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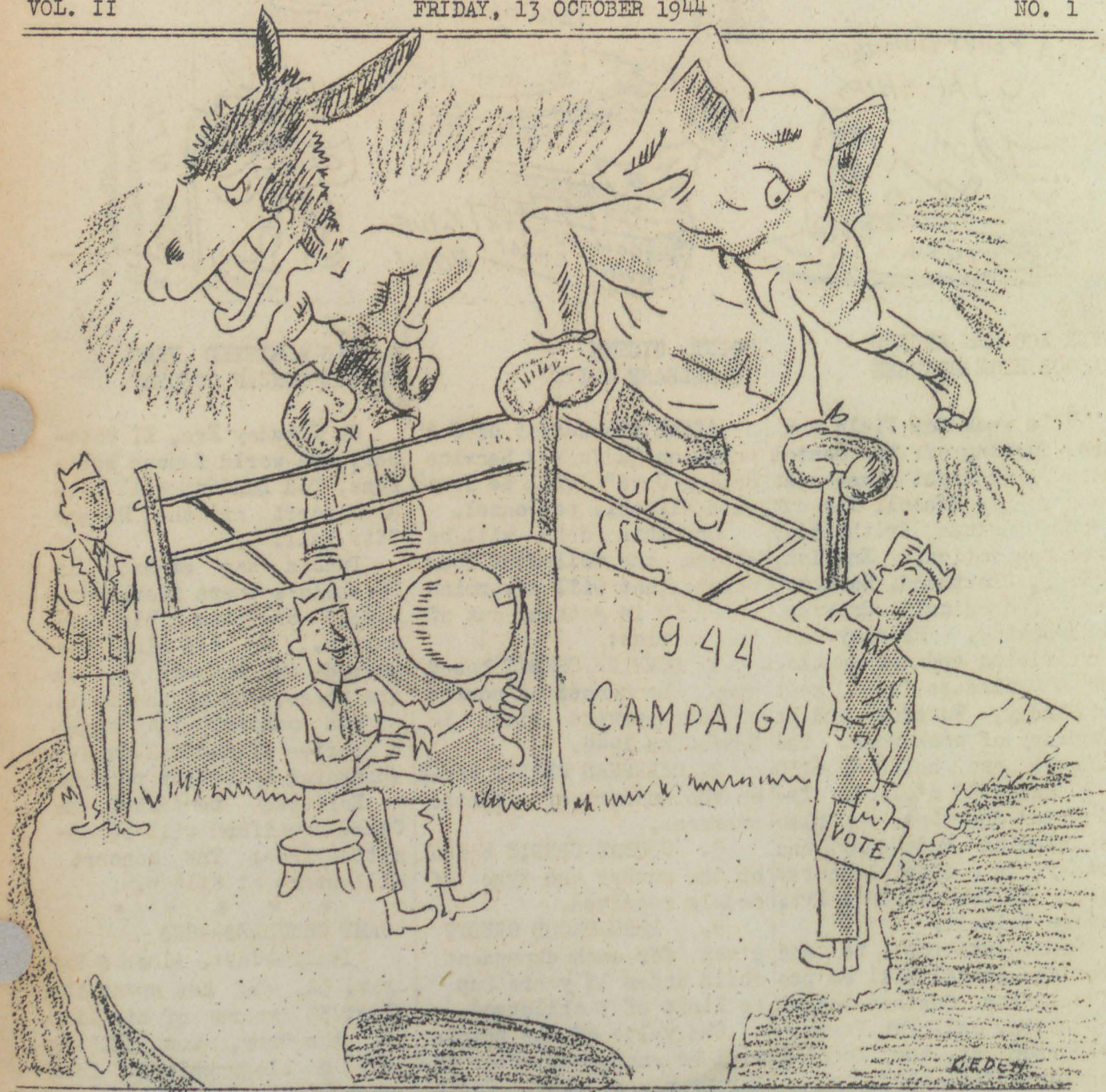
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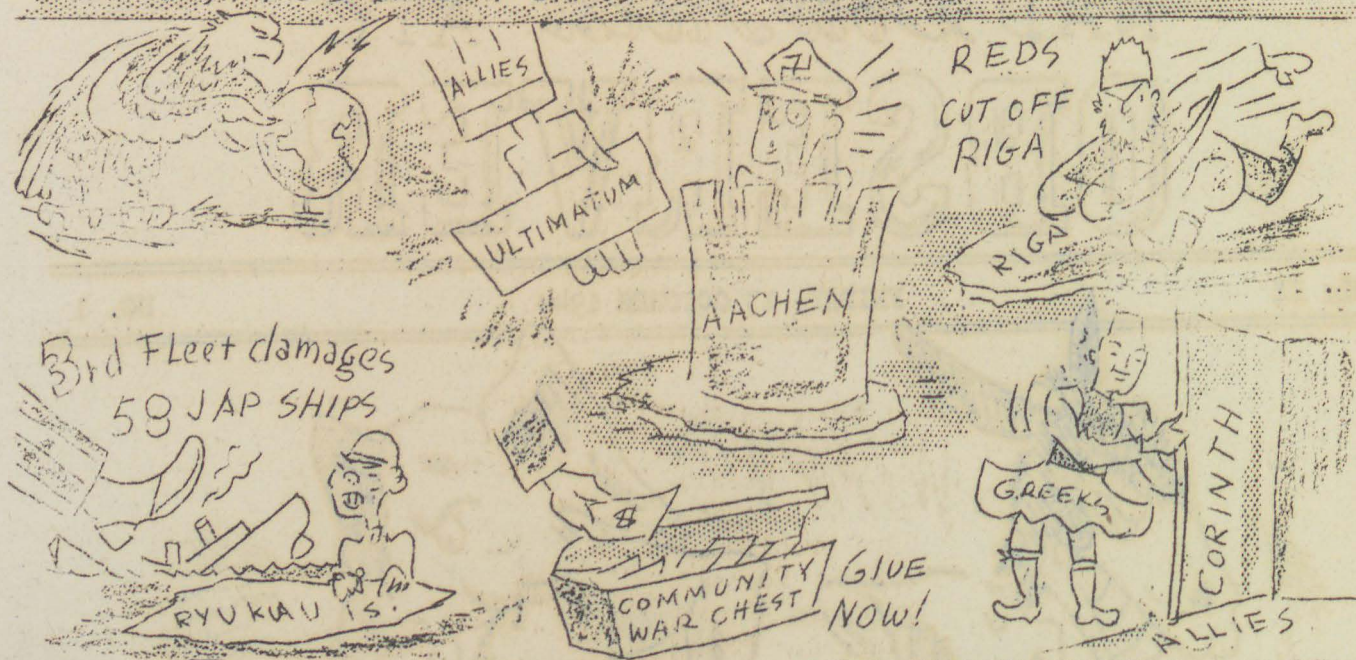
FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER 1944

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THIS IS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!

AN EAGLES EYE VIEW OF THE WORLD

OVER 100 MEN ATTEND
BANGOR HIGH CLASSES

This week Dow Field men are dusting off the mental cobwebs in night classes at Bangor High School. The subjects include Arithmetic, Americanization, English, Filing, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Mechanical Drawing, Woodworking, History and advertising and aeronautics. These classes will meet on Monday, Tuesday and on Thursday of each week. The classes are held at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock. Typing and Shorthand may also be taken on Wednesday and Friday in a special course given by Dow Field's Pvt. George Volmert.

Transportation to and from the school will be provided. For further transportation, call Pvt. Frances Dickerson at the Special Service Office--397.

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GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY

WAR CHEST

POINT SYSTEM
TO RELEASE G.I.'S

After the defeat of Germany, an "Adjusted Service Rating Card" will be issued all enl. personnel.

On this card will be scored the following four points that will determine priority in getting out of the service:

1. SERVICE CREDIT based upon the number of months of army service since 16 September 1944.

2. OVERSEAS CREDIT based on the number of months overseas.

3. COMBAT CREDIT based on the number and type of medals received.

4. PARENTHOOD CREDIT given for each dependent child under 18 years (up to limit of 3 children).

The value of the points will be announced after the European war. But don't get your hopes too high... just keep punching.

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G.I.'S ADMITTED FREE
TO TOD DUNCAN CONCERT

On Tuesday Eve, 17 October, the world famous baritone, Tod Duncan, will give a concert at the Bangor City Hall.

Duncan has starred in Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess," creating a big sensation. He has also appeared in the movies, on the stage, and on the radio.

His concert will begin a series of musical events sponsored by Bangor patrons.

Enlisted personnel in Class A uniform will be admitted free. The concert will start at 8:15 p.m.

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CAMP CHUCKLES--CNS

Italy--Capt. Almon S. Farar, 51, who has spent the last 35 years of his life in the Army, was filling out a biographical form when he came upon the question: "Civilian Occupation. He thought for a minute, then wrote: "Child."

POST PERSONALITY

"SWICK" FINDS THAT HE IS
"MR ANTHONY OF THE BASE"



"Some of the letters that we receive would make Mr Anthony have problems," S/Sgt. Russell Swickard explained. "Take for instance this one....a woman calls up to locate a fellow named Jim.. that's all she knows about him just the

name Jim...nothing more, and she expects us to find him. In another case, a gal finds her boy friend has upped and married another girl. She wants him busted and tossed in the jug, about 4 months she figures would be right. And so it goes." Swick sighs, "everybody comes to us with their problems."

Chubby-faced Swickard ~~is~~ with a patient smile and grins, "When I call me the assistant chaplain."

But it's not all such personal problems. Swick is by nature a methodical worker and his job as Sgt. Major is right up his alley. When the morning's mail comes in, he has to decide which letters go to the colonel and which go through other channels. By the same token, all letters going out from the base pass over his desk for a final check-up.

Swick's home town is steubenville, Ohil. After the usual schooling, he got his first job as cashier for the General Baking Co.



At the end of the first week, he sweated blood. His accounts were \$200 short. Frantically he checked and rechecked the figures. Still no go. Finally he located a check that had slipped behind the register. The 200 bucks was safe and sound.

For 5½ years he cashiered...then illness in the family forced him to try for more money. As salesman and contact man, he boosted his salary, thus solving his problem. After 6½ years, Uncle Sam looked him right in the eye.

After 12 days at the induction center (Fort Hayes) he spent 5 weeks at Jefferson Barracks. Here he was classified to go to Mass. Inst. of Technology to study topographical computations. He never did get there, though. The area had been taken over by the aviation cadets. He next found himself in the rugged aviation engineers. The regiment was formed in Richmond, Va. It came to Dow Field, but Swick took a detour. He tried for OCS at Fort Dix, but here again internal trouble jinxed the deal.

As a member of the 1906th, he came to Dow but later transferred to the main base. When he was appointed Sgt. Major he had three stripes. At present he ~~wears~~ the master stripes of Sgt. Major ~~but actually holds a staff rating.~~

You say that you have a problem, ~~and we will try to solve it for you.~~ don't say we told you.

THE DOW FIELD OBSERVER
GOES ON THE AIR

In order to bring you the latest up to the minute news of the field, The Observer will have a 15 minute spot on Station WABI at 5:30 from Monday evening through Friday.

We will try to bring you newsy bits, a chuckle or two--the Post Theater program and what's doing at the U.S.O. In this way you can find out what's going on that very night.

Tune in tonight and keep informed. WABI's Wen Fogg and your editor will dish out the dirt.

NEXT COLUMN please

GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY FUND

KNOW YOUR *Officers*

CAPT.
LEWIS W.
GRAMHAM
AIR
INSPECTOR

Behind his pleasant smile Captain Graham backs plenty of keen-eyed observation. If there is anything snafued in your dept. you can bet your bottom dollar that he will ferret it out.

As the Air Inspector he skillfully combines a sympathetic desire to right wrongs, and the ability to get action.

Captain Graham was born in Gainesville, Florida, educated in the local schools and then entered the University of Florida. After 1 year's specialization in business subjects, he acquired BS degree in Business Administration, and had started a post graduate law course.

Meanwhile, on 29 May '39 he received a commission in the Army Reserve, and after a year and a half was placed on active duty. This stopped his legal career, at least for the present.

At Camp Blanding he stayed exactly a year to the day. Foreign duty called, and on 7 April '42 he was assigned to Co. I 3rd Infantry. His gold bar turned to silver on 22 June '42. While attending Administrative Inspector's School he transferred to the Air Corps on 5 July '43 and was promoted to the rank of captain. On 7 April '44, Captain Graham arrived at Dow Field as a member of the Inspector's Office.

He is married to a former student of Florida State School. His daughter Helen Louise, age 2½, gets all his off duty time, sailing and golf running badly in second and third place.



Be sure to give your feet the good attention they deserve. Treat blisters and sores at the first opportunity so they won't cause you more trouble.



Keep your first aid kit handy and ready for use. All wounds, even the slightest scratch, should be treated as soon as possible.

POST WAR FARMS

ON MARCH OF TIME

Thousands of our fighting men as well as city dwellers dream of the day when they will return to the farm. But this month's issue of The March of Time, "Post-War Farms", coming here to the Post Theater, Wednesday, 11 October '44, warns that in reality important changes have been taking place in country life.

Is big-scale industrial agriculture threatening the future of the small farmer? "Post-War Farms" shows the answer to this and many other similar questions in the scenes which will open the eyes of the millions of Americans who still cherish the dream of a small place in the country.

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A man is known by the company he keeps; a company is known by the men it keeps.

MATINEE
ON
SUNDAY
1400

BASE THEATRE

2
SHOWS
DAILY
1300
2000

Wednesday - 11 October

EVER SINCE VENUS

Ann Savage - Ina Ray Hutton

MARCH OF TIME

Thursday & Friday 12-13 October

MARRIAGE IS A PRIVATE AFFAIR

Lana Turner - John Hodiak

MOVIETONE NEWS

Saturday, 14 October - Double Feature

"BIG NOISE" - Laurel and Hardy

"END OF THE ROAD" - Ed Norris

Sunday & Monday 15-16 October

THE CONSPIRATORS

Hedy Lamarr - Paul Henreid

Tuesday, 17 October

NATIONAL BARN DANCE

Jean Heather - Robert Benchley

BOXING

Pvt. Johnny Alloca of the QM stepped into a surprise bout last week at the Chateau. One of the boxers failed to show up, so GI Johnny hopped into the breach. The crowd went wild in 4 rounds of the sluggiest fight ever seen in the local arena.

Johnny is not only a fighter but a crooner as well. Maybe being a "swoon crooner" these days you need to be handy with your mitts.

PS: The bout ended in a draw—but we definitely did not see eye to eye with the judges.

VOLLEY BALL

S/Sgt Eddie Thomas, Gym tycoon, has announced the formation of squadron volley ball teams. So far he has lined up twelve teams. Eventually he hopes to have teams within the Squadrons—such as Finance versus QM—or maybe the Special Service versus Signal, etc. Better start lining up your partners right away men.

BADMINTON

Bird fanciers will find plenty of competition in the coming struggles for the shuttle cocks. Last year's champ, Cpl. Abe Seidman, is still on the base, and the semifinalists are no pushovers.

THIS IS
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

SPORTS CHATTER

Most of the GI athletes seem confident that they will be as good as ever when they come back. Some of them, like Zeke Bonura, the big mahout of the North African League, even think they'll be better. "My legs are stronger than ever," says Zeke, whose fielding for the White Sox was as messy as the Greasy Spoon Cafe. "I should be able to kick in more runs than ever before."

A bomber carrying Sgt. Joe Louis and Sgt. Billy Conn narrowly averted a crash landing recently in England... Lt Larry French Nat League shutout king was in on the D-Day invasion of France.... Pvt. Bert Haas, ex-Reds, is playing ball in Italy; Hi Bithorn, Sp 3/c, ex-cubs, is stationed in Puerto Rico, and Sgt. Tom Gorman, ex-Giant, is back in New Jersey after organizing a GI ball league in the Middle East. ...Bill Hulse, U. S. 1,500 meter champ, and Marshall Goldberg, former Pitt and Chicago Cardinals back, have been commissioned ensigns in the Navy.... In ducted at high noon, Pvt. George Munger, ex-cardinal pitched Jefferson Barracks (Mo.) to a 2 to 1 win over Lambert Field at 3 p.m.... The Great Lakes (Ill) ball club has won 27 of 28 this season. (CNS)

BOOKSBASE LIBRARY BEST SELLERSF I C T I O N"STRANGE FRUIT"

By Lillian Smith

"RAZOR'S EDGE"

By Somerset Maugham

"LEAVE HER TO HEAVEN"

By Ben Ames Williams

"CLUNY BROWN"

By Margery Sharp

"PASTORAL"

By Nevil Shute

"MOM COUNTED SIX"

By Mac Gardner

N O N - F I C T I O N"THE TIME FOR DECISION"

By Sumner Welles

"HERE IS YOUR WAR"

By Ernie Pyle

A BASIC HISTORY OF THE U.S.

By Charles & Mary Beard

"TARAWA"

By Robert Sherwood

"GOODNIGHT SWEET PRINCE"

By Gene Fowler

JAP OFFICER WEARS
U.S. DEFENSE RIBBON

New Guinea (CNS)—Pvt. Roy Templeton, of Rogersville, Tenn., stumbled into a bog hole. At the bottom lay a dead Jap officer. The officer evidently had been around. On his chest were many campaign ribbons—including the American defense ribbon.



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COLONEL JAMES C. JENSEN, COMMANDING
LT. PETER KREHEL, SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICER
PFC. DALLAS RAPE, ASST. EDITOR

EDITORIAL

Here we are back at the old stand again--ready to dodge brickbats--and even readers to give you coverage of the Dow Field doings.

First a bow to two of our contemporaries. Both the trite "Mud-Gutter Gazette" and the stimulating "Pulse-Aider" are doing a top-notch job of keeping their customers posted.

Our particular approach will be to keep you up to date on news affecting Dow Field, brief discussions of subjects that you should know, maps, and other illustrative material--and, of course, a chuckle or two.

Because of our limited space--we prefer items that will interest 80% of our readers--say--as opposed to intimate gossip stuff that is shared by only a few. However, we do feel that names make news--and, what's more, human interest angles will always find a home in these columns.

So the door is open fellas--come on in and get acquainted with your paper--The Dow Field Observer.



Quote of the week:--Sgdn. A's personnel clerk, Cpl. Harry Tsucalas, was standing in formation for formal retreat. Out of the orderly room dashed Pfc. Dick Diehl, yelling, "What did you do with the morning report?" After a quick huddle, the whole thing was finally settled. The morning report apparently was in good hands.

Pvt. Morris J. Brown discovered he was about to be a father. So he rushed to his wife back home, picking up a 5 day furlough. He had to travel way down South to Georgia. Seems like he will have to move pretty fast to make it back.

Although we are a bit late--it may be of interest to know that 1/Sgt. Tom Shanley is a proud daddy of Thomas Jr., for one month. If he takes after the old man, there will be little floor-walking necessary. Shanley

BARRACKS BAG

is the quietest 1/Sgt. in the business.

Love will find a way. S/Sgt. Philip Stem murmured I do's with WAC Ernestine Gerrathy of Wisconsin. The Sarge is an aircraft equipment inspector and the gal is at present a member of a class of A.M.'s. As we get it--she was a student--he was the teacher--gosh, she has her diploma already.

Still water runs...T/Sgt Arvin Wood, soft-spoken, bashful personnel man went out and done it. Is she from Brewer? "Oh, shooah!" A very charming Miss named Brimmer. Condolences and congratulations to both of you.

Our WAC's are doing okay in the "Cupid Department". A fight promoter scored heavily with our Grace Martin, and she heard the bell ---wedding bells.

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Nobody has ever yet seen a sign of "hands off" on the handle of a bucksaw or an ax.

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THE WOLF

by SANSONE

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"Hey you! FALL IN!"



Q. Two months ago, when I was a corporal, I filed an application for maternity care for my wife, who was expecting a baby. Now the baby is due any day, but in the meantime I have become a staff sergeant and thus ineligible to apply for maternity aid. What I want to know is—does my previous application stick.

A. Yes, it does, luckily for you. Although it is true that maternity aid is given only to the wives of enlisted men in the lowest four grades, the controlling factor in the application for this aid is the rank held at the time the application was made, not the rank held when the maternity care is needed. As a corporal, you were eligible to apply for the care.

Q. My first sergeant recently crushed a cigarette butt on my head. What recourse have I against this boorish fellow?

A. See your CO. He's the logical man to go to if you have a legitimate gripe against your sergeant.



KHAKI KOMICS

"Some moon out tonight," he said.

"Some stars," she said.

"Some dew on the grass," said he.

"Not me," said she.

"This is called infiltration," said the GI as he edged closer to her on the davenport.

"This is called demolition," she replied as the private hit the floor.

WAC: My husband's in the Navy, so be careful.

WOLF: Ah Ha! so your anchor's aweigh!

MP: "No parking. You can't loaf along this road

Voice within car: "Who's loafing?"

NEWS FLASH —

Palm Springs, Cal.— Cpl. Bernie Berman won a WAC essay contest with an inspired article on "The Typical Wac." He's married to Pvt. Helen Wilkey, who was voted the "most typical" Wac here.

DOW FIELD OFFICERS STUDY MILITARY LAW

A course in military law is being conducted daily in Bldg T-6 by Capt. John Osman for all the officers on the base.

"We are trying in this course to prepare all officers who have not previously served on Courts Martial." The captain stated, "The Articles of War specify that the commanding officer of the base shall assign qualified officers to serve on Courts Martial. It is important that our officers be well qualified to serve the interests of military justice."

The captain is a former U.S. assistant district attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and a lawyer of 20 years experience.

During the first week the class was addressed by Major Daniel J. Anderson, Staff Judge Advocate of the North Atlantic Division, who said, "The United States Army is the most democratic system of justice in the world."

MALE CALL

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



PETS BEGET WHET THREAT



Lafayette, Ind (CNS) Police found Cecil Baker's lost dog wandering around a downtown street. They called Baker. "Put him on the phone," said he. Dubious, the police chief complied. "What are you doing down there, Pat," Baker admonished over the telephone. "Come home at once." The dog went directly home.

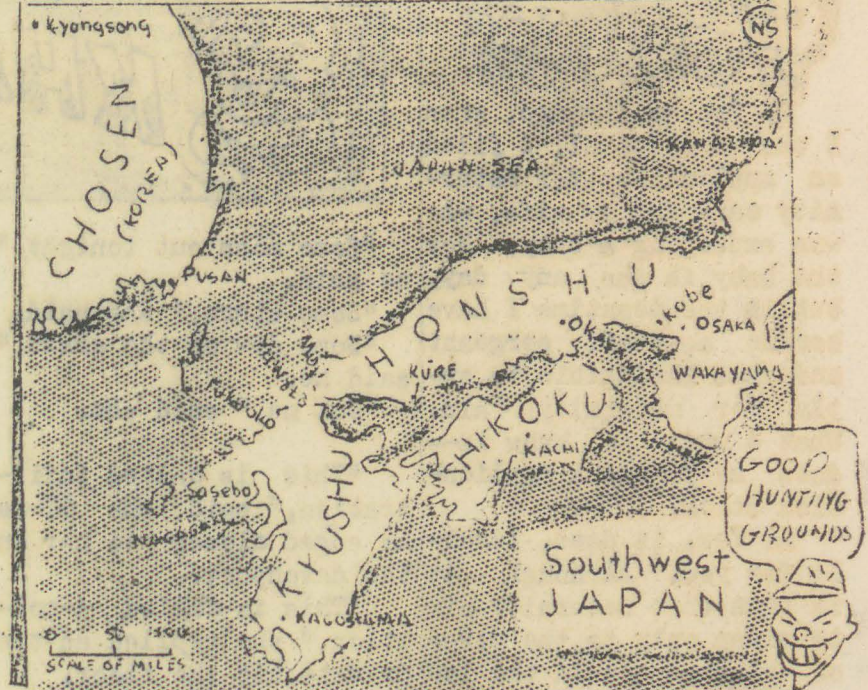
Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)

When George Cazana, manager of the Seven Seas juke joint, opened shop one morning, he found the juke box blaring and \$24.60 missing from the till. The tune on the juke box was "Pistol Packin' Mama."

Baltimore, Md (CNS)—A big school paper here recently polled the girls at the school with this question: "How do you get a boy friend to date you these days?" Most popular answer: "I borrow father's gas ration card."

Lincoln, Neb (CNS)—A man walked into a lunch wagon and sat on the stool. "Egg sandwich," he said to the counterman. "Make it your self," the counterman snapped, hitting his customer on the head with an egg. "War nerves," was the diagnosis of doctors at the state sanatorium.

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SERVICES
'CATHOLIC
SUNDAY - 0700 - 1100
DAILY - 1700
PROTESTANT
SUNDAY 1000 Chapel
0900 Hospital
JEWISH
FRIDAY - 1930



Philadelphia CNS—"Obey that impulse" is the motto of 94-year-old Rudy Weeber. He painted his house baby blue.

USO NEWS



THURSDAY, Oct. 12th
CLASSICAL MUSIC HOUR
at 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, Oct. 13th
GAMES...Pool, Checkers and
Ping-Pong

SATURDAY, Oct. 14th
REGISTER-TO-VOTE-NIGHT
RADIO SHOW-10:15 to 10:30
Music by
"Dow Field Jive Bombers"
Dancing 8:30 to 12

SUNDAY, Oct. 15th
BREAKFAST AFTER CHURCH
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

TEA DANCE & BUFFET LUNCH

COMMUNITY SING
w/Disney song slides
Also
Popular Songs, Western
Ballads, and skits by the
Circle "C" Ranch Boys