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Income Tax Info Summarized, Clarified

"Many servicemen who are required to file returns or estimates are going to slip up this month, and others will go to the trouble when they don't need to," Internal Revenue Dept. officials warned this week, as they urged that every individual carefully determine his own status in regard to income-tax laws.

Important facts condensed below compose a partial guide regarding liabilities and special benefits for servicemen. More full and detailed information is available from the local office of the Collector of I.R., or from the MCB Personal Affairs office.

FILE BY MAR. 15

• Filing of a return by March 15 on 1945 income is required of anyone in the U.S. who had \$500 or more income other than active duty service pay. Officers must file if they had \$500 or more income from any source, in addition to their exempted \$1500 of service pay.

• Filing of an estimate is required of anyone (with the exceptions mentioned below) who expects to receive \$500 or more of non-service income during 1946, unless this income is subject to withholding tax by the employer.

• The entire service pay of enlisted men, back to Jan. 1, 1941, is entirely excluded from gross income for Federal income-tax purposes. Up to \$1500 of active-service pay is excluded for officers, for any taxable year beginning after Dec. 31, 1942.

• Enlisted men entitled to pay unpaid wages in quarter-annual installments, as explained below, may disregard compensation for active service, when preparing estimates.

MINORS LIABLE

• Minors are "emancipated" while in active service and therefore are subject to the same income tax laws as other servicemen. Parents of minors in the armed forces are not required to make an accounting of their children's income.

• Servicemen who are outside the U.S. may postpone making estimates and filing returns.

CAN GET REFUNDS

• Any Federal income tax already paid on such compensation will be refunded if a "timely claim for refund" is filed on Form 843 (obtain from local Collector of I.R.).

• The following unpaid taxes may be paid in 13 quarter-annual installments: (a) Active-service-pay taxes deferred because man was on sea or foreign service duty on the normal due date; (b) Active-service-pay taxes incurred by other than commissioned officers of the regular components of Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; (c) taxes for 1940 and 1941 which became due subsequent to entrance upon active duty, to the extent attributable to income earned prior to entrance into the service.

• Commissioned officers released from service may defer payment of taxes on their military wages if they file proper applications by specified dates.

NAVY LIFESAVERS

Many Marine, Navy and Army airmen once designated "missing in action" have been rescued from uncharted Pacific islands and reefs where they had been downed during the war. The Navy has re-sorted its shipping purposely to cover those areas.



(Photo by Corp. Jeanne Cleary)

SYMBOLIC. StfsGts. Sidney McMullan (left) and Francis Hooker (right) at a Red Cross rally this week offered personal testimonials in support of the current RC drive. Their attitude is symbolic of the entire Marine Corps. Base band entertained at the rally.

Base Band Entertains at RC Rally: Gesture Symbolic of Corps Support

Symbolizing the Marine Corps' all-out support for the Red Cross drive just opened, the new Base orchestra last Monday evening entertained members of the local RC at the 1946 Fund Rally, held at San Diego's U.S. Grant Hotel.

Organized in recent months to entertain Marines at special functions, the orchestra presented a varied program for those who attended the rally. Pvt. Dail A. Prows sang. PFC. Korky Korshak presented a comedy act. PFC. Bill More performed magic feats, and music was played by the Base orchestra. A number of Marines offered personal testimonials in support of the Red Cross drive.

Two of them, StfsGts. Sidney McMullan and Francis Hooker, both captured by the Japs at Corregidor and members of the pre-war 4th Regiment, related incidents where Red Cross aid had done much for weary Americans in Jap POW camps.

A pamphlet circulated among guests at the rally included a list

Boost Disabled Vets' Pay?

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Veterans Administration Gen. Omar N. Bradley has asked Congress to clear the way for raising the pensions of from 120,000 to 140,000 disabled veterans.

He told the House Veterans Committee that a legal technicality was now blocking inauguration of a new disability pay schedule which would mean average boosts of \$17.25 a month for about 100,000 to 120,000 veterans of World War II and 20,000 of World War I. He asked it to approve legislation removing the technicality.

Bradley was the first witness called by the committee as it opened its first hearing. Others invited include representatives of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

Bradley also endorsed legislation to liberalize considerably the National Service Life Insurance system.

of local, national and overseas facilities and services of the Red Cross, and the charted obligations of their organization.

The listed obligations are:

To furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of the military branches in time of war. To act as a medium of communication between the people of the U.S. and their Army and Navy. To mitigate the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire and flood, and to devise means of prevention.

The 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign, which began March 1, will conclude on the last day of this month.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO MARINES

DISCHARGE DATA

Here are those weekly figures: Since Aug. 17, 1945, and through Feb. 22, discharges from the Corps totaled 254,687, including 224,341 enlisted men and 11,325 enlisted WR's. During the last week covered, 7338 personnel got their gooneybirds. Enlistments and re-enlistments during the same week amounted to 891.

As of Jan. 20 latest figures available, there were 60,395 Regulars in the Corps, 9102 of them on extended enlistments.

A bulletin issued by Division of Public Information, Headquarters, Washington, reports that 44% of Feb. 24, Navy had discharged approximately 51 per cent of its V-J Day strength. As of Jan. 1, Army had discharged 47 per cent. As of Feb. 22, the Marine Corps had discharged approximately 53 per cent of its V-J Day strength.

MISCELLANY

"A good part" of six billion dollars worth of Army surplus property—including light trucks

2nd Wing Here

Over 1000 'Flying Marines' Home From Pacific Duty

Over 1000 Marines of five 2nd Marine Air Wing units—Service Sq. 2, Air Warning Sq. 8, Service Sq. 33, Service Sq. 14, and H&S Sq.—arrived here yesterday from Okinawa, concluding for many of its members Pacific-duty tours begun with the air defense of Guadalcanal.

All troops are destined for MCAD, Miramar, where they will be processed for reassignment and discharge.

The 2nd MAW, organized in July of 1941, participated in the defense of both Pearl Harbor and Wake Island at the time of the sneak attacks on those bases. In December, 1941, the unit was stationed on the islands of Wake and Midway, and at Pearl Harbor.

DEFENSE OF WAKE

The first and reportedly the greatest achievement of forces of the 2nd MAW was the gallant air defense of Wake Island. An unheralded attack similar to the one on Pearl Harbor cut the island's air defenses to four air-worthy planes, all fighters. These planes took to the air against almost daily attacks from Japanese bombers, till one week after the start of the siege the defenders had but two planes left. One was having constant engine trouble and could not be relied upon for extensive flight. Despite their meager air defenses, the Marines managed to sink the largest ship in the attacking force.

Following the fall of Wake, the 2nd MAW began to expand and reform in preparation for future operations. During this period, the outfit saw duty in Palmyra, Elate, New Hebrides and Noumea, New Caledonia.

MIDWAY BATTLE

In May, 1942, their small force at Midway was in an air battle that found the Marines almost entirely on the defensive. Twenty-seven of the 53 defending planes were lost. Of the returning 26, 14 were damaged beyond repair. The ferocity of their attack, however,

was such that by June 5 the enemy was driven beyond the range of Marine fighters.

All four of the wing's operational squadrons were on Guadalcanal during the first days of the battle.

NEW GEORGIA

The New Georgia campaign saw units of the wing operating with the Marine Raiders as "Ground to Aircraft" liaison parties, a new type of aircraft direction that was so effective as to later become standard in the planning of future campaigns. Units of the wing also furnished escort and strafing missions to the remaining islands of the Solomons group, including Bougainville and Rabaul.

Peleliu was the next stop in the 2nd's travels. Here men of the wing served for the first time in the Pacific as stretcher-bearers, ammunition passers and riflemen with the line troops.

Final operation for the 2nd MAW was the battle for Okinawa.

Senate Probes Court-Martial Set-Up

Thorough examination of what the serviceman faces during court-martial is the aim of a new United States Senate investigation.

The whole military justice set-up will soon be probed by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Alleged abuses of "the Constitutional rights of servicemen" will be checked, and Congress has authorized investigators to spend \$25,000 to call witnesses in the inquiry.

Examining the military law procedure in Hawaii will open the investigation, with Congressmen later studying the operation of both courts-martial and places of confinement used by the Army and Navy.

Charges have been made that court-martial punishments are sometimes excessive and are not uniform when the same crime is committed in different parts of the world. Senators will now check these accusations, and also examine alleged miscarriage of justice among soldiers already sentenced.

REDUCE MOST SENTENCES

Army officials report that their own Advisory Clemency Board has already been established and has reviewed more than 8000 court-martial cases. In nearly 80 per cent of these war-time cases investigation has resulted in a reduction of sentences, the War Department disclosed.

Meanwhile, the Army has ordered all overseas commanders to refer all court-martial cases involving the death penalty to President Truman. And President Truman himself has issued an executive order easing future court-martial sentences. The Chief Executive restored—except in occupied territories—a peacetime order preventing court-martial from imposing the death sentence for desertion, aiding or advising desertion, AWOL, or misbehavior of guards and sentinels.—GNS.

and other vehicles—still in the Pacific area, probably will be abandoned there. Mr. K. C. Royall, undersecy. of war, explained Tuesday that cost of returning the property Stateside would exceed its sale value here.

Colleges probably are going to be swamped with vets' applications for enrollment this fall. 103,325 were taking advantage of GI Bill educational advantages by the end of last December. At same time, over 11,000 disabled veterans were taking on-the-job training.

During World War II, 23 officers (nine of them aviators) and 33 enlisted personnel were awarded the Medal of Honor. . . . During the week following Pearl Harbor, 1497 Marines enlisted. . . . 12,168 Negroes served in the Corps during the war

HOUSING!

Classified adv. In a January magazine: "For Sale—South end of beautiful island inside Barrier Reef, offshore from British Honduras. Furnished house, fine anchorage, good fishing and cruising ground. Picturesque Guatemalan nearby. Price \$3000."

WR's expecting discharge in the near future may find the following excerpts of special value as a guide to post-service employment. "Job News," a bulletin prepared by the Jobs and Future Department of "Mademoiselle," New York fashion magazine, advises:

A JOB CAMPAIGN

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OVERSEAS JOBS



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SERVICE AT HOME

Recreational workers who are leaving the



MORE SERVICE — CIVIL

Staff workers of many kinds are needed in the Government's huge program to rehabilitate the disabled: recreational workers, physical education directors, teachers and commercial aides. The jobs pay from \$2668 to \$3427 for a 44-hour week. Also, staff dietitians, with a bachelor's degree in dietetics or institutional management, plus



a year's hospital experience. \$2100 or \$2320
for a 40-hour week.

THE BIG STORE

Retailing—that's everything, including your corner grocery store—needs millions more workers in the postwar years. Currently, opportunities to get a selling job are excellent. Beginning pay in a department store or specialty shop averages \$25, and chances to advance are good. Many well-managed department stores rate their employees periodically, give promotions to better jobs on a storewide basis rather than sticking to departmental lines.

BIG-TIME HOMEMAKING

Jobs in hotels and restaurants, clubs, residential halls, institutions, real estate management and housing are definitely "on the up," says a woman who manages two New York hotels. "We haven't built any new hotels for the past 15 to 20 years. The modern hotel is still in the incubator—and when it emerges it will offer comforts and conveniences undreamed of before the war." No one has had a better chance to dream up some of those comforts than the service woman who traveled from one post to another, checking in and out of hotels.

Letters of general interest to Marines will be published. Please be brief—sign your name, but it will be withheld if you wish.

'Straight Scoop'

DOROTHY B. HOWARD
Coronado, Calif.

Other Marine, Army, and Navy units might well study the 6th Division's radio experiment. Such a "straight broop" program, if full-blooded, can be a magnificent safety valve for blowing off unhealthy military steam. And men of the individual command know that their boss is looking out for them.

Few Brief Comments

Editor, the CheVron -- We want to offer some comments, even though late, in answer to Miss M. F. Hutchinson's letter in the Dec. 8 issue of the CheVron. Miss Hutchinson asked what is wrong with the American men speaking of returning veterans, we presume. We think we have her answer.

In the first place, as far as American men marrying foreign women, why shouldn't they? We can't say we exactly agree with it but we certainly don't consider the American women in any position to complain. Why? The American women made no special effort to remain true to their service husbands while they were serving overseas. We speak of the majority. We have all either received what we call a "Dear John Letter," or have had close friends that have. The American women seem so anxious to marry, that they marry some 4F or Stateside commands. We also remember reading of some of our "Beloved American Women" being so anxious to experiment with married life, that they married Prisoners of War, also visited POW camps to entertain German prisoners, etc.

We are sorry that Miss Hutchinson was hurt because her hospitality wasn't accepted. To that neither do we exactly agree but why should it be? All during the war, we have been considered "suckers" so why should we respond to a pat on the back now. We remember reading of strikes, labor disputes, while we were out there in the most miserable existence eating C and K rations and being paid small monthly salaries.

Miss Hutchinsson also opened a broad field for discussion when she asked why the "white boy" doesn't like the U. S. . . . He doesn't necessarily dislike the U. S., because we think the majority think it is the best place to be, but there are a lot of us who wouldn't have been so anxious to return home if it wasn't for their parents and wives. One of the things we dislike most, is the failure of the American public to realize the seriousness of war, and their attempts to dramatize and consider it glorious; in other words, make a big joke of it. The average soldier, sailor or Marine underwent more hardships in one week than the average civilian underwent in a year. You we realize how rough it must have been doing without gas, sugar, meat, tires, and new gadgets to play with, and working at some nasty old job making more money than they ever made before in their lives working eight hours a day, or they claim to be working. Oh, we agree they did a good job on the home front, but if there's complaining to be done, they're in no position to do it because some other Joe Blow always had it about twice as rough as they did. At least they weren't getting shot at and believe us that's something.

This is enough for now, but in case Miss Finchinson should want more reasons, just ask—because we have a bountiful supply.

[Signed by]
ELEVEN MARINES

Editor's Note—We think you're pretty severe in some of those opinions, because no one overseas could see all conditions and factors which influenced civilian notions Stateside—any more than civilians could comprehend what it was like over there. (Certainly the "dramatic, glorious" movie versions didn't show 'em.) But maybe we ought to put you directly in touch with Miss Hutchinson; after all, the CheYron's only a right-page paper.

Sorry — Can't Help

Editor, the Chicago Tribune - Would it be possible to publish this request in your paper? I would like very much to hear from anyone who knew [name deleted by editor], who was killed at Iwo Jima while serving with Co. K, 3rd Bn., 6th Regt.

NAME WITHHELD
Sierra Madre, Calif.

Editor's Note:—Sorry, but experience has shown that when such requests are published, giving names and addresses, the writers often are exploited by unscrupulous individuals who offer to supply information "If you'll wire the \$100 for expenses," or who otherwise take advantage of the very human desires indicated. Therefore our policy forbids printing such letters, for the protection of our readers. We can only suggest that you might address a letter to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Headquarters, USMC, Washington 25, D.C., asking for any information available.

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*Dere Top!?

Tragedy has smote me right between the Horns, oh ex-furst sarjunt, an a very miserabull humin bean am I indeed.

You will be ashamed of me, I know, an when Moonhead hears about it he probbibly will cawill that GI loan he is getting to pay me that \$47.50 he has owed me sintz the days of the Battle of Wellington, New Zealan.

What has smote me is this—I AM IN DANGER OF BECOMING A DOG-FACE! No grater trajedee can happin to a ex-member of the Core than that—unless it would be the threat of being of the Light-Duty Core (Air Core).

How it happened is this: As Instruktid in Sepnashun Company, I went yesterday to a local draft bored up here in Lost Angeles, I sez to the draft bored clerk—"I am Heinemann, loved by many WR's."

An the clerk sez—"I am Ditherby; I too am loved."

An I sez—"I want to register as a 4-F."

An he sez—"Where have you been all these years?"

An I sez—"In defense of my country."

An he sez—"Oh, a Lockheed worker, eh?"

Things got sort of confoused at the draft bored, Top. The clerk called in another pencil pusher who wanted to know how I had evaded the draft all these years an I sez—"By leaving the country."

Uncertain ain I how this hole thing is going to cum out. If I don't go to the civilyn brig I probbibly will end up in the arnee.

Do you suppose, Top, that I should hav told them I spent four years in the ol Core? They never askt me.

Do you think I will look very well indeed in Arnee brown, Top? I used to think that the Core green went better with my complexion. However, if I am fated to be a Dog-Face I suppose I had better be brushing up on my USO manners.

Top, you can say what you want about the Arnee, but I personally think I am going to be happier in The Brown for the next war. I understan that a mobull unit of the USO always goes in on the furst wave. That seems such a more sensabull way of fighting a war.

Of course, if the Arnee Consolidashun of Servisses Plan goes thru Congress you an Beast an Feabrin are all going to be wearing paratroopers boots on liberty an singing "The Case-Os We're Rolling Around" insted of the "Gals of Monty-Zuma." (Ha Ha)

Speaking of the Gals of Monty-Zuma, how are the few remaining members of the Within Marines, bless there sweet littil stripes? You know, in the Arnee I will be abull to call the Dog-Face members of the opposit sneks by there six-names; namely, the WAX. But the ol Core, I suppose, still frowns upon hailing the WR's by any such abbreviatid nams.

I had a lither frum mother the other day. She sed—quaat—Who is Gen. Vandegrift getting in your place? I hope you gave him at least two weeks' notice before leaving. Your father and I are very proud of your army record.

Do you want your Purple Heart medal sent to wear with your blue suit?—unquaat.

Is not mother's spelling atrocious, Top?

When I wrote her that I wuz getting out of the Core an would "soon be starting a new life," she sent the story down to the local noosepaper editor an asked that it be put under Birth Notices.

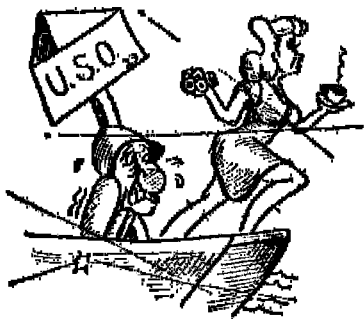
I see Moonhead up here quite oflin. His GI applicashun for burglar tools fell thru. Jist a tecknikality, I guess. He forgot to put a period after his X on the signatellure line.

Top, I am reely very happy indeed with civilyn life. Of course my unemploymint compinsashun check is a couptull of dollars short of what I used to git in the Core for doing less. But think of the freedom I hav. If I don't want to get up in the morning I don't HAVE to. Howsumever, it does cost me another 50 cents to "sleep-in," and those all-nite thestur seats are not too comfortabull.

The chow is not bad. I had to give up dogging blood for free donuts an coffee, but hav found something a littil better. I can go indefinitely eating at the Holly-wood Kanteene; at least, until my Green Soot wears out. I tell the MP's that I am on voluntary re-crooting dooty. The only bad thing about life at the Kanteene is that I keep shouting "BINGO!" in my sleep.

But don't get me wrong, Top! I like it here. If I can jist keep out of the draft.

A man rekdown,
Frum Green to Brown?
If things get bad
I'll wish I had
stayed SARJUNT HEINEMANN



Navy Aid Canteen Cheered by Corps



(Official U. S. Navy photo)

FREE JOE. At the conclusion of three years of untiring service to returning and departing servicemen at San Diego, the Naval Aid Auxiliary canteen was this week lauded by Col. Miles R. Thacher, acting Base commanding officer, for the fine service accorded Marines. The Naval Aid Auxiliary canteen, at the foot of Broadway, has given free coffee and doughnuts to returnees since the beginning of the war.

San Diego's Naval Aid Auxiliary canteen, which has operated at the foot of Broadway for the last three and a half years, serving hot coffee and doughnuts to returning and departing servicemen, was last week lauded by Marines.

Speaking for the Marines, Col. Miles R. Thacher, acting commanding officer of the Marine Base, said that "In behalf of the thousands of Marines who have benefited by the generous activities of the volunteer workers of the Naval Aid Auxiliary, who have given so unstintingly of their time and efforts for the past three and a half years, I extend our heartfelt gratitude."

Since June, 1942, the Base Public Information office disclosed, the Naval Aid Auxiliary has served 173,000 pints of milk, 40,000 dozen doughnuts, thousands of gallons of hot coffee and hot chocolate, and mammoth proportions of iced lemonade to over 241,000 servicemen arriving here, many of them Marines.

New Retirement Rules Affect EM Too

Promising important effects upon the entire officer-structure of the Navy and Marine Corps, and of personal importance to enlisted men hopeful of attaining commissioned rank, new regulations governing the retirement of most officers are set forth by a SecNav Dispatch received at the Base last week.

Under a new law signed by President Truman, the Secy. of the Navy has been authorized to convene boards to recommend officers for involuntary retirement. Voluntary retirement, formerly restricted to those having 30 years' active service, now is available to officers after only 20 years of active service, including 10 years in commissioned rank.

"MUST" RETIREMENT AGE

Mandatory retirement age for all below the rank of Fleet Admiral now is set at 62.

All personnel on either the active or the retired list, henceforth when returned to inactive status will be retired in the highest rank held while on active duty prior to July 1, 1946 (providing his performance in that rank was satisfactory). An exception to this rule will be made in the case of POW's, whose highest rank for retirement purposes will be considered to be the highest to which temporarily appointed under the temporary promotion law.

Truman Urges Church Support of Housing Bill

The White-House-backed national housing bill, slated to aid war-weary veterans in a now vain effort to obtain shelter for their families, yesterday floundered in the Congressional Sea, with Congressmen uncertain after a stirring request by President Truman aimed at U. S. churches for support of his "decent homes" bill.

In his plea for a better "atomic age," it was reported by United Press, the President said, "A truly religious fervor among our people would go a long way toward obtaining a national health program, a national housing program [and] an improved social security program."

Later he again referred to the housing program. He said, "One of the ways you can help not only the youth of the nation, but all men and women, is by the provision of decent homes."

LITTLE CHANCE?

Rep. Wright Patman of Texas conceded earlier this week that there seems little chance that Congress would approve his all-embracing Housing bill.

His statement came after the House had beaten down an amendment supported by President Truman which would have put price controls on used homes as well as new.

It also was made amid a flurry of charges, by Republicans and Democrats alike, that politics were being used for and against the measure.

Patman said prospects for passage of his bill were "not good."

Sen. Taft of Ohio told the senate previously that it was contemplated most of the \$250,000,000 would be used in tearing down unneeded Army barracks and putting the materials into construction of temporary homes at universities and in cities.

CALLED COMMUNISTIC

Rep. Smith of Ohio termed the administration's emergency housing program "Communistic."

Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt contended on the other hand that a "pretty integrated" lobby was opposing vital parts of the legislation.

Smith told the house, as debate opened on legislation which, sponsors said, they would try to enlarge to give full support to President Truman's plan for 2,700,000 houses in two years, that the proposal would allow "bureaucrats to seize

the home building industry."

PATMAN GETS LAST WORD

Rep. Patman of Texas, author of the bill, fired back that the bill is intended to build homes for veterans instead of letting scarce building materials go into the construction of "amusement places and honkytonks."

Wyatt, at a news conference, said each day's delay of congressional action costs 3000 new dwellings.

He said "two or three" organized groups were launching a telegram shower on members of congress. They opposed the provisions, he said, because "they want to see price ceilings raised all over the lot."

The President intervened in the housing fight last Saturday. He sent a letter to Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas in which he said that it was necessary to place "price ceilings on existing homes for the sake of veterans."

The President said subsidies were needed to stimulate the flow of building materials into medium and low-priced housing urgently needed by veterans and others.

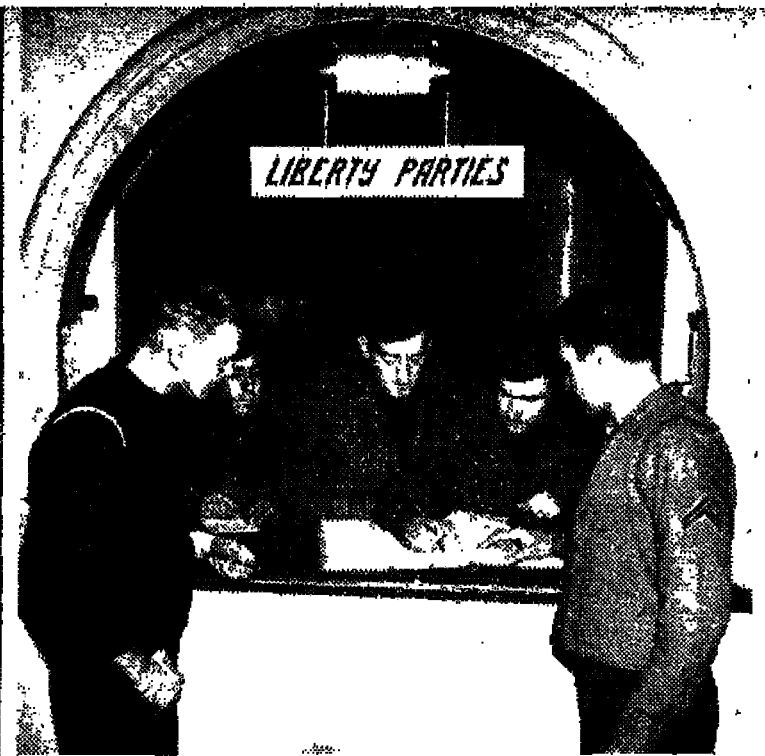
KAISER'S PLAN

Meanwhile, Henry Kaiser, the West Coast industrialist, expects to be building homes at the rate of 50,000 a year by 1947, the Journal-Chicago Sun News Service reported.

Kaiser went before the House Banking and Currency Committee yesterday to urge extension of the stabilization act, but most of his time was taken up answering questions about his ambitious home-building plans.

Kaiser said he was "engaged in building communities."

The Kaiser Home Building Corp. in California is now building homes at the rate of three a day and expects to finish 30 a day within three months. The Kaiser-Walsh Home Building Corp. expects to build 10,000 homes at Willow Run plant near Detroit. And Kaiser expects "to develop other corporations" to go into big scale suburban developments in other eastern cities.



(Official USMC photos)

Recreation Varied on China Duty

TIENTSIN, China (Delayed)—Theater, horseback riding, comfortable lodging, athletics, or radio entertainment—whatever appeals to China Marines—the 1st Mar. Div. has it.

Upon arrival in Tientsin, the 1st Division Special Services Section commenced liberty plans for Marines whose last liberty was in Melbourne, Australia in early 1943, after their first offense of the Pacific war at Guadalcanal.

The first step was leasing the British-owned Imperial Hotel to billet sightseeing Marines from Peiping, Chinwangtao, Tangku, and sailors from ships anchored in Hai Ho, or off Taku in the Bay of Chihli.

The hotel, accommodating 500 men nightly, once headquarters of Japanese high officials during their occupation of Tientsin. More than 20,000 Marines and sailors have registered since early November. The rate is 50 cents a night.

For men who just want to take it easy, there's a lounge with a piano, radio, victrola, and plenty of reading material.

THEATER

Newest of entertainment features for Marines and their guests is "The Stateside," the Marines' own theater located in the former Japanese Concession on Asahi Road.

The Japanese supervised its construction soon after they arrived in Tientsin. They renovated it, too—but this time it was under Corps "supervision." The theater is operated in conjunction with the Chinese War Area Service Command.

RADIO STATION

For the first time in Corps history, Marines operate their own radio station. It is XBOR, "The

Voice of the 1st Mar. Div. in North China." Aside from local Marine talent, transcriptions of outstanding "Stateside" radio programs are supplied by the Armed Forces Radio Service. News casts received from America shortwave stations are given daily. The staff is comprised of former professional announcers, continuity writers and technicians.

The division also operates another station, XONE, at Peiping. As soon as personnel are available, a third station will be added at Chinwangtao.

RIDING ACADEMY

A unique activity operated by Special Services is the division's riding academy located near the Tientsin race course. The "string" of 12 ponies are former Jap army horses. Corp. Maurice E. Simpson of Spring Lake, Mich., is instructor. The horses are rehomed from Chinese civilians and are cared for by Chinese stable boys. Expenses are defrayed from recreation funds.

ACTIVE SPORTS

A boxing tournament is planned for the Tientsin area. A 3rd Phil. Corps basketball league is already under way. Eight Corps teams and four select Chinese basketball teams will participate in a tournament to be held in the Tientsin YMCA gymnasium.

Another tournament of 1st Division teams will be held. The win-

ner and runner-up will compete with two Chinese teams, the winner to receive a cup awarded by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The 1st Mar. Div. also operates a transient officers' quarters in co-operation with the Chinese War Area Service Command for officers on liberty from such outlying areas as Chinwangtao, Peiping, Tangku and from the 6th Mar. Div. area at Tsingtao.

Another big job is keeping the various Marine units supplied with reading material. "The Leatherneck" is doing a thorough job of distributing magazines to North China, and Special Services sees that the magazines reach the hands of the Marines.

The well-rounded program is dedicated solely to making the lives of homesick Marines more bearable.

'Quack' Schools Set to Rook Veterans

Quack, fly-by-night schools and colleges are springing up across the United States to steal millions of dollars in tuition fees from veterans seeking schooling under the GI Bill of Rights. Racketeer promoters—eager to grab the \$500 million dollars now available to studying ex-servicemen each year—are operating fake colleges that offer degrees and diplomas, but no education.

All GI's are warned by the American Association of Junior Colleges to beware of phony professional schools. Most of the frauds are being pulled off in the vocational field, where men are offered quick courses in "how to be a mechanic, welder or radio-man overnight." Such schools are often poorly equipped, with a lack of training devices and qualified teachers.

The school schemes form a very serious racket threat, because veterans are entitled to \$500 each year in tuition fees. Multiplied by millions of former servicemen, that figure makes a sizeable haul which is attracting big-time crooks.

The Junior College Association has carefully compiled a list of 88 colleges which are safe and secure in what they offer knowledge-hungry GI's. Officials suggest that veterans consult this list, or contact Better Business Bureaus in many small towns and read the "black list" of known quack colleges.

Briefly, there's a great danger that ex-GI's will be "taken" to the tune of millions of dollars in cash for study courses. Before answering a newspaper ad to enroll in a college, it's best to check official listings. Those who don't may really learn a lesson.—CNS.

CHINA LIBERTY. Taking it easy in the main lounge of the Imperial Hotel at Tientsin, China, Pvt. Mike Lagratta (left) who is on leave from Chinwangtao enjoys a Stateside magazine. The hotel is exclusively for vacationing servicemen. Marines in center photo are signing up for a special liberty cruise in Tientsin. On right, Corp. M. E. Simpson is astride a former Jap army mount. The stable from which the animal was drawn is operated solely for members of the 1st Mar. Div. at Tientsin. Numerous other recreation facilities are provided for Marines stationed in the Orient.

Ship Sinker Sunk Swiftly, Surely by Salty Sweetie

SAN FRANCISCO—When St/Sgt. Kenneth W. Mize, only Marine credited with sinking a U.S. warship, and Corp. Edna Losser, a WR, exchanged wedding vows here recently it was triumph number three for Dan Cupid, who seems to specialize in romances between repatriated prisoners of war and WR's stationed in this city.

Just a year ago, Mize returned to the U.S. after his liberation from nearly three years' imprisonment

they met WR St/Sgt. Cecile Julian and WR Sgt. Jan Elliott. Cutter wooed and won Miss Elliott in short order. Sgt. Julian became Mrs. Clem a short time later.

Mize was a member of the famed 4th Marines, defenders of Batavia and Corregidor. Few can claim a more dramatic, thrill-packed eleven years of service.

SANK U.S. WARSHIP

Mize holds the "doubtful" distinction of being the only Marine who ever sank a U.S. warship singlehandedly. He sank the heavy cruiser Rochester in Subic Bay, Christmas Day, 1941, to prevent its capture by the Japs. A demolition expert, Mize went aboard the vessel alone and placed the charges that sent the one-time flagship of the Asiatic Fleet to the bottom of the bay.

OTHER FEATS

He was also the senior non-commissioned officer in charge of the demolition team that destroyed the Olongapo Navy Yard prior to the battle of Batavia.

Mize enjoyed a brief film career upon his return Stateside. He and three other Marines who made "the march of death" to Cabanatuan were given bit parts in the RKO production "Back to Batavia." He is now serving as an occupational adviser with the San Francisco Marine Corps rehabilitation office.



Corp. and Mrs. K. W. MIZE

... a Corps united

in the ill-famed Cabanatuan, on Luzon. Upon his arrival here he was called to the Corps Public Information office for a press conference. The secretary who greeted him at the door is now Mrs. Mize.

SIMILAR EXPERIENCES

In November, 1944, Sgts. Oaula E. Clem, of Dallas, Tex., and Verla Dwight Cutter, of Denver, Colo., had a like experience. Survivors of a Jap prison ship that was torpedoed off the Philippine coast by an American submarine, they effected a miraculous escape through the aid of Filipino guerrillas. Upon their return to San Francisco and the inevitable press conference,

'Walkie Talkie' Theft

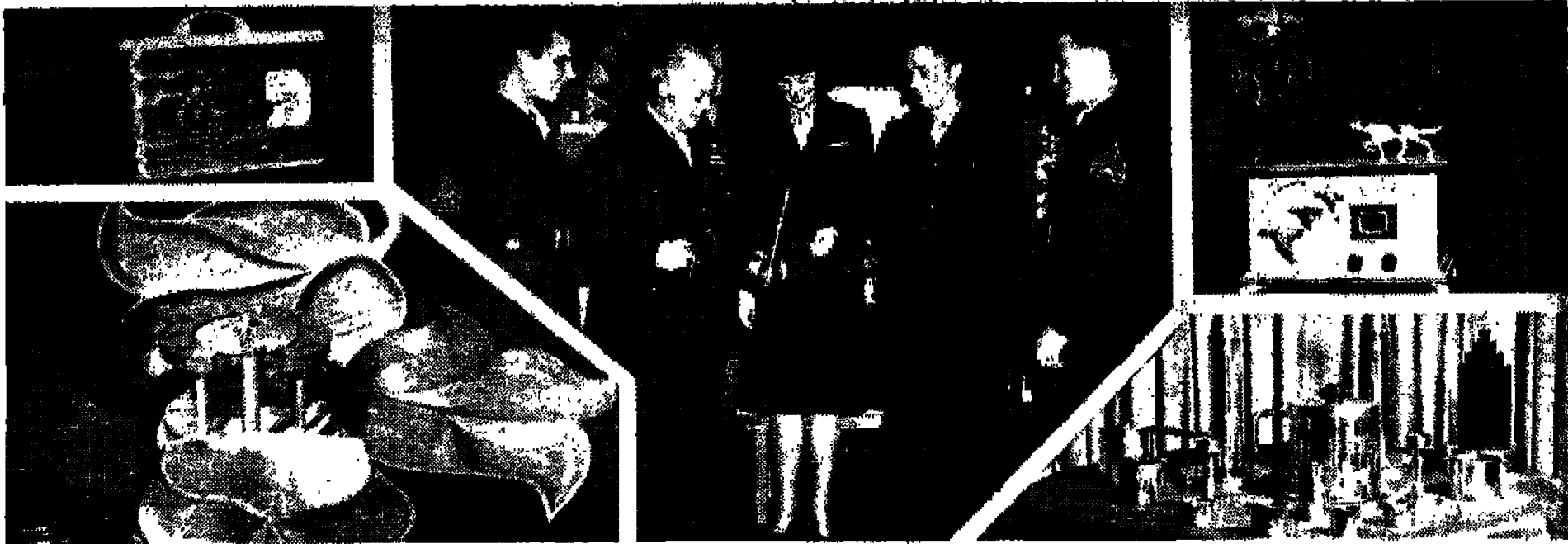
PEORIA, Ill. (U.P.)—Two men charged with a series of safe burglaries told police today they had developed a new technique—use of walkie-talkie radios to avoid being caught in the act.

Walter L. Rhodes, 24, told authorities he carried a walkie-talkie with him inside the buildings he burglarized. Rhodes said Arlie Scott, 24, waited outside in a truck with another walkie-talkie to warn him of approaching police.

STANLEY the Stumblebum - - WYGANT DID IT



"What do you have, that I don't like, and it's all you got?"



(Photos by PFC Ralph Metherell)

HANDICRAFT CONTEST. Marine craftwork scored in the 11th Naval Dist. handicraft exhibit Feb. 26. Among the varied entries were the fourth prize complete radio set (top left) and cabinet (top right), both made by StfSgt. R. C. Frost; at lower left, three wooden trays carved by MTSgt. Daniel Stine; a calfskin bag, the work of PFC. Frances Ridgley; pipe stand by Sgt. Ben di Marco; and plexiglass cigarette box by Sgt. David O. James. At lower right are shell-case brass entries of Lt. Dean C. Barnum. Marines shown examining his first-prize-winning andirons are (l to r) Stine, Lt. Barnum, Ridgley, James, and Frost.

Jap Prison 'Pig Sty', Wake Island Survivor Claims

One of the first Marines stationed on Wake Island and among the last to leave—a Jap prisoner—is the distinction held by Sgt. Vincent Verga, who spent four years in Jap prisons.

Sgt. Verga, now at Base Separation Co. awaiting discharge, recalls that long-remembered day, Dec. 23, 1941, when one garrison surrendered to the Japs.

"We refused every Jap landing party—their bodies were piled high along the beaches. But there was a circle of Japanese warships around the island blasting the daylight out of us. We had to call it 'quits' for the time being." (It has been officially reported that we lost only 60 Marines, while they lost 6000.)

Sgt. Verga was taken to Shanghai along with the 440 Marines and 1100 civilians who were constructing defenses, barracks, etc., on Wake.

BREAD AND RICE

"We were crowded like sardines in the hold of a transport for 12 days, hardly being able to sit down. If a guard caught you talking or whistling, he would beat you with a baseball club. At intervals during the trip they threw us bread and rice."

They were taken to Woo-Sung, a suburb of Shanghai, where they were "initiated into the Japanese program of overwork and undernourishment." After 10 months there, the men were transferred to

another prison camp nearby. For over two years Sgt. Verga and his comrades worked here building a rifle range for their captors. They affectionately called their project, "Mt. Fujiyama," as they had to pile tons of dirt into mounds for a backdrop for slugs.

WORKING CONDITIONS

"It reminded me of civilization thousands of years ago. We were given small hand shovels and hand carts and collected dirt from the surrounding delta land. Guards made sure that you filled the required carts per day and that each cart was full. We slept in rickety wooden barracks and twice a day we were given rice, or soup and bread. A great deal of the time I had dysentery. My weight dropped



Sgt. VINCENT VERGA
... a Wake survivor

from 150 pounds to 110 pounds during that confinement."

Then for five weeks Sgt. Verga worked in Peiping, unloading freight cars.

"During that whole time we didn't have a shower or weren't allowed to wash our hands. Now I know what pig sties are like." Traveling in boxcars, the men later were transferred to Korea for a brief hitch at shoveling salt.

WORK IN MINES

Again taken by ship to Sufari, Japan, in July, 1945, they were put to work in the coal mines.

"We worked in cold, damp, dark mines. At nights I was completely exhausted. Then one day the guards began to treat us better. A few of the boys began betting the war was over. It was hard for me to believe such a thing after those years of imprisonment and brutality. The next morning we awoke to find that our captors had vanished. We contacted our headquarters and B-29's flew over us dropping food and supplies. In a few days I was on my way back to the U.S."

MCAD Takes Handicraft Honors

Marines from Miramar walked off with high honors in the recent 11th Naval Dist. handicraft contest, which came to a close Tuesday, Feb. 26, with the presentation of awards at the Army-Navy YMCA.

A Marine entrant, 2dLt. Dean C. Barnum of Miramar, won a first prize for his brass andirons made entirely of shell cases. PFC. Frances Ridgley of Miramar won a second prize for her brown and white calfskin pocketbook, and Sgt. David O. James, also of Miramar, took a fourth prize with a plexiglass cigarette box.

RADIO, PIPE-RACK

Marine radio training was advantageous to StfSgt. R. C. Frost, now at Naval Hospital, who took a fourth prize for his hand-made radio and cabinet, and Sgt. Ben di Marco, also at Naval Hospital, entered a maple-and-plastic pipe rack which rated a third prize. Two wooden trays, carved by MTSgt. Daniel R. J. Stine, of Naval Hospital, were awarded a fourth place.

Lt. Barnum, who also entered several other brass articles, is in charge of the Miramar hobby shop where he helps other Marines perfect their handicraft work.

Awards included a wrist watch, pen and pencil sets, mechanical drawing sets, cigarette lighters, silver key chains, and charms.

NAVY TOOK TOP

Grand prize winner was a scale model of the cruiser USS New Or-

leans, constructed by Navy Chief Patternmaker F. J. Morgan. Other first prizes went to Andrew Szymanski, Navy machinist, for his working model of the "Comet"; Frank Stella, Navy patternmaker, for his soft clay statue, and Ensign M. Emily Aquino, for her leather week-end suitcase.

The contest was judged by

Explain O'Mess Limitations

A recent Navy bulletin concerning "associate membership" by inactive reserve officers in commissioned officers' messes has been misunderstood by some readers, it was reported this week.

According to the recent Navy release, Naval reserve officers on inactive duty are encouraged to continue utilizing officers' mess privileges at various commands.

In response to inquiries as to whether this will apply to Marine Corps Base facilities, it has been pointed out by Base officials that directives and policies announced by the Naval personnel bureau do not necessarily affect members of the Corps.

In regard to reservists' use of the officers' mess here, MCB authorities state that the limited facilities could not adequately accommodate the large number of inactive Marine reserve officers now in this area.

Comdr. J. W. Rhodes, director of welfare, 11th Naval Dist.; Miss Jean Hamman, art department, San Diego State College; and Mr. Carl Morrow, activities, Army-Navy YMCA.

Veterans' Loan Rule Relaxed Simplified

New procedure for veterans' loans under the amended G.I. Bill was announced in San Diego this week by William E. Berry, manager of the local veterans administration office. Among the innovations are:

Simplified, one-sheet loan application forms.

Real estate loan guarantees increased from \$2000 to \$4000, and time in which veteran may apply for aid extended from two to 20 years.

Time limit on terms of payments extended to 25 years on real estate and 40 years on farm realty.

Construction loans may now include cost of lot. Farm loan rules allow for improvements of ground and building, new construction, and funds for purchase of stock and seed or working capital.

Berry said that although his office is not equipped to handle loan applications, it will assist veterans with information on their rights. Applications must be handled through the Los Angeles office and should be addressed to the Veterans Administration Center, Los Angeles 25, Calif.

California Vets Get Additional State Aid

SACRAMENTO — California's Gov. Earl Warren has signed a group of veterans' aid bills passed by the legislature, including a \$750,000 appropriation for educational assistance to ex-servicemen. United Press reported this week.

Under the educational aid appropriation, veterans may receive up to \$40 a month for room and board and tuition and other fees, with a limit of \$1000 set on the total aid to any one veteran.

Also signed was a bill setting up a \$250,000 revolving fund for establishment of temporary dormitories for veterans at colleges and universities.

Another approved bill allows the veterans welfare board to fix the interest on state loans at any point between 2 1/2 and 4 per cent.

Other bills signed included: An appropriation of \$75,000 for expanded apprenticeship training program for veterans, under department of education sponsorship.

An appropriation of \$50,000 for state administrative work in certifying schools in the state for attendance by veterans taking advantage of "GI Bill" assistance.

PVT. ENTERPRISE

TIFFIN, Ohio—Pvt. Nevla Handenschild, the highest paid private in the Army, returned to civilian life. As a GI, he drew \$320 a month in base pay and allotments for wife and 13 children.—SEA.

STANLEY the Stumblebum - - WYGANT DID IT



"Sir, you won't LAUGH at me if I ask you something, will you?"

You Talkee Jap? No. Yes, Please

MARINE AIR BASE, YOKOSUKA, Japan (Delayed)—A tip to eager students of Japanese language: Persistence, diligence and an interpreter's handbook are necessary factors for mastering this native tongue. However, the exception to this axiom is vouchered for by a radio technician whose knowledge of perfect articulation was of little value when conversing with a Nip worker at this former Jap naval air base. He tells this story:

With a language guidebook in his pocket for a last resort, the Marine struck up a confab with the native son. The Jap listened attentively for several minutes with a puzzled expression—shaking his head in the negative. The Marine, after sensing his plight, relied on his handbook for much needed assistance. But even that proved of no avail. Finally the Jap retorted:

"Please speak English, Marine, I no understand your Japanese."



(Photos by PFC. Ralph Metherell)

TEAM NUCLEUS. Pictured above is WO. Robert E. Trometter batting out a few bounders to his infielders during a practice session. The former St. Marys football star is now the Base baseball manager. Shown in the left inset is PFC. Eddie Gibson, who Trometter hopes will add needed batting punch to the lineup. In the right inset is PFC. Frank Sullivan, infielder, the only surviving member of last year's championship team.



By PFC. VINCENT MASSE

BASEBALL—Long known as the "home run" circuit, the American League will again this season produce its pre-war "ghosts" to plague and haunt hurlers. Mountsmen who breathed easier during the war seasons, 1942-45, cannot be blamed as they shudder in anticipation of the return of the four-ply sluggers. In 1945 the American League home run output was 430, as compared to the 1941 league total of 734. That difference of 304 round-trippers meant a lot of thrills the fans missed during baseball's lean war years, but the return of powerhouse vets will mean a lot of chills for shivering slabs. Uppermost in the minds of these slingers are the names of returning vets like Joe DiMaggio, Joe Gordon, Sam Chapman, Charlie Keller, Ted Williams and Tommy Hendrich. These boys alone banged out a combined total of 147 "Wheatie Wallops" in their last full season before entering the service.

RACING—The honest gentry who follow the galloping geegees got a lift when the Maryland Racing Commission recently banned seven jockeys and a trainer for life because of a "fix." The commission gave the culprits the works after hearing testimony that two unidentified gamblers placed bets for the riders at a Pimlico race, indicating a clean-up of at least eight grand on the winner, Mamie's Lad. How much the gamblers made could not be determined, but enough cash was dumped on Mamie's Lad to drive the price on him from 10-1 in the morning line to 8-5 at post time. William Owen, leading steeplechase rider for the past three years, was among those banned.

TID-BITS—Lefty Gomez, once the pride of the New York Yankee pitching staff, has signed to manage the Cerverceria baseball team of Caracas, Venezuela. Although Lefty speaks no Spanish and the players speak no English, the popular southpaw anticipates using the sign language to pull them through. . . . Former heavyweight champion, Gene Tunney, picks Joe Louis to knock out Billy Conn in three rounds, predicting that Louis "can kayo Conn in the first or second round if he wants to." . . . Gals may soon be sharing their nylons with football players. A new uniform, almost entirely of nylon, was described at a sporting goods convention as "light as a feather, but tougher than leather." . . . Edward Lee, the New York A. C. member who recently won the national amateur three-cushion billiard championship, is the same Edward Lee who was the National A. A. U. long-distance swim titleholder in 1928, '31, '33 and '34. . . . Natural rubber golf balls will be available June 1st, according to L. E. Coleman, president of the Golf Ball Manufacturers' Assn. . . . "Hammerin' Henry" Armstrong may become a preacher of the gospel—said he was struck with religion while in the China-Burma theater with a USO unit. . . . 'Nuff sed.

THE CHEVRON Sports

Final Standings Intra-Mural Hoopers

Team	W	L	Pct.
Separation Co.	11	0	1.000
R&R Bulldogs	9	2	.818
Band	8	2	.727
Company "A"	7	4	.636
Moss Co.	7	4	.636
Fire Dept.	6	5	.545
Guard Co.	4	7	.364
M.T.H.C.	4	7	.364
Rifle Range	3	8	.273
Headquarters	3	8	.273
Recruit Depot	2	9	.182
R&R Wildcats	2	9	.182

Billiard Champ



Today's the day Erwin Rudolph, pictured above, five-time champion of the world at pocket billiards, will exhibit his billiard wizardry. Officers and enlisted men are invited to watch his exhibition, which is scheduled for 1700 at the Base bowling alley.

Rudolph, an overseas veteran of World War I, stops off at MCB on a tour of the country—a tour with the dual purpose of showing soldiers, sailors and Marines how a champion at pocket billiards performs and of convincing everyone that billiards is a great game which can be mastered by anyone who pays attention to a few fundamentals.

During his exhibition, Erwin will reveal how he once ran 277 points at pocket billiards and how he scored 111 straight points in a world's tournament game.

Swim Champion Entered in Meet

Among world and Olympic champions who will give aquatic exhibitions at the Navy sponsored All-Trophy AAU Swimming Championships at North Island Sunday, March 17, will be one of Navy's own, Lt. (jg) Adolph Keller, USNR, who was recently assigned to the 11th Naval Dist. physical education staff.

The holder of all world's backstroke swimming records since 1936, Lt. (jg) Kiefer will assault his own records in one of the swim meet's outstanding events.

WORLD TALK

Willing to take and give a dare, the champ has vied with challengers in Germany, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Japan.

As a member of the United States Olympic swimming team at the 1937 Olympics in Germany, he established the record-smashing 1 m. 05.2s for the 100-meter backstroke. The same year he toured Japan, the country which starred at the Olympics, and defeated Nippon's foremost swimming contenders.

Base Quintet Takes Two In Barstow Tourney

Reach Finals By Defeating Pendleton, Barstow All-Stars; Bow to Miramar

Despite their defeat in the final round of the Barstow tourney, the Base basketball team considered its efforts well spent last week-end. Playing three games within 24 hours, the locals scaled the first two hurdles but ran afoul of their Nemesis, the staunch air-men from Miramar, in the third.

Playing their first game of the tourney on Friday evening, March 1, the Base hoopers downed the Pendleton five 48-35. Paced by the high-scoring trio of HAL's Wolfe, PFC, Keith Lambert, team coach, and Lt. James Wally, the Base representatives held the game well in hand, drawing away in the second half after seeing the score deadlocked at 20-all at halftime. Lt. Bridgley, Pendleton coach and star player, was held in check, totaling a mere 10 points. Pendleton entered the fray full of confidence acquired in a recent 43-38 victory over the Miramar quintet, the all-star champions.

DOWN ALL-STARS

In the second game of the tourney, played Saturday afternoon, the locals drew as their opponent, an all-star Barstow team. In much the same manner as they outplayed Pendleton, the MCB quintet downed the all-stars by a score of 50-37. Corp. Turnbow, playing center, was the individual star for the Base in this event.

Coming up for the finals on Saturday evening, the boys again ran afoul of the Miramar hoopers, who held two previous victories over them. In this game it was Miramar all the way with the contest never even close. Admitting that his team was a little worn out because of the schedule which had forced them to play three games

within 24 hours, Coach Lambert also admitted that the game Miramar played was unbeatable. The final score was 74-33, the worst beating suffered by the locals this season.

LINEUP CHANGED

Playing without the aid of PFC 2/c Walter Dye, who is now dis-

The Base hoopers played their last game of the season Tuesday evening at Adin. Sexton gym. They were defeated by the Navy Repair Base 42-37 in the playoff game for the Class "B" league.

charged, Coach Lambert shook up his lineup and added a little needed height to the team. PFC. Frank Daily, regular center, played the entire series at guard. Pvt. Penney and Corp. Turnbow alternated at (Continued on page 7)

INTRA-MURAL BASKETBALL ALL-STARS

Pos.
FIRST TEAM
F—Blinkenstaff (R&R Bulldogs)
F—Ashcraft (Guard Co.)
C—Lubchusen (1st Separation)
G—Spader (1st Separation)
G—McClanney (Co. "A")
SECOND TEAM
F—Ricketts (Band)
F—Jones (R&R Bulldogs)
C—Richardson (Moss Co.)
G—Elsay (Co. "A")
G—Henery (R&R Bulldogs)
(Selections were made by members of the Base varsity.)



(Photo by PFC. Ralph Metherell)

CHAMPIONSHIP STYLE. PFC. Erwin Lowder gives a fine exhibition of "just how it should be done." During a little warm-up game before the Base-wide bowling tournament games get underway, our photographer got this shot of champ Lowder in action. Lowder, along with Pvt. Norman Acheson, copped the Base mixed-doubles tourney late last year. Here at the Base bowling alleys the Base-wide kegler tourney is held every Monday and Thursday.

"SKIRTIN' THE BASE"

Same Title, New 'Lee,' New Angles

By Corp. Beverly Westerlund

Last week's discharge rumors proved true, and more of our skeleton crew are about to make their last exit from the Base. We will refrain from a rehash of the usual best wishes and well done line. You know that one by heart, but anyway, So Long, gals.

NOTE TO 'DERE TOP'

The W's want you to know that they've not forgotten you either. Delighted "Oh's" and "Ah's" rose from every corner of the battalion area as we noted your return to the pages of the CheVron. Don't desert us again.

FIGURE FACTS

Chew's been darn good lately. Remember the way those creamy potatoes with lakes of butter on them tasted, and the cinnamon rolls that melted in your mouth? Sorry, we can't register the time-worn chew-grips, but if you need to wear off the aft-effects of those meals, or if you think it wise to cultivate an even larger appetite, you'll be happy to hear that the old WR classification office has been converted into an exercise room complete with mats, balls, and jumping ropes, to say nothing of the two complete sets of excellent conditioning exercises with which Lt. Hale is prepared to furnish you. We absolutely guarantee you'll find muscles you never knew you had. See you there!

On days when the sun becomes fast instead of Chamber of Commerce fiction, the most familiar sight in the barracks backyards is scattered groups of beach-clad ferns paying homage to the sun god. Seems their cruel intent is to make the slow-bound natives jealous when they go home with their tanned forms.

OF SINGERS AND SUCH

Singing seems to be the order of the day in the barracks of late. The way everyone's remodeling

and rejuvenating her east-of-rivvies of a couple of years back, you'd almost think there were plans for civilian life anon, wouldn't you? Some of the more industrious have created complete new wardrobes for themselves, including everything from tailored suits and coats to the most glamorous of Heddy La Smoother modes in millinery. Handmade things are lovely, we agree, but sewing by hand is tiresome, and not always practical, so in order to do a lot of their required machine work, the gals have had to take their work down to the YWCA. We do have a good Singer of our own in the WR ad. building. Too bad it can't be put and kept in working condition.

RUMORS AGAIN

Scuttlebutt's running wild due to the increased tension in the international scope. We've all done our part, in the traditional manner, to pass the rumors on with embellishment; but listen, before you get too excited, sit down, count ten, and wait for the third word!

Few of you will be able to resist the appealing illiteracy of the plea for twenty of us to attend a ship's dance late in March posted in its original letter-form on the rec. bulletin board. Even if you never take part in such activities, you'll want to see that invitation. Don't fail to read it.

INCIDENTALLY

After much adverse comment on the subject of rewriting this column, we've decided to yield to popular opinion and continue under the old familiar heading. True, we did have a bit of a tiff with the sports editor who wanted to do column and call it "Chasing the Skirts," but we convinced him that it had best remain "Skirting the Base," and so it shall.

Abreu-Beauhold Exhibition Hit At Recruit Depot Boxing Smoker

A three-round exhibition between Pvt. Billy Beauhold and PFC. Johnny Abreu, both nationally known pugilists, was a novel climax to the usual Saturday evening boxing show at Recruit Depot last week. Both members of the Depot's personnel, they have been announcing and refereeing the recruit bouts there for the past few months.

Not up to their pre-service boxing form, they nevertheless gave a fine exhibition, and the boys in the short halt enjoyed every minute of it. Resume of the 10-bout card preceding the exhibition:

Bobby Venable/Bobby Phillips. Venable took the judges' decision in a lusterous bout.

Walter Butler/Bobby Pierce.

Miramar Stops Base Quintet

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center. Wolfe and Walley, along with Lambert, played their usual positions. PFC. Elmo Head, first-string substitute, turned in his usual fine game.

TWO LOCALS SELECTED

At the completion of the tourney, sponsored by the Barstow Athletic association, an all-star team for the three-day tournament was selected. The Base quintet placed two men—PFC. Keith Lambert and Dick Wolfe—on this five-man honor team. The all-stars selected were:

- G—Wanzer (Miramar)
- G—Lambert (MCR)
- G—Brown (Miramar)
- F—DeWitt (Barstow all-stars)
- F—Wolfe (MCR)

Each member of this team received a miniature gold basketball. Selections were made on the basis of team play, fair play, and general conduct during the tournament.

Butler won the decision in a hotly-fought contest. Should be a rematch soon.

Billy Johns/Marshall DeFord. DeFord kayoed Billy in 1 minute and 36 seconds of the second round.

Henry Chalk/Joey Ayala. A very dull fight, called a draw.

Freddy Owens/Carl McIniff. A draw, but a popular one. Evenly matched, these boys battled toe-to-toe throughout.

Derwood Winkle/Al Lomadue. By far the best fight of the evening. Lomadue got the judges' nod, but Winkle was no pushover.

Don Childs/Bobby Elwood. Elwood kayoed Childs in just 36 seconds of the first round. Childs was outmatched by far.

Artie Ware/Don Thomas. Artie took all of 42 seconds of the initial round to put the finishing touches on Thomas.

Nick Dennis/George McClintan. A rematch of last week's draw semifinal, these boys did it again. Another draw. They may try again.

Jimmy Ford/Pingy Ju. Another rematch of last week's main event which resulted in a draw. This one went to Ford on decision. Good fight.

Free Throw Winners

Top honors in the "free throw" contest run jointly with the intramural basketball tournament, during the season just closed, were won by PFC. Richard D. O'Brien, who basketed 40 out of 50 throws.

Rules in the contest allowed each contestant 50 chances at the basket in the presence of an officer. Four miniature gold and silver basketballs were awarded to the persons making the highest total.

Following O'Brien came PFC. James Steele with 38. PFC. Rick- erts was third with a total of 34 good shots. Sgt. Maj. Ezell, with a 30 out of 50, finished fourth.



(Official USMC photo)

DOGGIE DISCHARGE. Possibly the only "doggie" ever to be discharged from a Corps separation unit, Tippy—with his owner in tow—was given his Honorable Discharge from the service recently at Camp Pendleton. Tippy accompanied Corp. H. A. McIntyre—also in photo—all thru 1st Mar. Div. operations from Guadalcanal to Peleliu.

Base Memo Explains New Benefits Under 'GI Rights' Revisions

Revision of the GI Bill of Rights by Congress recently added valuable opportunities for servicemen returning to civilian life, and increased the number eligible for benefits.

As explained by a Base memorandum, the principal changes concern educational and "GI loan" provisions.

A veteran who meets requirements for the first year of education, the memo explained, and who progresses satisfactorily in his course, "may be entitled to the additional period of education based upon length of service, regardless of age at time of entering service. Also, previous education need not have been interrupted."

Prior to these amendments, personnel over 25 years of age were eligible to resume schooling at government expense, only if their education had clearly been interrupted by entry into the service.

FOUR-YEAR LIMIT

Extending to four years after separation the time-limit for beginning such education, the revisions also specify that the course cannot extend beyond nine years after the end of the war.

In addition to tuition costs, men without dependents will receive \$5 dollars per month—raised from \$30—while in school. \$90 is the new monthly subsistence allowance for veteran-students with dependents.

Men whose plans require immediate cash instead of more education can now apply at any time within ten years after the war's end for the government loan-guaranty. Under the liberalized rules, loans for business purposes may also be used to purchase inventory and stock in trade.

REPAY TIME EXTENDED

"The period of repayment is extended to 25 years on real estate loans, or in the case of loans on farm realty, to 40 years. The maturity of a non-real-estate loan may not exceed ten years."

"The price paid for property may not exceed its reasonable value."

an item of importance to prospective purchasers, for previously the bill specified that the price must not exceed "reasonable normal value." Gist of the change is that it permits evaluation of property to take into consideration the price-rise during the last few years; while under the original wording, the price had to be as low as during the "normal" pre-war period. Veterans may now obtain loan-guarantees on some property which, before the revision, would have been considered too high-priced to permit the guarantee.

Last of the most important changes listed is that "the maximum amount guaranteed on real estate loans is raised to \$4000."

New Isle 'Born' Off Jap Coast

TOKYO (U.P.)—A new island is appearing in the Pacific ocean like a rumbling, fuming monster of the deep, the U. S. Navy reported last week.

Lt. Daniel J. Ransohoff, flag secretary of the Yokosuka Naval Base, said the island first appeared roughly 200 miles south of Yokosuka two weeks ago. It is about 200 yards long, 150 yards wide and 50 feet high, and is still growing.

Black smoke and steam billow above the new land mass, and it is shaken periodically by underwater explosions. Twenty-foot boulders slide from the rising ground and sink into the water.

"It is like a monster or whale turning over slowly in steaming water," Ransohoff said. He said there were no other islands nearby, and no records that any island ever existed there before. Navy photographers are recording the island's birth. There is speculation the island might be connected with recent earthquakes in the area.

Official Believes Vets Valuable Employees

Veterans now returning from military life "are the cream of the labor crop," according to Mr. Raymond Krah, Southland USES director. "These ex-servicemen," Krah has concluded from his observations, "are far better qualified workers than they were at the time of entering the service, and those who never worked before have learned trades which are adaptable to civilian uses."

"Because they have been out of touch with civilian economy, our veterans need and must have assistance in finding their peacetime jobs. And just any job is not enough. The need today is for jobs equal in quality to the applicant himself. Veterans want to work where they can fully utilize their skills and experience."

Since V-J Day, the employment service reveals, 600,000 visits have been made by veterans to USDS offices in Southern California alone. At the request of the Dept. of Labor, a nation-wide program has been launched to find additional job openings for the more than 6,000,000 veterans, displaced war workers, and other job applicants expected to seek employment throughout the U.S. during the first six months of this year.

DSM Awarded Nine Top US Officers

The Distinguished Service Medal was recently awarded to nine high-ranking Army and Navy officers "for exceptionally meritorious service to the Government of the United States . . ." the Navy Dept. announced on Feb. 26.

Lowest ranking officer of the group cited was Navy Capt. Charles J. Moore.

Others decorated were:

Vice Adm. W. S. Farber, Rear Adm. T. S. Sprague, Rear Adm. E. H. Collier, Rear Adm. J. J. Manning, Vice Adm. Russell Willard, Rear Adm. L. E. Combs, Army Lt. Gen. L. H. Campbell and Army Brig. Gen. J. J. Twitty.

BEAR A HAND

Lost

DUNNARTER JACKIE with long legs, black wings, father (a duck) and mother (a duck) lost Sunday, Feb. 2, 1944. Reward for return to T. J. H. Hatcher, 2714 E. 1st St., Barstow, Cal. (phone 418).

Wanted

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE needed in Ocean Beach or Point Loma vicinity. Call Bayview 7345 or Bayside 467 (extension 467).

APARTMENT OR HOUSE needed anywhere in vicinity of Miramar Base. Have one child. Call 564 Vela, Base extension 632.

For Sale

BLUES, MARINE. Complete with car. 1937 Buick. 37. Main 1110. Between 0900 and 1700, or see at 1172 Fourth Ave. after 1800.

PORTABLE RAIN. "Aeromobile" 1 ft. 6 in. x 1 ft. 6 in. x 1 ft. 6 in. cash. Lt. Miller, Base extension 111.

HIGH CHAIR, in good condition. Will sell for \$4.00. Call Base 24 (extension 541).

Church Services

SUNDAY SERVICES: Base Chapel—PROTESTANT, 1015 Main. Worship: 1100. Holy Communion 1200. Sunday in each month.

R&R, 0830 Morn. Worship. Recruit Depot, 0815 Morn. Worship. 1000. 110 (R&R), 0800 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 1030 Morn. Worship.

ROMAN CATHOLIC: Recruit Depot, 0800 Mass. 1300 Mass. 0815 Mass. R&R, 1015 Mass. Camp Matthews, 0800 Mass.

LATTER DAY SAINTS: Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 0800 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 1400 Afternoon Worship.

JEWISH: 0815—South Chapel. Naval Training Center (for personnel of the Base), 2015—Camp Hill (for personnel at Camp Matthews).

WORLD DAY SERVICES: ROMAN CATHOLIC, Base Chapel, 1000 (for personnel of the Base), 1000 (for personnel of the Base), 1000 (for personnel of the Base), 1000 (for personnel of the Base).

R&R, 1700 Confessions, Sgt. Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 1800 Confessions, Sgt.

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BASE THEATER

1730 and 2000

THURSDAY—The Virginian. Joel McCrea-Brian Donlevy. A technicolor, draw-from-the-hip-pardner western. McCrea and Donlevy stalk one-another through the streets of a Paramount backlot in true horse-opus style.

FRIDAY—Junior Prom. June Priesser-Frank Stewart. A jolly family film with honors going to versatile Miss (behold the double kid) Priesser.

SATURDAY—Hoodlum Saint. Win. Fowell-Esther Williams. Another yarn about a vet (World War I) trying to get readjusted. (Holly-wood thinks every vet needs an ostenpath.)

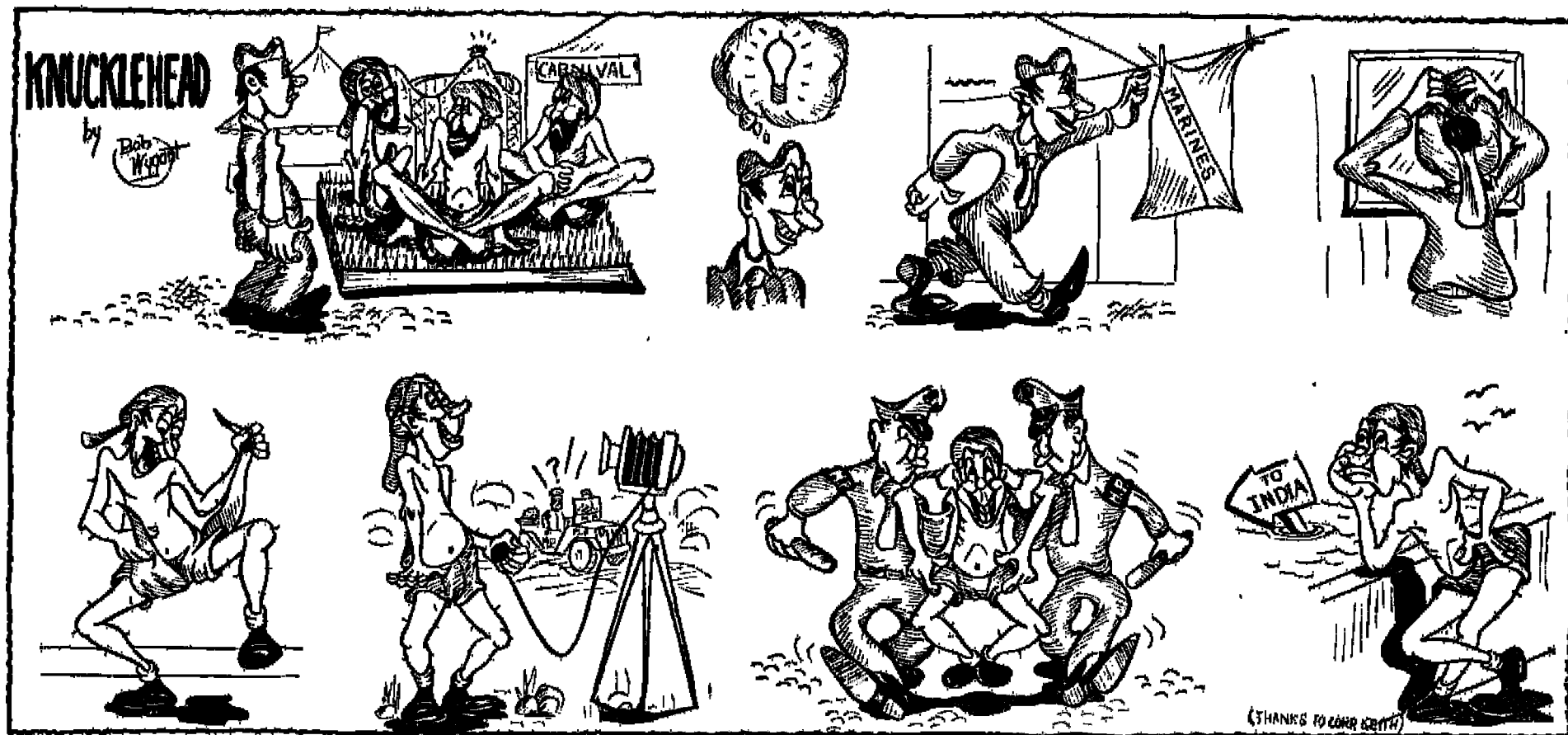
SUNDAY—Knob Hill. George Raft-Vivian Blain. Technicolor tale of San Francisco's Knob Hill great. A reissue.

MONDAY—Truth About Murder. No dope.

TUESDAY—Little Giant. An Abbott and Costello comedy farce.

WEDNESDAY—Here Come the Waves. Betty Hutton-Bing Crosby. Comedy of recruiting woes. Good entertainment.

Camp Matthews films will follow the above schedule by one day.



THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

ODGEN, Utah (CNS)—DeMar Mapwaring won when he bet that he could swallow a goldfish. But the money went in a hurry. The fish lodged in his larynx and an immediate operation was necessary.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—A cat whose favorite food is Vitamin B complex pills, is owned by an Indianapolis druggist. Her owner shakes a bottle of vitamins whenever he wants Susie to come running.

MUNCIE, Ind. (SEA)—Everybody but the neophyte was startled in a lodge meeting here when a large chandelier slipped loose and crashed to the floor. The new brother just thought it was a part of his initiation.

WASHINGTON (SEA)—For sale: Pea Patch island in the Delaware river, complete with fortress and moat, 178 acres, within easy paddling distance of Delaware City. It's listed for sale by the Surplus Property Administration.

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (CNS)—Former M. H. Pitts fattens his pigs faster than any hog-owner in these parts. He does it with mirrors, placing one in front of each eating pig. The porker gulps his food in a hurry—so the other pig won't get any.

STANBERRY, Mo. (CNS)—Dana Miller threw her family into confusion by marrying her stepfather's younger brother. She became her mother's sister-in-law and her husband is now his brother's son-in-law and his sister-in-law's son-in-law.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (CNS)—Mrs. Lucy Smith couldn't unlock the door of her car so she asked a passing stranger to open it for her. Obliging, he poked up a rock and slammed it through the window, then reached in and opened the door.

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (CNS)—Thelma Maust has asked police to investigate Gail Halstead of Webster Springs, W. Va., a total stranger, who keeps willing her letters on such subjects as the Bible, stock markets, history, and current events.

CHICAGO (CNS)—New ready-pasted cedar paper, containing 5 per cent of active DDT insecticide, has been developed in the United Wallpaper Inc. laboratories of Chicago. It will serve as a lining to protect clothes closets and bureau drawers from moths and other insects, and its effectiveness in killing insects that come in contact with it is guaranteed for one year.

BELMONT, Mass. (CNS)—Residents who wondered why their electric bills decreased for several months aren't wondering any more. They know they are going to have to pay the difference. The company has discovered that several of their local meter readers gathered in a filling station and made up "averages" instead of reading the meters during inclement weather.

BROCKTON, Mass. (CNS)—Thieves smashed a window in Joseph Freeman's grocery store, while his watchdog slept soundly. They escaped with 200 pennies, 50 cartons of cigarettes, and five boxes of cigars. Rover awoke with a growl when police came to investigate. He wouldn't let them in.

WASHINGTON (SEA)—Something new for the civilian is a peek-a-boo summer suit with lace insets for cooling purposes. It was designed for comfort-loving males by Joseph Zelano. Lace goes up the outside of the trouser legs, down the sleeves and across the back of the coat.

BENNINGTON, Vt. (CNS)—Front page announcement in the Bennington Evening Banner: "The Banner hereby announces that it plans to return to the ancient newspaper custom in Vermont of accepting payment of subscriptions in butter, eggs, etc., if shortage continues."

TRIPP, S. D. (SEA)—Reuben H. Guerike, back from overseas service, apologized to E. J. Zeitner, draft board clerk, for beating him up. He blamed Zeitner for drafting him, later decided that Zeitner "only kept the records" and did not deserve the beating.

For Publicity Only



BEAUTIFUL BUDS. "Signs of Spring," the Warner Bros. publicity called this. You're supposed to think it means the apple blossoms, of course. Silly, isn't it? Hollywood always tries to supply a nice naïve background or prop as an excuse for its cheesecake photos. And CheVron Chick outlines do the same. Wonder why we insult our readers' intelligence and normal reactions? Wonder if any readers read these things to get insulted by anyway? (In above photo, among the apple blossoms—if you haven't noticed—is Joan Leslie.)