

# The Taro Leaf

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## MORRISON HOTEL SELECTED FOR CONVENTION HQ.

**Arrangements Completed For Holding Convention On 11, 12, 13 August, 1950**

On November 12th, Spike O'Donnell called a meeting at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, in order to select the location for the 1950 Convention site and to make hotel arrangements. In attendance with Spike, in addition to your Secretary, was our very capable advisor, Lt. Col. Max N. Cizon. President Ross had planned to be present, but last minute business prevented his leaving Detroit.

After very careful consideration and planning the Morrison was selected as our next CP. Complete details of the services offered by the Morrison, together with tentative plans outlined by the committee were immediately forwarded to our President for his approval. Ross approved all the arrangements, so now the members must do the rest.

You will have ample room to roam around and meet with old friends. There will be committee rooms, a trophy room, and a special bar. (Further details will be found on page three of this issue).

General Woodruff, who so graciously set up our trophy room in New York, will no doubt be asked again to help make this Convention a success with the many trophies he has available. Many of you probably wonder who our guest of honor or guest speaker will be. This information will be published

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### BILL DAVIDSON SEZ:

"We can always use money!"  
**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR  
1950 DUES?**



**JAMES M. "Spike" O'DONNELL**  
General Chairman

James "Spike" O'Donnell, our Mid-West V. P., Chairman for the 1950 Convention, and the big wheel in our membership drive, calls Chicago his home. "Spike" is sales manager for the National Circulation Company, RKO Bldg., New York City. "Spike" is 37 years young and single, or should we say, an eligible bachelor. When with the 24th, he was a T-Sgt., G Company, 21st.

## SPIKE O'DONNELL GETS 1950 PROGRAM UNDER WAY

"All Regional and State Chairmen **MUST** help if we are to make this the Biggest & Best Convention" — Spike.

As we said before, Spike has a big job on his hands. In addition to Convention details, he is in charge of our membership drive. Spike travels "four winds and several states," and is contacting 24th men where ever he goes. He has appointed state chairmen, who will operate under the regional chairmen. These men were selected because it was felt that they could do the job which was given to them, and that is to secure new members. City chairmen will be appointed only for the larger cities throughout the United States. It is suggested that all membership chairmen get to local newspapers or even newspapers throughout the state to run news items regarding the 24th Division Association. These articles should contain information in brief about the Association and also information as to whom to contact for membership application. Secretary Duff had an article of this nature published recently in a paper with approximately 50,000 circulation in his area. He hopes to reach at least a few men through the article. Try it out.

Neither Spike nor this Hqs. has received communications from but a few of the regional chairmen to date. Get on the ball you guys and let us know what you are doing!

As this issue goes to press all the names of the state chairmen are not available, but

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TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU,  
**Seasons Greetings**

## Remember

### 'Doc' Marett's Record Leap \*

It happened when the 24th Division was camped near ROCKHAMPTON, AUSTRALIA. "Doc" Marett, our portly southern gentleman Red Cross director, told me about it the next day while the experience was still fresh in his mind.

As you will remember, we discovered many varmints there, such as: The very large hooded lizards, the vest-pocket kangaroos (wallabies), large fence-post size snakes (I had killed one myself a couple of days before), and we were still wondering what might crawl or walk out of the bushes next.

Of course "Doc" was aware of this that night when the inexorable processes of nature called upon him to take a walk in the dark to use the plumbing facilities. The carpenter had not yet provided the luxury of wooden seats, but the usual excavation in the ground had been made.

So "Doc" backed up to the facility, being careful not to fall in, and made necessary adjustments to his ample clothing prior to slowly assuming the generally accepted posture to facilitate the operation.

Now it so happened that, unknown to "Doc," a friendly and affectionate dog had joined "Doc" there in the dark—a dog with the damp and cold nose which is standard dog equipment. As "Doc" reached the operating position, the dog made the friendly gesture of gently muzzling the unsuspecting "Doc" on the wide expanse of his person, recently unveiled.

"Doc" said this came as a distinct surprise to him, and that he, beyond all question, set a new world record for the Squatting broad jump.

"Doc" Marett's present whereabouts is not known. However, if there are any challengers to this "record leap," it is hoped that "Doc" will come out of hiding to defend his title as "Champ". Col. "Red" Newman, now C of S. 11th Abn Div, Camp Campbell, Ky., is the source of this excellent tale.

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## WITH THE 24TH IN JAPAN

### Typical Newcomer

KOKURA.—The typical 1949 newcomer to the 24th Infantry Division this year, as determined by a public information survey, was 23 years old, a bachelor, likes athletics, hails from the East or Middle West, left high school after his junior year and joined the Army to learn a trade or through a desire to travel. He weighs 160 pounds, is 5 feet and 9 inches tall, has brown hair, a ready grin and thinks he is going to like Japan. Thirty-five per cent are reenlistees.

## 24TH DIVISION SOLDIER PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

KOKURA.—An unidentified 24th Infantry Division soldier displayed good will in downtown Kokura recently when he saw Nobuharu Katsuo on a crying-sit-down-strike in front of a toy shop.

Nobuharu was taking an evening walk with his mother when he spied skates in the shop and insisted on buying them. Mrs. Katsuo didn't have any money with her and 3-year-old Nobuharu wouldn't understand. At this point the soldier couldn't hold himself; he paid 200 yen for the skates, and left without saying a word. The astounded mother didn't even have a chance to say "thank you."

Mr. and Mrs. Katsuo have been looking for the soldier ever since. They decided to repay his good will by donating to the Kokura Orphans' Home a pair of skates!

## CHARLES T. STANCILO IS GOING OUT AFTER 'EM!

The secretary received a letter from Stancilo saying that he received his post card and "Taro Leaf" and inclosed was not only his membership dues for 1949-50, but \$2.00 each for two new members, BILLY YOUNGMAN of Wichita, Kansas, and BYRAN MILLER of North Little Rock, Arkansas. His letter states in part as follows: "Sure glad to hear the Convention is to be in Chicago next year. I fought for that at the Baltimore Convention. Be sure and mail both of these new members a copy of the latest 'Taro Leaf.' I will be in Chicago for sure."

Thanks a lot for your letter, Stancilo, and especially for working and obtaining these new members. If each present member would obtain two new members, and the new members in turn obtain two, it would not be long before we would need two hotels for our conventions.

## Was Your Picture or Name Omitted in the October Issue?

If so, we are sorry. We regret that we did not have photos of all the 1949 Banquet tables, nor did we have the names of all those at the various tables. Will try to get the photographers to get this information at the 1950 Reunion.

## Here's What The Hotel New Yorker Management Said

Lt. Col. Max N. Cizon  
Office Service Branch  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Colonel Cizon:

Many thanks for your very nice letter of the 16th.

I think I can sum up the New Yorker's feeling toward the 24th Infantry Division best by saying if you again meet in New York City we sincerely hope that it will be at the New Yorker, and we hope your membership will want to come back as much as we want you to.

I hope that everyone found all the arrangements suitable, and that the General found his suite satisfactory.

Don't forget when you again meet in New York the New Yorker wants to be your headquarters; and in the meantime I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you occasionally during your visit to our city. Please call on me whenever I might be of service.

Cordially,

LEONARD R. OAKES  
Ass't. Manager-Sales

## At Home and Abroad

Received a letter from VIC BACKER and find that we have been forwarding his mail to the wrong address. Vic's correct address is 75-22 199th Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York.

WALTER W. HOWITT, correction—ATTORNEY WALTER W. HOWITT has joined us and is a member in good standing. Walt, formerly SSO Section, Convention Hqs., lives at 56 South Main Street, Oakfield, New York. Walt maintains his office in Buffalo.

Change of address—EDMUND J. KELLER. Ed's new address—Building 38, Apartment 301, Yellow Mill Village, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Edmund writes: "Send me some applications and I'll see about getting some new members from this area." Thanks a lot, Ed!

THOMAS H. COMPERE, recently of Legal Department Central Division, National Broadcasting Company, and formerly head of Chicago District Office, Legal Department, Home Owner's Loan Corporation, announces the formation of a partnership with John B. Moser for the practice of law under the firm name of Moser and Compere, 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois.

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ALL HIGHWAYS LEAD TO CHICAGO — AUG. 11, 12, 13, 1950

# THE MORRISON HOTEL

Here's a bit of Advance Information . . . .

Mr. H. Randell Atherton, Sales Representative, Morrison Hotel is personally in charge of the Hotel Arrangements, and has assured us that we will have the full cooperation of the entire staff. The Management will make every effort to help make our convention a huge success.

The Morrison is in the heart of the Loop, and only one block from the "busiest corner in the world". We should have every advantage here. The Morrison offers us . . . .

## *The Beautiful* MURAL ROOM

For our meetings and movies

## PARLORS A, B, C, & D .

For Registration, Trophy Room, & Committee Rooms

## *The* ELBOW ROOM . . . .

A Bar for our Private Use at all times.

The above are adjoining on the first floor. This will enable us to accomplish more in the three short days than would be possible if our activities were scattered throughout the hotel.

## THE TERRACE CASINO . . . .

*Air-Conditioned for our Banquet*

**DON'T FORGET 11, 12, 13 AUGUST 1950 DON'T BE AWOL**

### **Banquet Will Cost One Dollar Less Than Last Year's**

Arrangements have been made for the Morrison to serve a very lovely dinner, the complete cost of which will be only five dollars per plate, which will include the dinner, music, tips, etc. The Terrace Casino Room is air-conditioned and will be ideal for our Memorial Service and dinner. The Terrace Casino is large enough to accommodate the one thousand or more we hope for. The Committee is working hard to get the complete program outlined, in order that it may be published in the next issue in March or April.

Up until banquet time, all of our activities will be centrally located on the first floor. There will be 24th Division plaques in the lobby, and Convention information on the bulletin board. The Elbow Room Bar on the first floor, adjoining the first floor reception room will be open at all times for association members.

### **Entertainment For The Ladies?—Yes**

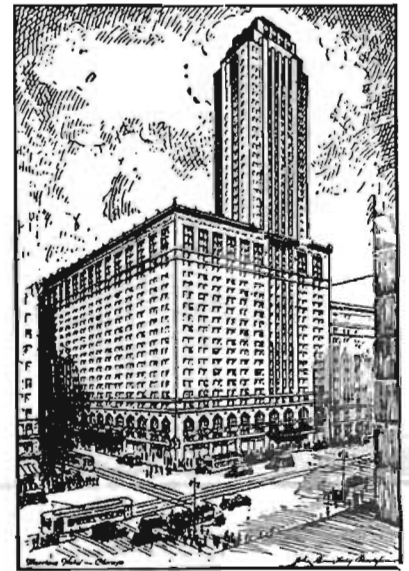
The committee is planning various types of entertainment for the ladies, since all of them will not desire to be present at our meetings. These details are not complete yet, but will have broadcast tickets, and etc. We will keep you posted in future issues.

### **Cizon Will Have Interesting Article**

Lt. Col. Max N. Cizon, formerly a Chicago boy, is helping with Convention plans as much as his duty permits. He has promised to write a very interesting article for the next issue of the "Taro Leaf." This article will furnish you with first-hand information about the Convention City. Incidentally, Col. Cizon spent his day off (Saturday, November the 12th) in flying to Chicago to help "Spike" O'Donnell and Bob Duff get the hotel arrangements underway. Our President, Ross W. Pursifull, had intended to be there, but last minute business prevented him from being present at this meeting.

### **Reservation Blanks To Be Sent Out**

Hotel reservation blanks will be published in the next issue of the "Taro Leaf." All members will be able to obtain very nice accommodations at reasonable rates. More about this next time.



at Madison & Clark Sts.  
Aug. 11, 12, 13, 1950

IN THE HEART OF CHICAGO'S LOOP

**ALL HIGHWAYS LEAD TO CHICAGO — AUG. 11, 12, 13, 1950**

## Remember

"-----AND THE RAINS CAME."\*

In November of 1943 an advance detachment of the 24th Division under Colonel Homer Kiefer found itself in the wilds of Goodenough Island, New Guinea, to select a staging area for the troops who would arrive from Australia early in 1944. A rain chart revealed an average annual rainfall of more than 200 inches per year, but it all fell during the February-March rainy season. A message warned incoming troop commanders that great care should be taken to have tentage pitched on all available high ground; low ground would certainly be flooded—and how!

Sure enough, two days after the last 24th Division troops had arrived on Goodenough, the rains came—36 inches of it within 48 hours. Rugged engineer road and bridge construction washed out the first night. (Remember that Engineer Saw Mill called "The Thick and Thin Lumber Company" with a slogan "The Best is none too good.??") As the second night approached, troops encamped on a certain small knoll surrounded by swirling flood waters, congratulated themselves on their good fortune. BUT, the animals in New Guinea had learned that lesson long ago!

During the night snakes (they grow from 9 to 15 feet long), lizards (5 or 6 feet long is not unusual), wallabies (small scale kangaroos), giant rats, and even alligators (being amphibious, they could leave if they didn't like their company) sought safety on the crowded knolls among the tents. The frightened animals became entangled in the tent ropes; tent stakes pulled out of the soft mud! Tents collapsed and lights went out! Rifles and machets were held ready but no one dared use them; who could distinguish man from wild animal in that wet pitch blackness under the sodden tentage?

Finally some heroic soul thought to turn on his vehicle lights and there the entire camp huddled in wet misery and with frayed nerves until dawn. The animals, no doubt, were also relieved at having the comforting darkness left to them alone. Though no one was bitten or hurt that night, the harrowing experience takes its place alongside the most nerve-wracking of battlefield tales. Imagine your own feelings in such a predicament.

\*Dick Lawson vouches for this tale. He was there and talked to a soldier whose friend said it was a fact.



**SGT. GOLDBERG (Goldy) KOSS**  
(Formerly in Div. Hq. Special Service)

Pictured above with Joe E. Brown is "Goldy" who resides at 7847 S. Paxton Ave., Chicago 49, Ill., will be on hand for the 1950 reunion.

## Spike O'Donnell Gets 1950 Program Under Way

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we do have the following: A. Bertram Koenig—Pa.; Lt. Col. R. I. Beaver—Texas; Chaplin Chris J. Berlow—Mich.; and Walter L. Van-sickle, Jr.—Ohio. These men at present are getting campaigns under way in their respective states.

Within thirty days Spike will name a Chicago committee to help out with Convention details. In addition to this committee we have Charles "Chick" Connelley, who is a West side boy, and when speaking to 24th men, will not take "no" for an answer, as far as his local personal membership drive is concerned.

Again, we ask that city, state, and regional chairmen at least drop a postal card at least once a month, in order that Spike and this Hqs. will know what progress you are making.

## Morrison Hotel Selected For Convention Hq.

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in the next issue. It is planned to have our Division Combat film available. Colonel Lawson has put in some hard work editing his film, and we know it will be of great interest to all former 24th men.

After two days of business, visiting, and seeing a bit of Chicago, an Impressive Memorial Service and Banquet will be held in the Terrace Casino of the Morrison.

You'll read more about the Convention in the next issue, in which hotel reservation and registration blanks will be included. **DON'T FORGET—ALL HIGHWAYS LEAD TO CHICAGO IN 1950!**

## COL. "RED" NEWMAN EARNS PARATROOPER BADGE

Col. "Red" Newman, former 24th Division G-2, Chief of Staff and Regimental Commander of the 34th Infantry, has recently completed the Airborne Jumping Course at Fort Benning and earned his paratroopers badge. Col. Newman now is the Chief of Staff of the 11th Airborne Division stationed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

At a time when many of us "veterans" are feeling our age (and weight) creeping upon us, Col. Newman's rugged accomplishment comes as a shock to our pride—which may do us a lot of good. We are not surprised, however, at Col. Newman's display of vigor and determination in the face of obstacles which would have stopped most of us in our tracks. He trained for war just as he trained for the Olympics several years ago. Even the severe abdominal wound from a Jap mortar burst on Leyte didn't stop him long; in record time he rejoined the Division on Mindanao.

Back in the States after the war he got the urge for more active service (just when others were beginning to enjoy the fat and lazy life) and took the jumping course at Fort Bragg, determined not to be the 11th Airborne's Chief of Staff unless he could do what he asked the troops to do. That jumping course pulled him apart and almost killed him, but did he quit? Not at all. He got himself put back together, rested a bit then took the course again—and passed it.

Congratulations "Red"! You're a better man than we are, and we're proud to have served with you.

## NEW ENGLAND AREA ACTIVE

The veterans of the New England area are making big plans for the 1950 Reunion and for the future. V. P. Neil Young has already appointed both of his committees. Ed Henry is S-3, Jim Russell (formerly Cannon Company, 19th) is asst. S-3, and Bucky Ford is S-4. They are starting off with a big stag dinner to be held on Saturday evening, 28th January, 1950, at the Boston Hotel. All details regarding this affair may be obtained from the New England Vice President, Neil Young, 326 Spring Street, Rockland, Massachusetts.

We hope that all the Vice Presidents are making similar plans for their area, and that we may hear from them soon.

**Are your  
1950 DUES  
Due??**

**Make checks payable to the Treasurer,  
24th Inf. Div.  
Veterans Assn.**

### COLONEL KLEPINGER TO LONDON

By the time this issue reaches you Colonel Klepinger will no doubt be sipping tea in London. Colonel Klepinger wrote: "I am going to London, but want to keep in touch with the old Division crowd. My new address after 1 November: CINCNELM, Navy 100, Fleet Post Office, New York, New York."

#### "THEN THEY PRAYED"

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not"

John 1:5

Two soldiers sank wearily down on a rear pew in a deserted church in an overseas combat area. After a hectic night of fighting, they hoped to rest a few minutes. But suddenly, there was the sound of artillery fire. Bricks and debris began falling on them, for a shell had struck the steeple of the church.

After the shelling, the soldiers brushed themselves off and prepared to leave the building. Then one of them spied, among the debris and bricks, the altar of the church. It was still intact, and on the pulpit was an open Bible. The soldiers walked up to the altar and found that the Bible was open at the story of the birth of the Saviour.

Removing their helmets, the men bowed in silent prayer. As they did so, the sunlight broke through an opening in the roof. Its rays shone upon the Bible and upon the two kneeling men.

What a picture it made, two soldiers, kneeling in adoration as they meditated on the birth of Christ Jesus, while God shed His light on the Word he had given to men.

What a wonderful feeling it is to know that, in spite of the destruction round about them, God was there even so.

### At Home And Abroad

SGT. HUBERT E. SAMM writes from Germany: "Best regards and here's hoping that Chicago gets the 1950 Convention. My present assignment will not permit me to attend. I do, however, plan to retain my membership in the Association and perhaps at a later date be able to attend some of the Conventions."

Sgt. Samm's address is: Hqs. Special Troops US Con, APO 46, New York, New York.

BILL ALLEN (formerly 21st) has been appointed chairman of the Pittsburg area. Allen's main objective is obtaining more new members. Bill was formerly CO of G Co., 21st.

WHERE IS SGT. CARR??? Carr, recently retired from the Army, was located in Pittsburg, however, we have not been able to locate him in the past few weeks. Let's hear from you Sgt. Forward your present address to Association Headquarters.

Note: Just in case Sgt. Carr does not receive a copy of this issue, will any one knowing his whereabouts please notify the Secretary?

LT. COL. RICHARD H. LAWSON, the Association's Historian, has sailed off on

official business to Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. Good luck, Colonel, and may you have an enjoyable and safe trip!

CARL S. CARLSON, 12 Wastson Court, Concord, New Hampshire, dropped a line our way to say "Hello" and asked for a new Association membership card. We regret that we do not have a supply of cards on hand at this time, but as soon as more are available, they will be furnished to you members.

COLONEL WILLIAM J. VERBECK writes from Brazil: "Thanks for your card, am re-enclosing it showing my correct address." —Colonel William J. Verbeck, US Military Mission to Brazil, APO 676, New York, New York. He goes on to say, "I have a two year old card index file showing the names and addresses of about 1800 ex-21st Infantry men. If the file that I now have would do you any good, please write me and I will send it to you . . . . ."

Very sincerely,  
(Signed) Verbeck"

CHESTER L. SIMPSON, 1st Lt. USAF, formerly D Co. and Service Company, 19th Infantry is now stationed at Lockland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. Lt. Simpson is in the Officer's Mail Section.

SGT. SCHERER—We do not have your address. If you happen to read this, report to Headquarters immediately!

In recent issues of the "Taro Leaf", LT. COL. GEORGE C. ABERT'S name has been spelled incorrectly. We are sorry Colonel and will try not to let it happen again. COLONEL ABERT is on duty in the Pentagon Building.

ANGELO Di DONATO from Providence, R. I., writes, "I am reporting a change of address from 355 Plain St., to 66 Bridgham Street, Providence, R. I."

We haven't heard from the following men for a long long time. Where are you, what are you doing? Let's hear, and while you are at it, send in a few new membership applications:

- EUGENE H. DAVIS, (19th), Pell City, Ala.
- CLEM D. EVANS, (21st), 21 E. 7th St., Temple, Ariz.
- EARL W. MYERS, (Med. Det., 19th), 764 W. 106th St., Los Angeles
- ALLEN W. WIEGLAND, (21st), 212 Lake St., San Francisco
- G. D. SILVERBERG, (Div. Hq.), 357 Main St., Norwich, Conn.
- M/SGT. W. H. LITTLE, (24th Arty.), Ft. McNair, Washington D. C., Qtrs. 28B
- CAPT. MARTIN E. GRINER, (Div. QM.), Raiford, Fla. (c/o Florida State Penitentiary)
- DR. GEO. E. MORRISSEY, (Med. Det., 1st BN., 34th), 609 1st National Bank Bldg., Davenport, Iowa.
- JOS. S. LENKEY, (21st), 154 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford, Ohio.
- ORVILLE ADKINSON, (21st), Rt. 5, Walters, Oklahoma
- VARIAM M. HOOVER, (34th), Hustantown, Penn.
- LLOYD PRICE, (Div. Hq.), 9418 Hobart St., Dallas, Texas
- B. W. KIRWAN, (63rd FA.I., 93 Walnut St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Father (Lt. Col.) R. J. NUWER—last known address was Hq. USAF, APO 777, N. Y., N. Y. was planning to be back in the U. S. this past fall. Has anyone seen him?

## SEE THIS?

THIS BLANK IS FOR YOUR USE, MR. MEMBER!

Those ex-24th men who know not of the existence of the ASSN., naturally have no way of knowing about it unless we all campaign. One method is for you to mail this blank to a former buddy or acquaintance. Send along a note with it, explaining what he's missing. WRITE your Secy. to send the Taro Leaf to your prospect.

### 24th Infantry (Victory) Division Veterans' Association P. O. Box 447, Danville, Illinois MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME.....

COMPANY AND REGIMENT OR BATTERY.....

HOME ADDRESS.....

ADDRESSES OF FELLOW-VETERANS.....

.....

REMARKS.....

DUES ENCLOSED.....

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES, \$2.00  
(Includes Subscription to TARO LEAF)

**CLASSIFIED SECTION**

**"TOP SECRET"** 'till later, is the final news of what is in store for you—who you'll see, and what you'll hear at the 1950 reunion. Watch for the next **TARO LEAF**.

**"SECRET"**

—but it's no secret that we will have plenty for you guys and gals to do in Chicago.

**"RESTRICTED"**

No former 24th Division man is restricted from the 1950 Convention. Come one, come all, whether a member of the Assn. or not. If you are not a member when you arrive at the Convention, HQ, you **WILL BE** within a matter of minutes after your arrival!

**"CONFIDENTIAL"**

Confidentially, if you've not yet attended a 24th reunion, you don't know what you've missed. The best way to find out is to be present in Chi.

**WANTED**—New Members in the Association. Get busy and let's each one of us get at least one new member. This alone will double our membership.

**FOR RENT**—Rooms at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, available 11, 12, 13 August 1950.

**Socialism:** If you have two cows you give one to your neighbor.

**Communism:** If you have two cows, you give them to the government and the government gives you some milk.

**Fascism:** If you have two cows you keep the cows and give the milk to the government, then the government sells you the milk.

**New Dealism:** If you have two cows, you shoot one and milk the other; then you pour the milk down the drain.

**Capitalism:** If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

Two burly cannibals caught a beautiful young girl and brought her before their chief. He casually looked over the girl, yawned, and said, "I believe I'll have breakfast in bed this morning."

A rich old maid had a pet mamma cat she never let out of the house. Once she went on a summer cruise and her maid got a cable: "Having a wonderful time. Met a swell man. Having dinner and cocktails every night. P.S.—Let the cat out tonight."



**HEADQUARTERS**  
619 N. Walnut St. P. O. Box 447 Danville, Illinois  
Pictured above is the office and warehouse of Contractor Bob Duff. This building at present also houses "TARO LEAF" Headquarters.

The doctor was interviewing the last patient in his office when a woman rushed in crying: "Doctor! Doctor! Come quickly. My husband has swallowed a mouse!"

"Get back to him," said the doctor, "and try waving a piece of cheese in front of his mouth. I'll follow."

Five minutes later the doctor reached the house. A man was lying on the settee with his mouth wide open, while a hysterical woman was waving a herring close to his mouth.

"You foolish woman," he cried. "I know that," she shrieked, "but I've got to get the cat out first."

"Now, gentlemen," said the president of the Homely Baby Bottle Co., "we have 50,000 of these feeding bottles in stock and we expect you salesmen to go out and create a demand."

Although Bill Willmot, 420 Magie Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey is busy during the hunting season repairing guns, he is still on the job sending out notices to men in his area regarding the activities of the 24th Division Association. Bill has been keeping in close contact with this Headquarters, as all of you should. Thanks a lot, Bill, and will be looking for new membership applications right along.

Among those present at the Army-Navy game Saturday, November 26th, were Major General Fred A. Irving, the William V. Davids, Mrs. Dick Lawson, and Lt. Col. Jack Matthews. With these boosters present, you know who won.

Send in contributions or photos anytime. We will publish them if at all possible.

When you get your new member (Blank on reverse side), we'll know who got him by your name below.

**THE TARO LEAF**  
24th Inf. (Victory) Division Veterans' Assn.  
Box 447  
Danville, Ill.  
Postmaster: Return Postage Guaranteed  
POSTMASTER — If addressee has removed and address is known, notify on form 3547, postage for which is guaranteed.

Sec. 34.66 P. L. & R.  
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*Midland, Texas*