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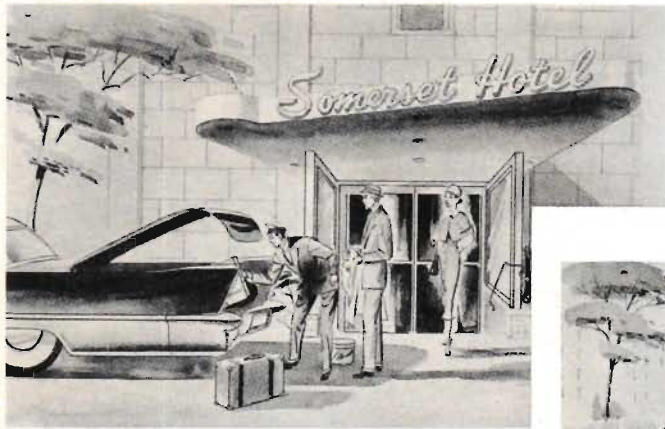
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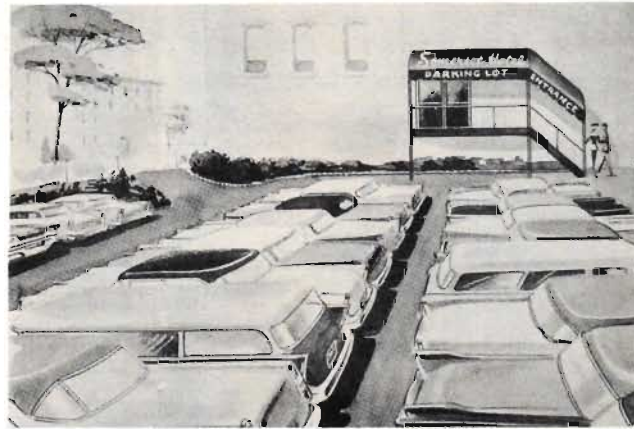
MOTORISTS ENTRANCE



POOL and PATIO



PARKING AREA



If this is a weevil



What is this?



ANSWER: The lesser of two weevils.

WALTER CUNNINGHAM reminds us of the time at Hollandia when a group of small native boys gathered 'round him asking to carry his luggage. He picked one skinny little fellow who stared up at him in awe. "You big!", the boy stammered. Walt nodded. "You big like tree!" the boy said. "You got arms like tree trunks." Walt smiled a modest Cunningham smile. "You strong as lion!" the boy said. Walt beamed proudly and admitted that it was so. Then the boy turned and walked away. "You carry own luggage" he said.

Lacking conversation? Throw out the question "How big around is your thumb?" You'll get wild answers. The average male thumb is 3" - yes 3". Most people guess only 1½". Or a kitchen match - ½". Or a pencil - 1". Or an egg - 6". Or a broomstick - 3". Try it. This one will fool even mathematicians....If the Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company hits near you - it's touring 60 cities of the U.S.A. this year - catch them. It's a wonderfully colorful troop. They've won international bravos for their interpretations; the girls are beautiful too.

A discomfiting note copied out of "North Korea Today" by Robert A. Scalapino: In comparing North and South Korea, he says: "North Korea has made greater economic strides during the post-war period as a whole than has South Korea", and "the North Korean regime has used the foreign aid under its control to restore its war-ravaged economy and develop industry more effectively than the South Korean Government." If correct, these conclusions do not augur well for our future policy in Northeast Asia.....  
...New Prexy of the Chicago Chapter of our Assoc.: JAMES M. O'DONNELL, 1st Veep: TOM STRZODA, 2nd Veep: RAY KRESKY. If you're in the area, contact PAT CIANGI for info.

Lachrymose mail out of 1010 S Evergreen, Chanute, Kans. by CARL L. SIMPSON who has been in and out of V.A. Hospitals over the past 2 years. A welder and the father of a boy 13 and a girl 6, Carl writes, "we Taro Leafers have seen troubles before and walked out upright.", adding slyly "Remember the road-block around Ormoc - 2nd Bn, 19th". Carl inquires as to the whereabouts of RALPH RILEY - 19th. Ralph dragged unconscious Carl across a stream near Pinamapoan to get him to an aid station, and is anxious to revive old contacts. Anybody know?....We made N.Y.C. the other day and found the town filled with comic stickers on vehicles. Some nut is having fun. Samplers: "Support New York's Finest. Bribe a cop today"; also "Report Obscene Mail to Your Postman. He May Want to Read It Too"; another "Employ the Handicapped. Hire a Fairy".

You're getting older....if you can remember the half-cent stamps with Nathan Hale's picture on them...if you learned Latin in high school...if you can remember using bicycle clips for your pants...open air trolleys.... two-tone shoes....straw skimmers...playing football without helmets or shoulder pads.... Eskimo Pies.....a horse and wagon with the anchor on a rope to discourage "Dobbin" from wandering....if you can remember cutting the leather tongue out of an old shoe to make a sling shot....wearing corduroy knickers.... hoisting a player piano in through the front window....the Chink at the laundry and his handout of a few lichee nuts with the wash.... if you remember Gallagher and Shean...Uncle Dan Beard's column in Boys Life...when the trolley came to the end of the line and the conductor would go through the car and flip all of the backs of the seats.....



In Boston more than 3 centuries ago, was established a declaration of rights from which ultimately came the constitutional mandate guaranteeing our civil liberties. Here men arose militantly in protest against the tyranny of oppressive rule on burdensome taxation. Come to Boston this summer; spend a few \$ and help we of the Commonwealth to bear the burden of the 1964 taxes.

Name the 1 word in the English language with the group of letters G-N- and T in it. If you're stumped, what about "SOVEREIGNTY"?

The April meeting of the Convention Committee was one of the most enthusiastic and friendly meetings we have ever attended - proving beyond doubt that the New Englanders are leaving no stones unturned to stage a memorable and happy reunion for our members and their families.

Time Magazine recently identified 57 yr. old GEN. PAUL DEWITT ADAMS as the "roughest, most hard-nosed American commander since Patton". Subordinates look into his leathery face, freeze before his cold stare and stern lips, and dub him "Old Stone-face". As C in C of Strike Command, he unifies army combat troops and air support of the Air Force into a highly mobile quick-assault force. His hq. - Tampa's Mac Dill Air Force Base.



For semantic masochists: There's a word in English, the first 2 letters of which signify a male; the first 3 letters signify a female; the first 4 letters signify a great man; the whole word signifies a great woman. What's the word? Heroine.

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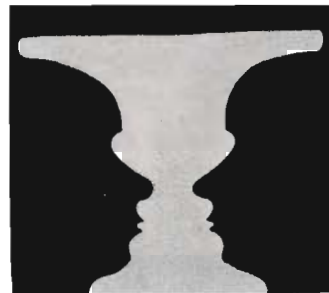


"Sergeant, step into my office. I'd like a word with you about disciplinary action!"

It's CAPT. HOWARD G. SALISBURY taken in Hawaii some 23 years ago. We like that smile..... Don't forget: it's not only the cats that lick themselves with their tongues.



.....We are continually receiving calls for back issues. Here's the scoop. We use every single copy of every issue. We printed 1200 copies of #1 of this series (Vol. XVII) and 1200 of #2. After mailing to our paying members - bless 'em - and after the usual complimentaries to our imposing list of interested and faithful outsiders and the usual exchanges with other associations - we mailed the balance to our "non paying members" - those who should join up and for one reason or another won't. By baiting them with a free issue, we hope to drag them in. But that isn't what we started out to say. We do get calls for past issues. Here's what we can and will do should you want an old number for any reason and provided you'll accept what we'll do in response to your request. We will make - at no expense to you - a photocopy of the issue or issues you ask for. We'll do that until the calls become too expensive - then we may cry "Uncle". Try us out if you're that much interested. You will flatter us.



Looking at it, which did you see first: the goblet, or the two faces? Sociologists Bernard Berelson and Gary Steiner have just released a study of man and his behavior. You're average if you saw the goblet first and if it took a few seconds for the faces to emerge. Proving that people look without seeing, the authors say, and listen without hearing. People misinterpret what they hear and read to suit their own preconceptions.

AUGSBURG: A daring high altitude recovery of a disabled helicopter on the towering Zugspitze was made recently by a 24th Infantry Division helicopter crew. The operation came about when a call for assistance went to Company A of the Division's 24th Aviation Battalion. A German Army helicopter had made a forced landing on Germany's highest mountain at the 6,800 foot level. Chief Warrant Officers Miles S. Becker and Gerald D. Veerbeek and crew chief Specialist Fifth Class Donnie Ferguson of Company A undertook to recover the downed chopper with their CH-34 helicopter.

Don't think that cleaning an aardvark is easy. It isn't. It's aardvark.....



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An infantry line soldier during most of his service, Whitfield is an authority on all infantry weapons from the .45 caliber pistol to the 4.2 mortar, and he has instructed soldiers and cadets in all of these weapons. The Sergeant Major has been a First Sergeant in the Command of General Earle G. Wheeler, the present Chief of Staff.

Sergeant Major Whitfield assumed his duties in the United States Army, Europe, in December 1962, after being selected from a recommended list of outstanding Sergeants Major throughout USAREUR. Now Sergeant Major for General Paul L. Freeman, Jr., Commander in Chief, United States Army Europe, he acts as NCO advisor to the Commander in Chief on policy matters relating to enlisted personnel. He is the Enlisted Aide to the USAREUR Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff, and supervises administrative activities of Headquarters, USAREUR Command group.

Word in from BILL, Lorna, Barbara and Digger D. DAVIDSON, (Div. Hq. '41-'44), 540 Park Ave., Swedesboro, N.J., tells us that they ran into BILL and Peggy VERBECK (21st and Div. Hq. '44-'45) in Bookbinders' in Philly after the Army-Navy game.....

Betsey Gallant, niece of our Sec'y. ED HENRY and known to and loved by all conventioners has now become a "Mrs.". Betsey is the daughter of Ed's sister, Rita Gallant, another attractive asset to our yearly clam-bakes. Congratulations, Ed and Rita, and sincere good wishes to you, Betsey. Maybe you can sneak over to Boston in spite of it all.

It's trite to say "We've been busy" in explaining away our absence and/or infrequency of issues. But say it we will. And too, there's been the small question of money which peculiarly, our publishers demand whenever they go to press for us.

The Div. G-2 room just after Pearl Harbor looked like this. That's BILL DAVIDSON at

the phone in the center of the picture. The others are not identified... ..In a recent issue, we threw in some "Type-writer Doodles". They apparently made something of a hit for a few of our members - well 3 anyway - sent in these:



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| Liz Taylor       | ( )                              |
| The Green Giant  | Ps                               |
| Tommy Manville   | Xs                               |
| Solomon          | Ys                               |
| Willie Hoppe     | Qs                               |
| Werner Von Braun | 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5,<br>4, 3, 2, 1 |
| Lawrence Welk    | A1, A2, A3                       |
| King Solomon     | 1000                             |
| Cinderella       | 12                               |
| Van Cliburn      | 88                               |
| Fellini          | 8½                               |
| Snow White       | 7                                |
| Red Grange       | 77                               |

When someone suggests getting the U.S. to furnish money for something, just remember that U.S. spells us.

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**WILL HIT NEW HIGHS**

**IN FAMILY FUN AND**

**EXCITEMENT**

**AT**

**BOSTON'S SOMERSET**