st Mexican fighter squadron and Spanish teacher for the instructor pilots. After the closing of the Pocatello base, Pfc. Gagne carried on in the same work at Majors Field, Texas. While at Majors, the former Mary Fugay became the bride of T/Sgt. Francis Gagne whom she had met while stationed at Peterson Field. He is now stationed near El Paso, Texas.

Since March of this year, Pfc. Gagne has been stationed at Strother as interpreter for the Brazilian trainee pilots.

## 30-DAY FURLOUGH TIME

(Continued from page 1, column 1)

brief additional periods as may be necessary in emergencies, that furloughs will be confined to periods of 15 days or less plus travel time."

Here is the new furlough time setup: If you have had a 15-day furlough prior to July 1, 1945, you will be entitled to the newly-authorized furlough time of 30 days effective between October of this year and July 1, 1946. If your regular 15-day furlough was taken after July 1 of this year then you will be entitled to only 15 additional days between October, 1945, and July 1, 1946.

A baby is an alimentary canal with a loud voice at the one end and no responsibility at the other.

Buy YANK at the PX.

## THOUSANDS ATTEND

(Continued from page 1, column 2)

Strother Field's most gorgeous civilian employees participated. The young ladies, blondes, brunettes, and titian-haired, walked around the pool amid the applause of the spectators and an occasional wolf-call. They were then seated at the north end of the pool to await the decision of the judges as to who would be named the "Strother Field Streamette of 1945." The judges, Lt. Col. Merle W. Allen, director of administration and services; Lt. Henri Kucharski, Brazilian trainee; Cpl. Bunny Austin, well-known English tennis star, found it quite a problem to select one winner from the group but finally chose Miss Helen Gordon, attractive blonde whose home is in Arkansas City and who works in Station Supply at Strother Field.

The other bathing beauty contestants were Gerry Crow, Station Supply; Anna Ruth Thomas, Station Supply; Margaret Diller, Station Supply; Betty Emigh, Headquarters; Maxine Jenkins, Station Supply. All these girls reside in Arkansas City. Marion Garrick, NCO Club; Phyllis Cooper, Station Hospital; Frances Woods, Production Control; Gerrie Warren, Special Service Department. The latter group reside in Winfield.

In reality the bathing beauty contest had an additional entry, even though he failed to register with the judges. Cpl. Robert Wilhelm, a "Mr. Five-by-Five" if there ever was one, appeared in the number eleven spot in the review. He later gave a diving exhibition that was something to see.

A diving exhibition was given by Lts. Francisco and Orozo, Mexican trainees, and Lt. Bailey and S/Sgt. Solkofske, American trainee and enlisted man.

A relay swimming race featuring American, Brazilian and Mexican teams was won by the Brazilians. The U. S. team finished in second place and the Mexican team was third. Simeone, Penna, Galvao and Alivera, were members of the Brazilian team. On the Mexican team were Francisco, Hajar, Granes and Chappital. The U. S. team was composed of Major Taylor, Lt. Bushong, S/Sgt. Solkofske and Cpl. Burnett.

## Improvements Made In EM War Room

Redecoration and expansion of the facilities of the enlisted men's War Room in the northwest wing of the Service Club was begun last week-end by the Information and Education section. Current information to keep Strother enlisted men and women abreast of developments on the military, diplomatic and home fronts is provided.

In addition to the latest war maps as received at the field, newspaper and magazine articles covering all the latest developments are kept posted on the bulletin boards. Special displays of significant interest are featured and books and pamphlets dealing with war and post-war problems are arranged on the tables and shelves for easy reference.

A regular feature is the bulletin board devoted exclusively to items of home front news ranging all the way from cartoons and editorials through clippings dealing with such essential phases of the American scene as sports results, fashions of the day, book reviews, and developments in the industrial field.

## MUSIC HOUR Post Theatre

1900 — 2030

PFC. A. CRAIG

- Barber of Seville Overture - - - - -
- - - - - Rossini
- Selections from Belshazzar's Feast - - - - -
- - - - - Sibelius
- Oriental Procession
- Khandra's Dance
- Brindisi from "La Traviata" Verdi
- Piano Concerto in A Minor - Grieg
- Largo al Factotum from "Barber of Seville" - - - - - Rissini
- Midsummer Night's Dream - - - - -
- - - - - Mendelssohn
- Overture
- Scherzo
- Intermezzo
- Nocturne
- Wedding March
- Eri Tu from "The Masked Ball" - - - - -
- - - - - Verdi
- Capriccio Espagnole - - - - -
- - - - - Rimsky-Korsakoff
- Strauss Walzes
- Blue Danube
- Tales from the Vienna Woods
- Voices of Springtime

Cannibal Cook: "Shall I boil the missionary, boss?"

Cannibal Boss: "Don't be silly, that's a friar."

## USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Fri.....Win.....Dancing, Cards, Games
- Ark.....Bridge, Candy
- Sat.....Win.....Dancing, Free Food Baskets—Oxford War Dads
- Ark.....Do-as-you-please
- Sun.....Win.....Open House
- Ark.....Bingo
- Mon.....Win.....Voice Recording
- Ark.....Juke Box Dance
- Tues.....Win.....Bridge, Rummy
- Ark.....Ping Pong
- Wed.....Win.....Ping Pong, Cards
- Ark.....Fudge, Pop Corn
- Thurs.....Win.....Do-as-you-please
- Ark.....Open House

ator of "Terry and the Pirates"

## Global Strategy"—So Round; So Firm . . . "





## Four Area Champs To Play for 2AF Title

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 2—Four area champions in the 24-team Second Air Force Baseball League have been decided and they will start play soon in eliminations leading to the air force pennant.

Kirtland Field of Albuquerque, N.M., will oppose the Headquarters Second Air Force team, based at Colorado Springs, in the Southern section, while Sioux Falls (S.D.) Army Air Field will clash with Herington (Kas.) Army Air Field in the Northern finals.

The sectional series will be held Aug. 1-18, and the two finalists will meet, Aug. 19-Sept. 1, in Second Air Force's "little world series."

Staff Sgt. Joe Basile, Headquarters first baseman from Brooklyn, is the leading hitter in the league with 26 hits in 45 times at bat for an average of .577. The leading pitchers are Diz Hofner of Herington, 5-0; Jess Dobernic of Kirtland, 5-0, and Lee Grissom of Headquarters, 3-0.

The first 100 games in the 2AF league drew a total of 73,169 soldier and civilian spectators. For 166 contests, including non-league games, the attendance was 133,635 fans.

## 2AF Pilot Fined \$1200

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 26—Major General Robert B. Williams, Second Air Force commander, has approved a recommendation of the Central Flying Evaluation Board that First Lt. Dayne Kahle, returnee fighter pilot, be suspended indefinitely from flying status and his aviation badge withdrawn. This sentence was imposed for committing a serious and willful violation of flying regulations.

A Second Air Force general court martial has sentenced the 25-year old pilot, now stationed at Fort Sumner (N.M.) Army Air

## Fliers Lose to Smoky Hill, 7-6

The Strother Field Fliers lost a thrilling 10-inning 2AF League baseball game to the Smoky Hill AAF, Salina, Kans., Sunday. The final score was 7 to 6. The Fliers collected 8 hits while giving up only 6.

Smoky Hill took the lead in the first inning, 3 to 1. This lead was increased to 6 to 1 when Smoky Hill scored 2 runs in the 3rd frame and one in the 7th.

Strother Field came to life in the 8th inning and with two men out the Fliers put across 5 runs to tie the score at 6-all. Two Fliers were walked. Morrison drove them in with a 2-base hit. Schultz hit a double scoring Morrison. Antos singled and scored Schultz. White then hit a single scoring Antos.

Neither team scored in the 9th inning but in the 10th Smoky Hill was able to get two men on base followed by a fly ball to center-field, on which the winning run crossed the plate for the Salina team.

Richardson was on the mound for St. the first 3 innings during which he gave up 4 hits. Williams then took over the pitching duties and gave up only one hit in 6 1-3 innings. Schultz relieved him in the 10th with two men on base.

Huckaberry, Smoky Hill pitcher, who recently set a strike-out record at the Kansas State Semi-Pro Tourney in Wichita, when he struck out 20 men, was on the mound in Sunday's game.

Field, to a forfeit of \$100 a month for 12 months and an official reprimand.

He was found guilty of flying at an altitude below minimum AAF regulations in a fighter airplane on or about April 12, 1945, near Santa Rosa and Cuervo, N. M. At the latter place, his airplane hit an obstruction causing a piece to strike and injure severely a civilian standing some 300 yards away.

## Fliers Defeat All-Stars; Lose to Kanotex

The Strother Field Fliers split a double-header baseball card in Ark City Monday night when the Dubbs All-Stars were defeated 8 to 1 in five innings and the Kanotex Oilers beat the Fliers 11 to 5 in a seven-inning game. Both games were make-up affairs in Ark City League play for the last half of the season.

Williams pitched for the Fliers in the game against the All-Stars. Gwodz was on the mound against the Kanotex. At the end of the fifth inning the Fliers were ahead 4 to 3 but an accumulation of errors throughout the remaining two innings plus timely hits by the Kanotex players cinched the game for the town team.

Strother Field won the first-half pennant and is scheduled to meet the Maurer-Neuer Packers, winner of the second-half pennant, for the 1945 title. Shipment of enlisted men including members of the ball team may necessitate forfeiting the play-off games to the Packers, according to S/Sgt. Orwin White, baseball coach.

## Superbombers to Play 11-Game Schedule

Returning to the gridiron for their third season of wartime service football, the Second Air Force Superbombers, nation's highest scoring eleven last Fall, will play a schedule of 11 games in 1945, it has been announced by Major Claude F. McGrath, director of football at 2AF headquarters in Colorado Springs.

The Superbombers, coached by Major Ed Walker, former Stanford star and Mississippi and Princeton coach, have scheduled only service opponents. They will face six Army Air Force command teams, three other army elevens and two navy foes.

All of the Superbombers' home games will be played in cities adjacent to or near 2AF bases in order to provide football entertainment for soldiers stationed at these fields.

Opening the schedule will be a game with Fourth Air Force at Los Angeles, Friday night, Sept. 14, under auspices of the Los Angeles Times, with proceeds going to charity funds. The Superbombers and Flyers last season played a scoreless deadlock.

Second Air Force will attempt to even the slate with two teams which scored one-touchdown victories over the Superbombers last year. They again play the Iowa Seahawks at Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 28, and face the Third Air Force, paced by Sgt. Charles Trippi, at Denver, Nov. 4.

## Squadron C Wins Softball Title

Champion of the Strother Field Softball League is the Squadron C team. In the 12-game season the Squadron C team won nine games while losing three. Close behind, in second place, is Flight A. Armament finished the season in third place.

## LT. BUSHONG'S GRANDAD

(Continued from page 1, column 2)

Lt. Bushong got a good bit of his baseball background from his Grandmother Bushong, who played an important role in "Doc" Bushong's sports career. The young player was teamed up with some sandlot and town outfits, when her father, owner of the Elmira, N. Y., team, became interested in the youngster and signed him up. The club owner had two daughters—Jenny and Emily. Jenny liked Bushong; Bushong liked Emily; Emily hated baseball and everybody connected with it. But "Doc" finally got up enough nerve to ask Emily to marry him. She turned him down flatly, offering the further statement that she's never marry a baseball player. So, Doc deserted the sport, moved to Philadelphia and took up the study—and later the practice—of dentistry. That being the case, Emily accepted his proposal.

From Philadelphia, the young couple moved to St. Louis, arriving only shortly before a depression struck, a depression which put such a crimp in the young dentist's business that his wife suggested his return to the diamond to supplement the family's resources. That was when he joined the St. Louis Browns, and from there progressed to the Cleveland Indians, the Cincinnati Reds, and finally, the Brooklyn Dodgers. And as he moved across the country from one baseball plate to another, Bushong kept up his profession, practicing dentistry during the days and the seasons when his athletic career did not demand his full attention. So successful was he in his profession that he interested two sons in pursuit of dental careers.

Lt. Bushong, advised since his arrival July 1 at Strother Field of the proximity in Winfield, of Fred C. Clarke, another of baseball's great, paid Clarke a visit in a Winfield hospital a few nights ago. There from Clarke, former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates and a member of Baseball's Hall of Fame, he learned more of the illustrious career of "Doc" Bushong, whom Connie Mack has pronounced "one of the greatest baseball catchers ever known."

Besides the First, Third and Fourth Air Forces, the Superbombers will play three other command teams in the AAF series—Air Transport, Training and Personnel Distribution. All teams will travel in military airplanes.

Sept. 14—Fourth Air Force at Los Angeles.

Sept. 23—Shoemaker (Cal.) Navy at San Francisco.

Sept. 30—Ft. Warren, Wyo., at Denver.

Oct. 7—Keesler Field at Sioux City, Ia.

Oct. 14—Eastern Flying Training Command at Colorado Springs.

Oct. 21—Personnel Distribution Command at Albuquerque, N.M.

Oct. 28—Iowa Seahawks at Lincoln, Neb.

Nov. 4—Third Air Force at Denver

Nov. 10—Air Transport Command at El Paso, Tex.

Nov. 18—First Air Force at New York.

Dec. 2—AAF Training Command at Ft. Worth, Tex.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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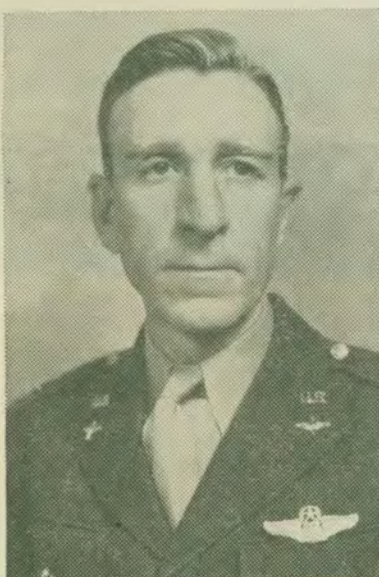


"She wants to know if I have a friend for her mother!"





COL. DONALD E. MEADE  
CO June 1944—Aug. 1945



COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL  
CO under CFTC, Sept. 1942—April 1944



COL. LAMONT SAXTON  
CO under CFTC, April 1944—May 1944

## Military Personnel on Move; Planes Flown to La Junta, Colo.; Strother Field Scheduled for Inactive Status on August 15

Within the next six days Strother Field, a 72nd fighter Wing base, will be placed on an inactive status by the Second Air Force. During the past week the base has been the scene of much activity with the transfer of some military personnel, the cessation of flying training on Wednesday, and transfer of the P-47 planes to the La Junta, Colo., army air field.

The transfer of military personnel to date has included some of the enlisted men and flying officers. Stations to which these men have been assigned include La Junta, Brownsville and Abilene, Tex., and Ft. Sumner, New Mexico. Post-graduate trainees will be stationed at La Junta while the Mexican and Brazilian trainees will go to Abilene, Tex. Lt. Col. Merle W. Allen, director of administration and services, has received his orders and is to report at the La Junta base where he will be executive officer of a fighter group.

The majority of military personnel remaining at Strother Field at the present time will be transferred to La Junta, Colo., by August 15. A number of Squadron C members will remain at Strother Field following this date as will some officers, guards and civilian workers, in order to complete the final work before turning the installation over to the area engineers.

Activity in the air has been replaced by activity on the ground as military and civilian personnel prepare for the final moving day. The base streets are crowded with truck traffic as the many departments move their property into storage or prepare it for transfer.

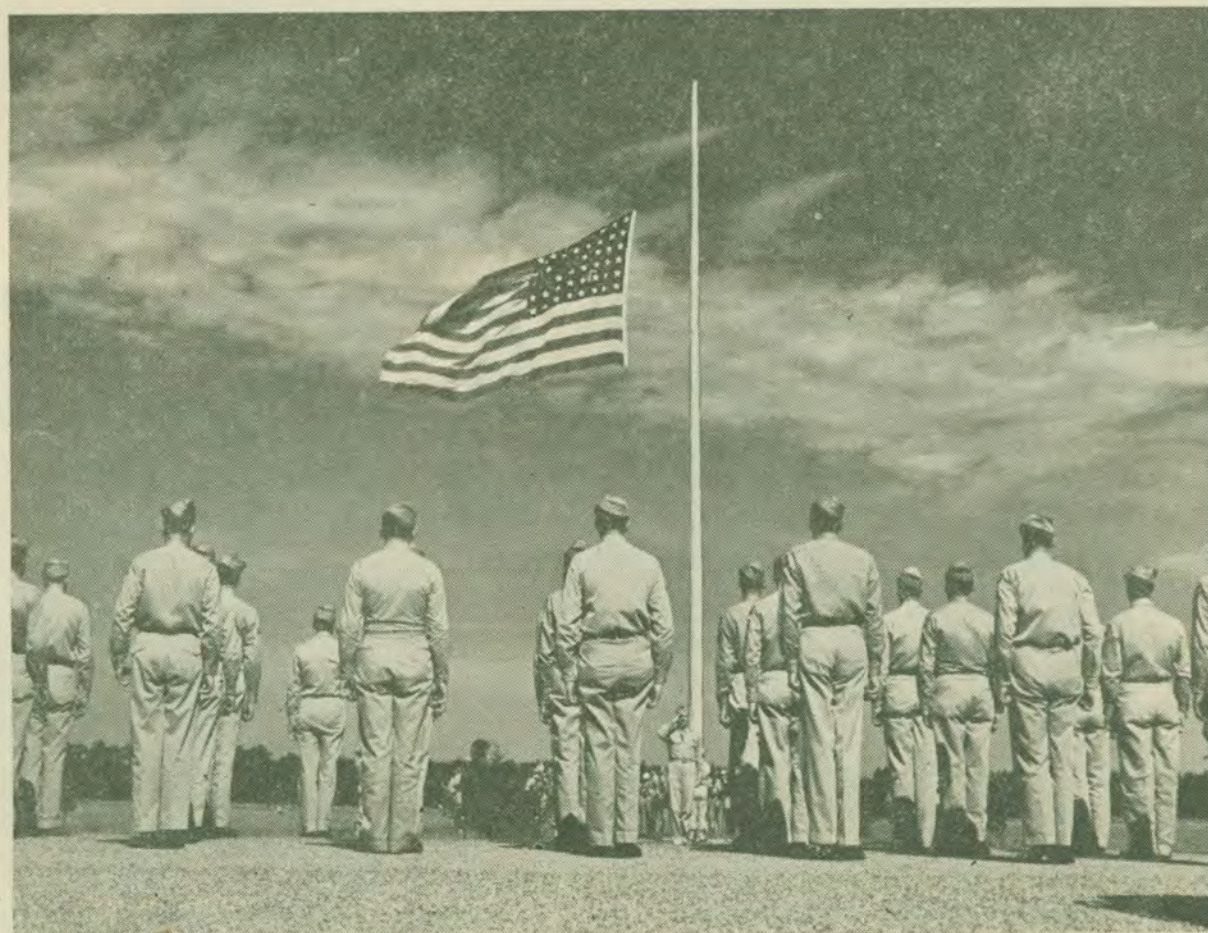
Some of the military personnel, officers and enlisted men alike, have been seen hurrying through the process of clearing the base for new assignments.

Inactive status day, August 15, comes one month short of the completion of three years of military activity at Strother Field. During this time the base has been under the command of the Central Flying Training Command and the Second Air Force, the CFTC for a period of 21 months and the 2AF for 14 months. The installation served as a basic flying training school under the former during which time several thousand cadets received their basic training here. Under the 72nd Fighter Wing of the Second Air Force several hundred trainee pilots have been trained in P-47 Thunderbolt fighter planes.



LT. COL. JASON L. BEATTY  
Administrative Inspector, Dec. 1942  
Executive Officer, April 1943—Aug. 1945

## The 2AF Says Farewell to Strother Field



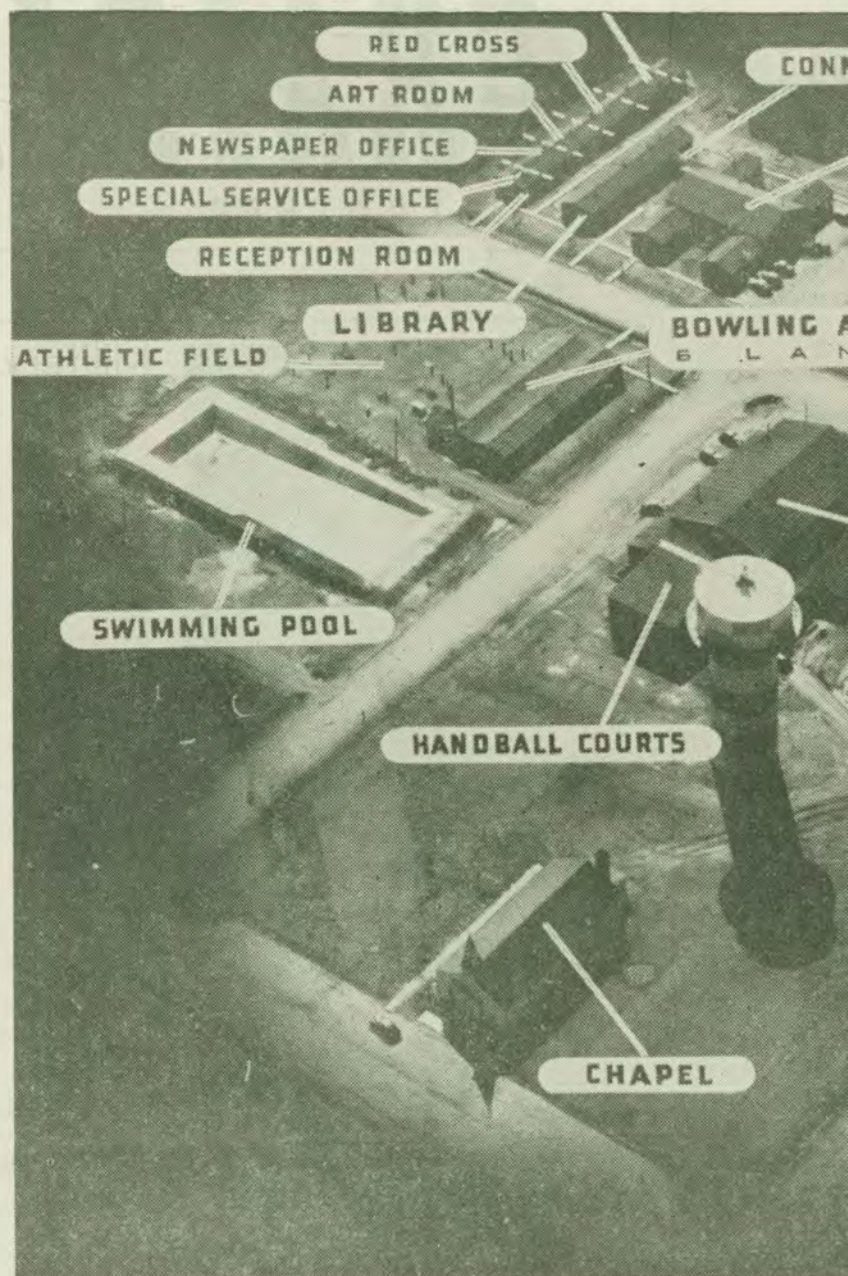
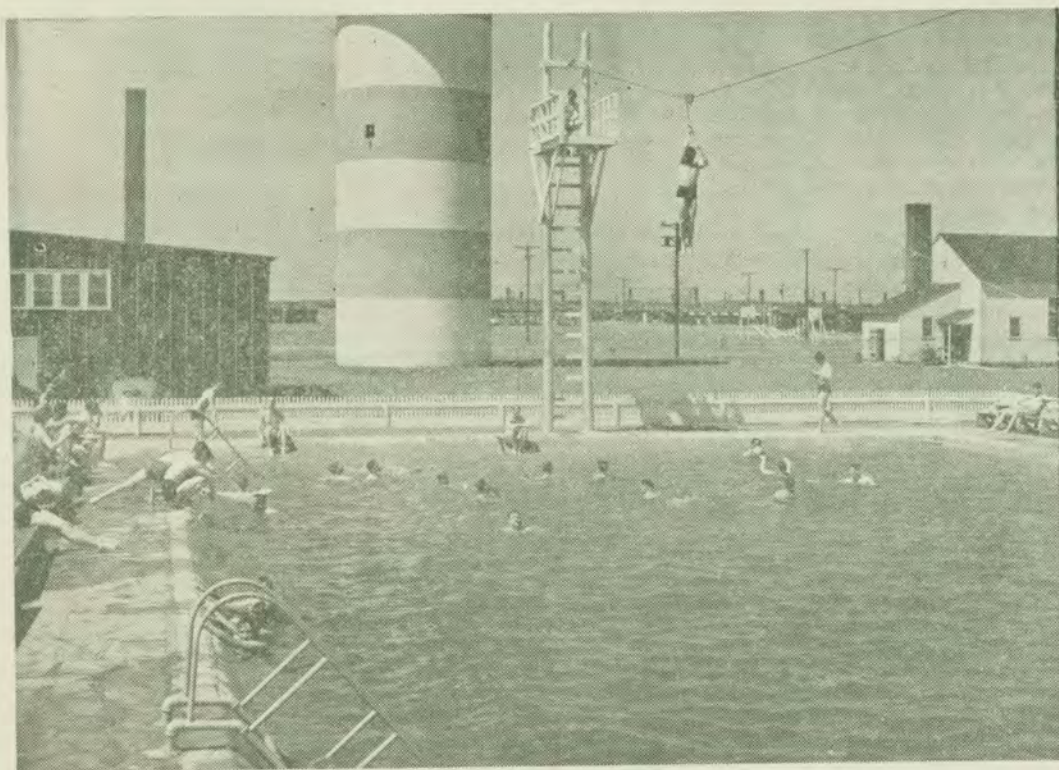


## '30' Has September, April June and Strother Field

This issue of the Prairie Flier is "30" for the base newspaper. It is nearly "30" for Strother Field. Many of this 72nd Fighter Wing base's military personnel already have departed for other 2AF stations, and within the next few days all but a skeleton crew will have been transferred.

Strother Field, Winfield and Arkansas City have become "home" to enlisted men and officers stationed here, but if placing this army air field on an inactive status is an indication of the approaching end of World War II we are glad to close the gates and move on.

It is "30," too, for most of the civilian personnel at Strother Field but only in reference to their jobs on this base. Many jobs are available in their home towns and as the result of the field closing now these persons should be well situated in peacetime occupations by the time "30" comes for the Japs.



- LEFT, CENTER: Post swimming pool completed in June, 1944.
- LEFT, BELOW: First group of Wacs to be stationed here arrived in October, 1944.
- BOTTOM, CENTER: Lt. Col. Merle W. Allen, Director of Administration and Services.



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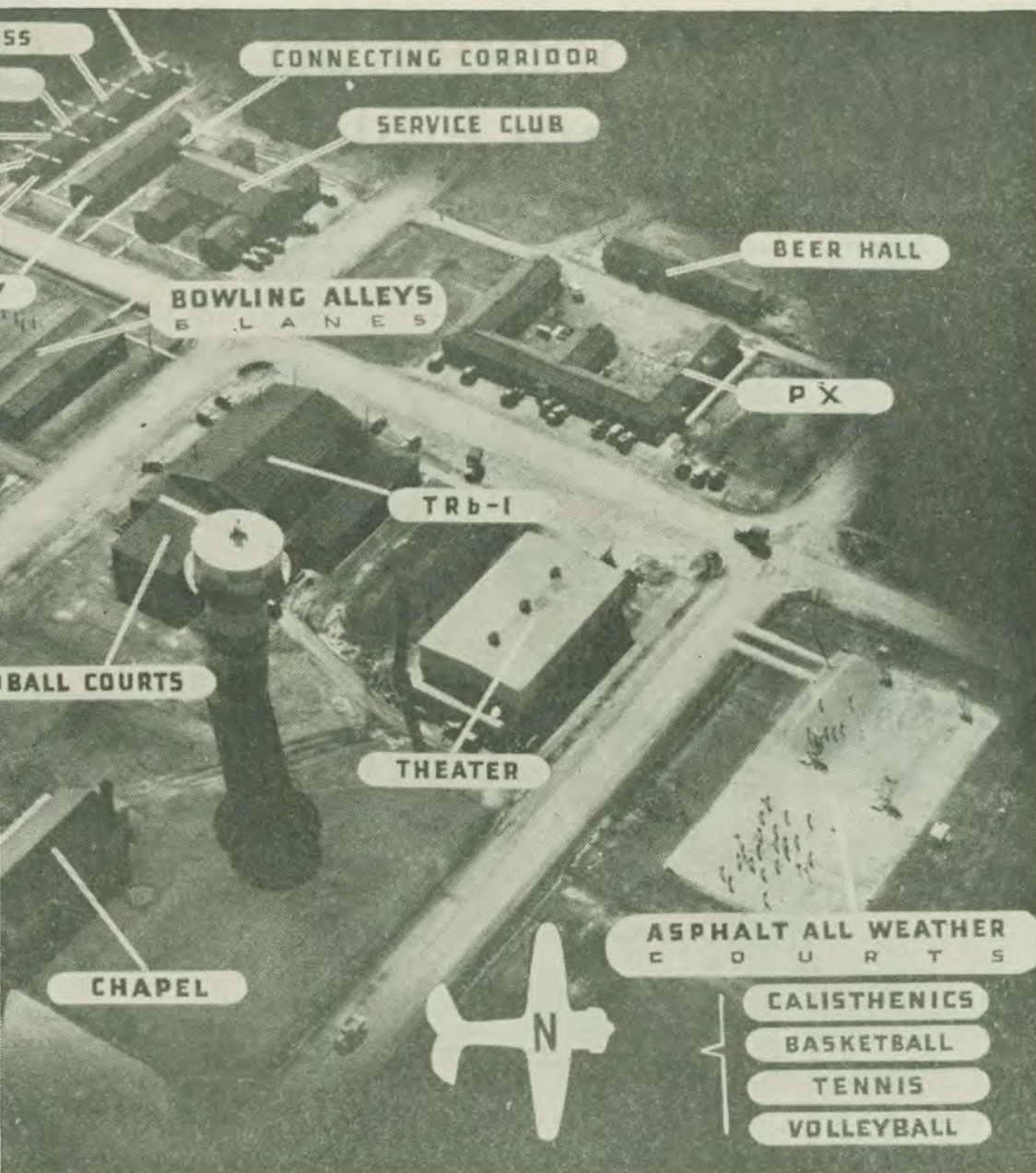
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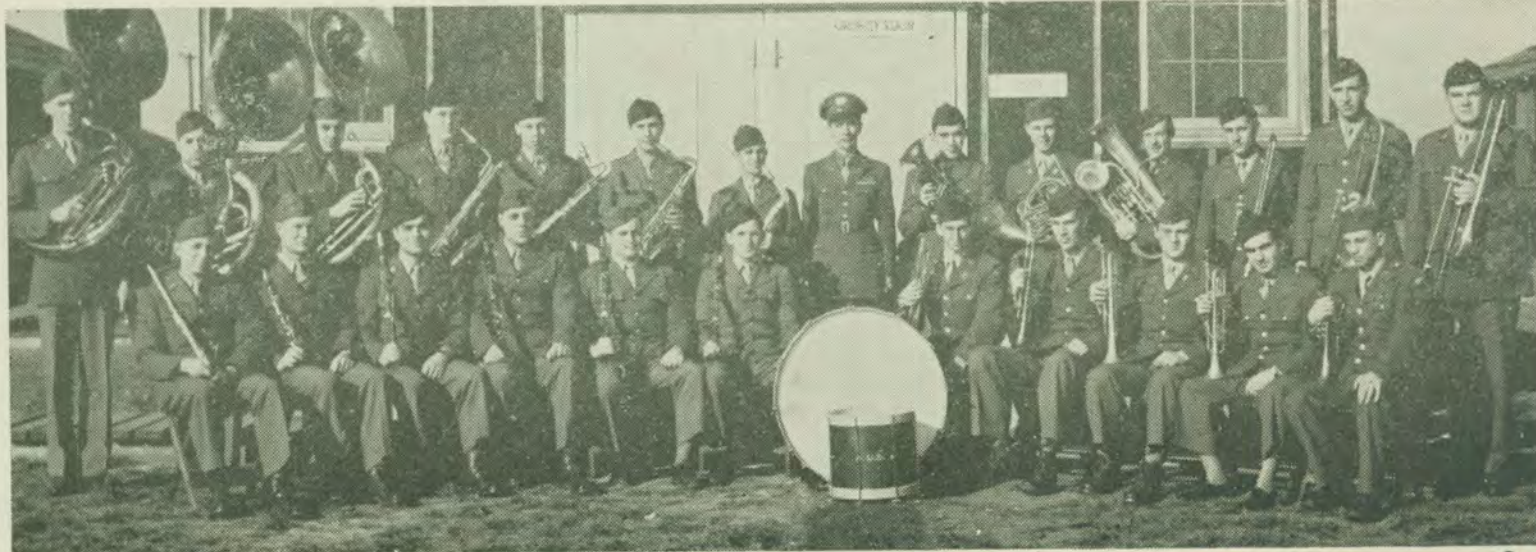
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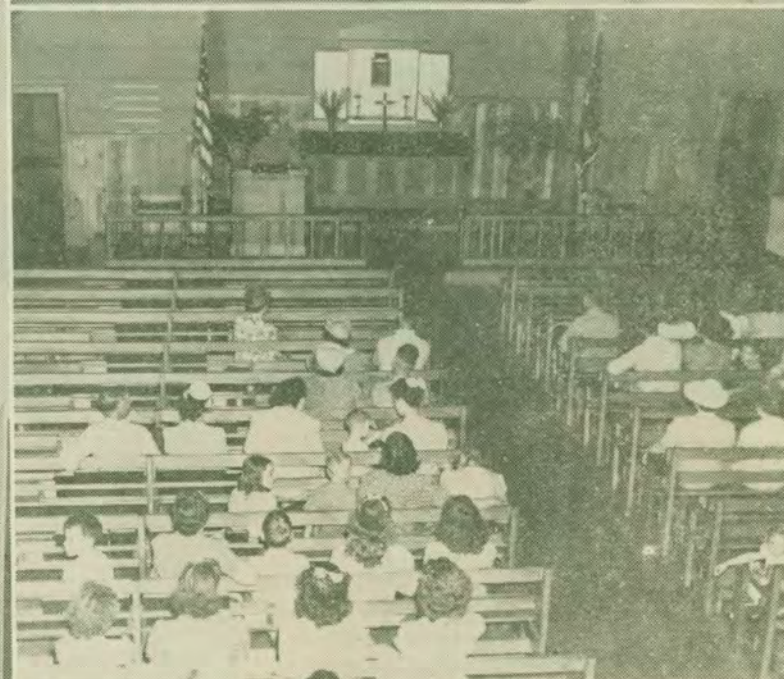
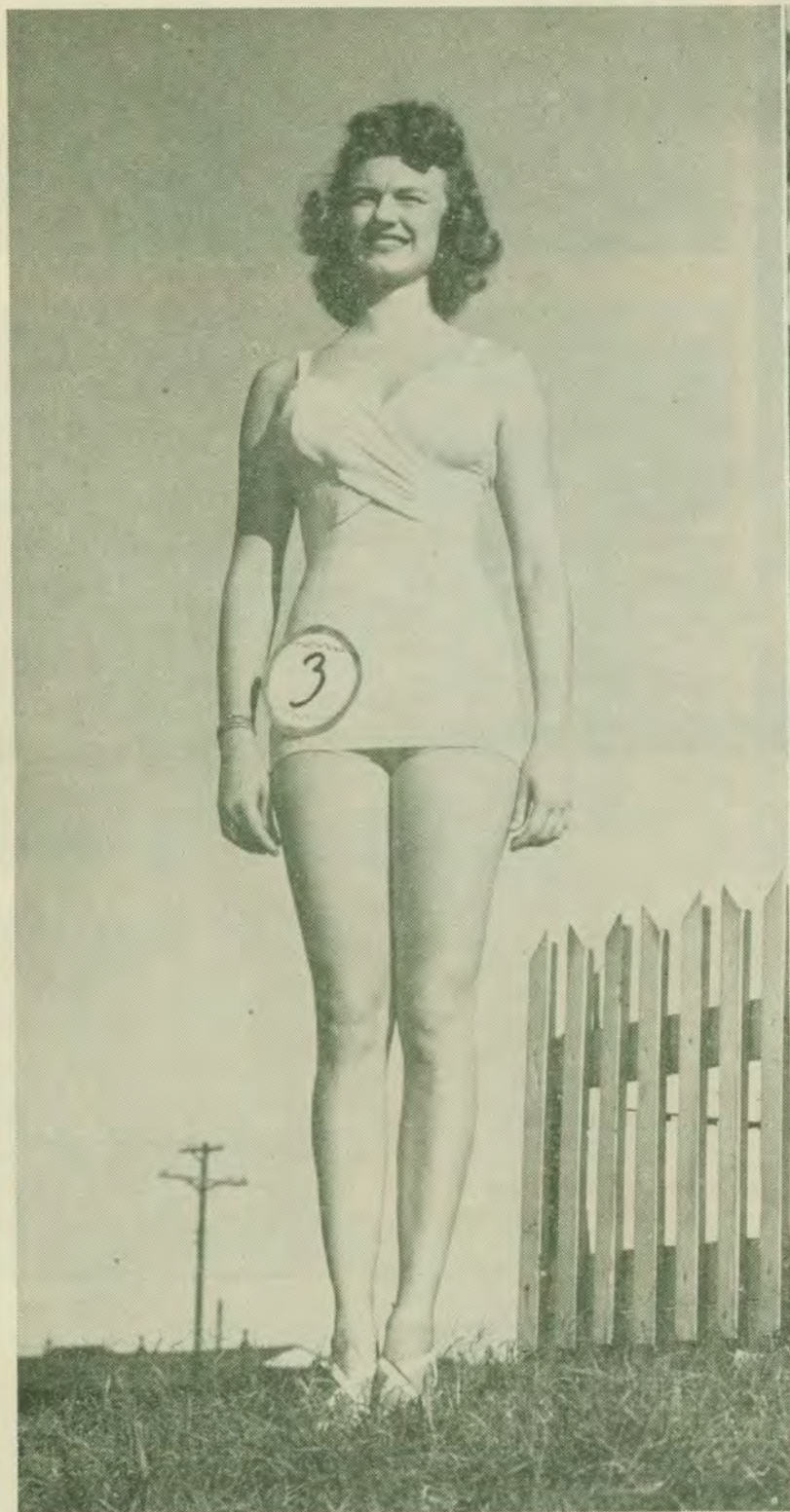
- ABOVE, CENTER: Aerial view of recreational facilities at Strother Field.
- RIGHT, TOP: Post Chapel.
- RIGHT, CENTER: Interior of Post Library.
- RIGHT: 2nd Lt. Louis H. Percy, Post Adjutant.
- LOWER RIGHT: Members of the 683rd AAF Band stationed here from January, 1943, until December, 1944.





# Final Open House Is Held in Connection With AAF Anniversary at Strother Field

Thousands of citizens from towns in the vicinity of Strother Field attended the base's final open house held in connection with the AAF 38th anniversary celebration on Wednesday, August 1. Featured on the program were an aerial review, bathing beauty contest, aquacade featuring American, Brazilian and Mexican swimmers and divers, display of aircraft and equipment. Below are pictures of the day's events.



- LEFT, ABOVE: Miss Helen Gordon, of Station Supply, who was selected as the "Strother Streamette of 1945" during the Bathing Beauty Contest. Miss Gordon is a resident of Arkansas City.
- RIGHT, TOP: The civilian employees entered in the Bathing Beauty Contest await judges' decision in selecting "Strother Streamette."
- SECOND FROM TOP, RIGHT: Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, base executive officer, delivers the welcoming address in the Post Chapel to open the AAF Anniversary celebration.
- THIRD FROM TOP, RIGHT: S/Sgt. Solkofske is shown during the diving events in the aquacade.
- LOWER, RIGHT: A group of P-47s fly over the base during the aerial review.

