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**LIFE IS SURE A FUNNY GAME  
.....just about the time  
you learn the rules,**



**you're too darn old to play!**



"I dare you!"

Col. KERMIT B. and Irene BLANEY have settled down at 4126 Olympic, Columbus, Ga.

Bob is in his first year in Lake Forest College with a fine record. Susan finishes high school this year and she is a busy senior. Her activities include being editor of the yearbook, and secretary of the senior class. She is a member of the bi-city high school student council, secretary of Civinettes and active in Alpha Tri Hi. Irene devotes a major portion of her time and interest to her sixth grade in Faith School at Benning. She also spent a busy summer because she taught summer school for six weeks and, in late August, she had a thyroid operation which involved the removal of a few nodules. Hope you're all recovered, Irene. Kermit ended up his Army Career as C.O. of the Combat Developments Command Infantry Agency, Fort Benning, where he retired 30 Nov. This caused the Blaneys to make a decision on housing that wound-up being a beautiful ranch style brick home on a corner lot in Shenandoah Forrest in Columbus. Kermit is involved in his own affairs since he designed a pillow for Susan to sleep on while wearing her curlers. It began as a one-time project but ended up as an item that is patented - has the tradename "Glamour Comfort Pillow". It's being produced in quantity and sold, at the present time, through stores within a radius of fifty miles of Columbus. Kermit also became further involved by establishing Novelty Pillows, Inc. in order to sell the pillows.

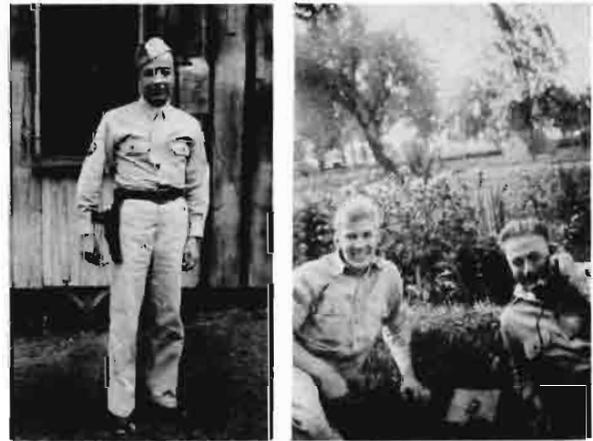
Didja See?: DICK LAWSON asks if we have been keeping up with the name changes in New Guinea. Dutch New Guinea is now West Irian, Hollandia is now Sukarnapura. How do you like that? We'll wager that "Tanemarah Bay" still is just that. Thanx, Dick, over there at 104 N. Will Scarlet Lane, Williamsburg, Va.

Marilynn, lovely daughter of Prexy and Mrs. GERALD R. STEVENSON of 168 E. Center, Wheeling, Ill., became the bride of Anthony Charles Dahner in February. From all reports, it was a lovely wedding.

Thanx JIM McGAFFIGAN: For sending in your dues. Jim is (G19th '43-'45), out of 22 Emerson, Needham, Mass. Jim has asked about "that history of yours".

Next Tuesday is American Indian Day. Take a Chippewa to lunch.

Sent in by Virginia CASCONE were these two photos from Hawaii days. The



first shows STEVE SCALLIONE and the second shows GUS on the right and AL JUNBLENT on the left. Gus and Virginia live at 140 N. Boulevard, Salisbury, Mass.

Killed in a mining accident in Hurricane, Utah: GARTH M. HARTLEY of the 21st.

Former N.Y. Mayor Wager gets \$19331 per annum pension. Leave it to the politicians to take care of themselves. And this is only a sampling of these slow and imperceptible mounting costs which you and we are paying for.

Moved are BOB and Rose JONES (H 34th '45-'48) and their 3. Now its 63980 Romeo Plank Rd., Romeo, Mich. Bob reports that the Rainbow (42nd) Div. Assoc. has 5767 members.

FRED D. KLINGBAIL (19 & 21 8/40-12/45) of 217 Linwood, Park Ridge, Stevens Point, Wis., writes that we ought to consider a convention during the winter months "for at least one year" to accommodate those who can't make it in August. Fred has a paint store and, understandably, August is out.



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Mailman GERALD A. LYNCH: Gerry was ringing doorbells and finally rang the one of PAT CIANGI. Result, Gerry's in. He's E and Sv. of the Gimlets from 10/44 to 1/46 and lives at 2906 W. 38th Place, Chicago. Hi, Gerry!

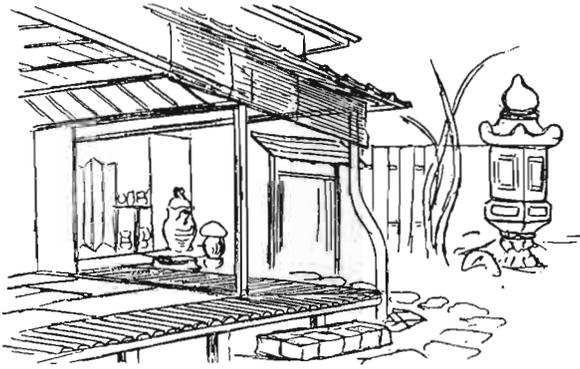
Mass. Member: Good words from WARREN McNAMARA (D 21st). Warren and Shirley are in real estate and insurance operating out of 871 Worcester Turnpike, Wellesley, Mass. Warren reminds us that the 101st A/B Div. Assoc. likewise charges \$5.00 per annum for dues and offers a life membership for \$100.00 as do we.

Col. ALMON "Whitey" MANLOVE, retired, is at 605 Islington, Joplin, Mo. Whitey sends us a copy of a recent letter to Maj.Gen. RODERICK WETHERILL, the present Div. C.G. Nice to hear from you, Whitey.

PERRY and Ell1 WILDER (AT 34th 6/43-10/45) of 919 Oxford, Waukesha, Wis., have paid up. Don't know where they get their info, but they tell us that 12th Arm'd. Div. Assoc. strength is at 671 and 16th. Arm'd's. Assoc. is 421 strong.

Asks JOHN "Winky" WINGERTSMAN: "When are my next dues due?" We answer: "August of '66, Winky". He's a Gimlet from '42 to '45, living at RFD 2, Box 160, Willimantic, Conn.

When You Think You're Good, You've Quit Thinking: Chief W.O. ROBERT E. TULLY, (Hq.Co., Div. & 11th F 2/49-5/51), now in Vietnam with 34th Grp., APO 96307, has joined. Chief's home is outside of Boston; returning in Feb. He tipped us off to Sgt. Maj. J.C. WARD of 58th Trans. Bn., APO 96307 and - Bingo - we have another member. Best wishes go out to you both.



The Pick-Congress in Chicago. That's the scene of this year's ideal vacation - the scene of this year's reunion.

From the time you arrive until the moment you leave, your days and nights will be filled with pleasure, excitement, good fellowship.

Try us on Thursday evening when the Chicago boys and girls play hosts and hostesses - and they know how to do it. All guests might wear Hawaiian dress, if possible. It'll be a gasser!

Friday evening, we're going ape with an authentic Hawaiian Luau. You'll want to wear your loudest shirt...your wife a comfortable Mau Mau...as you relax to the sounds of Polynesian music, hula dancers in the shadow of Diamond Head. Don't forget all those exotic Polynesian dishes and...through it all, the good fellowship of the men who stood shoulder to shoulder with you at Hollandia, Leyte, Corregidor and Taegon.

For our entertainment, we will feature "The Hula Adorables", "Lehuanani, Lani, Ginger, Blossom and Hibiscus", Chicago's own "Danny Rio", and "Joe Morrey and His Band". There's enough to make Ed Sullivan's mouth water.

Saturday evening will be one of the Convention highlights.

You'll start off as a guest of the Assoc., at a plush cocktail party in the Belmont Room, then to the Pick-Congress' luxurious banquet hall for the grand Reunion banquet - the high spot of the entire Reunion. Here you'll join with your fellow Taro Leafers in a salute to our departed comrades. No need to tell you about the superb Banquet - by banquet time, you'll know all there is to know about the hotel's famous cuisine. Maj.Gen. CHET DAHLEN will be the speaker of the evening.

After the banquet, there'll be dancing to the music of Joe Morrey and his band - 'til dawn.

Sunday morning will be set aside for those many things you want to do...church...a final fling at one of the hotel's activities...or a last bull session with your old buddies and their families.

Then there's brunch and before you know it the nostalgic farewells as you leave for homes across the country.

TED TOBEN had this bit of publicity in the Dec. 7th issue of the Staten Island Advance:



His opponent was ahead in the point-count when the planes soared down like metallic eagles.

A quarter-century later, Theodore Toben of Pleasant Plains would reminisce about a gin-rummy game conducted at Scofield Barracks near Pearl Harbor.

On that Sunday morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Pfc. Toben, 26, and a fellow cook, Pfc. WALTER SCHERER, now of Syracuse, had finished making breakfast for the men and retired to a comfortable one-room hut to finish a game of rummy started the night before.

The two cooks shuffled the cards for the hand that would decide the outcome of the game.

Suddenly the roar of a diving plane was heard. Toben and Scherer paid no attention. This was nothing unusual.

Toben melded three queens and drew another card. He did not know that Scherer needed only a 5-spot to lay down his entire hand, shout "Rummy!" and claim the spoils.

Just as Scherer was reaching for a card, a ripping rat-tat-tat cut through the leaden morning air. A machine gun bullet slashed through the roof, plowing through the score card and sending cards flying.

Then it drilled through the inch-thick card playing table to hit the floor and ricochet off Toben's wall locker.

"Cryin' out loud!" shouted Scherer as he picked himself from the floor. "Those flyers of ours are getting damn careless!"

The cooks rushed outside and came face-to-face with a Japanese plane which banked like a soaring goose and circled round the quadrangle, flacking it with a fusillade of bullets.

"We ran to a hut", Toben says, "to pick up our equipment, even though we had no orders. We got our packs ready.

"The planes returned. Some cut up the field, but we knocked down a few."

Toben's first feeling was intense excitement. It took 24 hours to realize what had actually happened.

And no one ever did declare "Rummy!"



It hurts to report the death of lovely Doris OEDER, wife of CARL, (724 Ord. 2/44-5/46). Living in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Carl had brought Doris home to New Orleans for her last days. Our sympathies go out to you, Carl.

LOUIS B. and Lillian PETTEY (Hq.Co. 7/49-9/45) of 1111 S. Washington, Alexandria, Va. write, asking if CHARLIE STANCIL still sports a cigar. He does, Lou. Lou and Charlie had "many a good moment in Brisbane". We're letting Charlie know you still remember, Lou.

He Who Laughs Last Probably Intended to Tell the Story Himself: JIM and Louise PAFFHAUSEN weren't satisfied in sending in dues AND an extra donation. They found the urge to send us a few names of buddies. One was GEORGE AIROLDI, 958 Prospect, Fairview, Mass. Jim and George meet when Jim comes on to visit Mass. Mutual Life Insurance here in our home town. Why don't you drop in on us, Jim? You're right around the corner when you are at what we here call "Mass Mutt". Jim and Louise are Div.Arty. and live under the roof of 4832 Northcott, Downers Grove, Ill.

It Seems That At Each Reunion, The Proper Finesse Is to Claim, That the Change in the Kids is Astounding, Adults Look Exactly the Same: Ex Gimlet Lt. Col. E.L. PETTY (K & M 21st '50-'51), is now Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

Good word in from Col. MAX PITNEY marked "retired". Apparently you're with "Administration" at the Univ. of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kans. Is that right Max? Excuse us for not answering, Max; can't get to them all and admittedly we concentrate on the "potential members".

We Saw This: A neatly-lettered sign on a door in a federal building in Washington read "General Services Administration, Region 3, Public Building Service, Building Management Division, Utility Room, Custodial". Wanna know what it was? We did so we peeked. It was a broom closet.

Joined: Col. MORRIS J. NAUDTS (19th 7/50-7/51) who is with USNRTC Hqs., Maine Sector, XIII US Army Corps, Pickett St., S. Portland, Me.

Spring - When Fishermen Get That Faraway Lake In Their Eyes: JOE POTAMI (C 21st 3/44-3/46), of 235 Hamilton, Harrisburg, Pa., recently paid dues.



Here's Lt.Col. ERNIE VIENNEAU (left) who is retiring as Prexy of the Mass. Dept. of the Reserve Officers Association. That's Mass. Governor John A. Volpe sitting.

PAUL YOUNG (19th), of 12 N. King, Honolulu,

Hawaii, sez he saw a big sign on Route 91 reading "Keep America Beautiful - Get a Haircut". Paul is a dentist and tells us that there are so many electric toothbrushes around today that he blames the cavities he's finding on weak batteries.

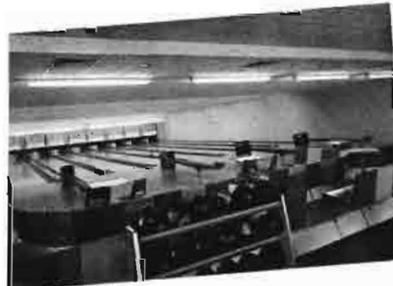
PAUL and Florence CAIN send us this one of their bowling lanes in Pittsfield,



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*Bowling*

A WHOLESOME FAMILY SPORT



Ill. Looks first class, Paul and Flo. These good folks will be with us in Chicago in August.

On the Prowl For Buddies: BOB JOHNSTON (E 21st 12/39-7/45), of 598 Turnpike, Stoughton, Mass., is anxious to hear from CALVIN SCRUGGS, DOMINIC ARONNA, and BRUCE FAIRCLOTH, all of Easy of the Gimlets. Bob also alerts us to the fact that BERTRAM KENDVICK, (11th F), of 172 Belair, Brockton, Mass., wants to join. When we told Bob that our Association membership had dropped from about 1600 to about 1100, he asked "How come?" We dropped just about 500, Bob; the bums simply weren't paying their dues.

West Point '50; Lt.Col. VOLNEY F. WARNER (L 21st & Div.Hq. '50-'51), is now at 6724 Danforth, McLean, Va.

Reupped: ANTHONY and Josephine MICHNO, (A 19th '45-'46), of 20141 River Oaks, Dearborn Hts., Mich. Tony suggests this: if your heavy furniture is making deep dent marks in your carpeting, place a damp cloth over the dent and press with a fairly hot iron to raise the nap - then finish with a gentle brushing from a stiff brush. Thanks Tony; we've been tipped off that the Ladies Home Journal is sweating out this kind of competition.

Dues in from DON and Wanda SHRADER, (21st), 1215 Marshall Drive, Marshalltown, Iowa.

RAY and Queta FOUKE made it to Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France in September with the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. Our sympathies, Queta, for the loss of your Mother.

Hubba Hubba Those Zips, Please: ED POMEROY thoughtfully obliges us with his Zip Code. We need 'em, you know. The P.O. is refusing to deliver our type of mail unless we Zip 'em in. If it doesn't yet appear in your mailing label, it means we haven't yet received it from you. ED POMEROY, (A 21st 5/51-5/52) is at 72 Cook, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

As Restless As a Windshield Wiper: Mildred PURCELL, widow of beloved JIM, remembers us with cards and letters whenever she is in Europe, Caribbean, Florida, Texas, or wherever else her travels take her to. For real address, she likes 98 Iris Ave., Floral Park, N.Y.

Of All the Skills A Girl Should Know, the First is How to Knot a Beau: SIDNEY and Ruth PLOTKIN, (B 13th F '49-'50), of 5455 N. Sawyer, Chicago, Ill., write: "Enjoy Taro Leaf. Keep up the good work". For these sweet words, our thanks. To Sid and Ruthy and you all, we report that one of the hardest jobs of the editorship is trying to decide which items to use. No matter which we choose, we're bound to hurt others.

LEE CRUCIUS (A 24 Med. '43-'46) would like any of these to contact him at 5276 N. 51st, Milwaukee, Wis.: WALTER HEIDER, LARKIN, BEN GOOD, MARVIN FREEMAN, ED BAILEY, WILSON, WALTER PARRISH, LT. ZALUSKY or CAPT. PIERRE. There you have it, gang.

Evelyn FERRARO, good wife of RALPH (63rd F.) sends us a long list of Ralph's old buddies. Evelyn and Ralph are at 164 Valley, Montclair, N.J. Ralph's a printer. They have 3 - Emily (16), Virginia (12) and Ralph Jr. (8). Evelyn tells us that Ralph has put a 50-foot extension cord on the telephone. Now that the weather's nice, he wants the kids to stay outdoors more.

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Now With Us: We have an aircraft mechanic on our rolls in CHARLTON C. FRANKLIN of C and Sv. of the 13th F. ('41-'45). Charlton's at 503 Rosewood, San Antonio, Tex. He retired from the Air Force in '64 as a M/Sgt. He reminds us that we need Zip Codes in order to get our mail through. If we haven't used it on your label it's because "we ain't got".

VICTOR H. TEST (13th F.) sends us this one of himself recently taken on Mt. Shasta, 14280' high.



BILL BEAUDRY (Sv. 13th F), of 21 Coburn, Lewiston, Maine, is now in. In his 21st year as a postal clerk, Bill tells us that Sen. William B. Spong (D-Va) is introducing a bill to stop the pilfering of American music in Hong Kong by extending the provisions of the copyright law. Sens. Hiram Fong (R-Hawaii) and Russell Long (D-La.) are co-sponsors of the bill, the former because Hawaii is nearest to Hong Kong and the latter because New Orleans is the home of jazz. They're going to call it the Long-Fong-Spong Hong Kong Song Bill. Thanks Bill Beaudry.

MIKE GAMBALE (724 Ord. '42-'45) of 6807 Woodland, Philadelphia, Pa. liked our "magic lips" on TL cover #4. Sorry to learn that your Mother has passed away, Mike. Know that you are one of 12 - all living. Glad you'll make it to Chicago in August.

Dues in from HEINZ and Rhode GRATZ (G 21st) of 12121 S. Racine, Chicago, Ill., promising to see us in August, that period sez Heinz "between the silver morning of the spring and the crimson sunset of the fall". Didn't know you had it in you, Heinz.

Joined: CHARLES P. GRIMES (Commo Sect., Hq. Co., 21st Inf. '51-'52) has joined. Charley's at 173 Brookside Drive, Elberton, Ga. and is with Grimes Bros. Granite Co. Welcome aboard, Charley. Do you remember when baseball players shaved at home instead of on TV?

HERB GRISINGHER reports that he has retired and is concentrating on building up his golf game in order to take on STAN NELSON.

Full Report: Long word in from A.J. "Tony" TIRRI reading in part: "It was a real thrill to receive all of the addresses, one of which was COL. BILL JENNA whom I dropped in to see at Coral Gables. He greeted me with "Great Balls of Fire, I'm happy to see you!". He and his lovely wife look as young as ever.....Last May, Marie and I had AL VESPO, NICK RUSSIELLO, LOUIS SANTORO and BOB PERE, and their respective wives for a dinner and bull session. They didn't leave until 5 a.m.! Had a grand time." Catch Tony (I and Sv. Co. of the 34th) at 23 Woodland Rd., Valley Stream, New York. Tony, by the way, asks if the HARRY F. DAVIS, mentioned in "Decision at Leyte", is the one he knows. Anyone know where Harry is?

We caught a copy of "Elizabeth Taylor" by Elizabeth Taylor. She admits to being very shy; maybe that's the reason we hear so little about her. Roddy McDowell, she wrote, is "just about my oldest friend - and really the perfect friend". Of brother Howard, wrote she: "He's my best friend of all". Of Michael Wilding: "He's just one of the people dearest to me in the whole world". Of Montgomery Clift: "He has been practically my dearest friend". We concluded that Liz is very friendly and slammed the book shut.

Our Peruvian Contact Reports In: Seems that one of our Peace Corps boys, assigned to Peru, has upheld U.S. prestige by guzzling a Peruvian adversary under the table when challenged to a drinking match. If such is a criterion of Peace Corps accomplishment, why don't we do our recruiting for PC replacements along our "Skid Row"s?

Some young men who are opposed to the Vietnam war because they believe it to be illegal, immoral and unjust. Nonetheless, they suggest they would be willing to fight for their country, but not in this war. To them we say "Sorry, but this is the only war we've got."



"I'm Private Holt. the new man—  
what have you got here a beginner can do?"

A night rewrite man on the now-defunct N.Y. Herald Tribune told us, years ago, that, as people grow older, they tend more and more to turn first to the obituaries, knowing that, with growing frequency, they will read of the death of a contemporary. Although we were relatively young at the time, we have been doing it ever since.

These days, with the first swallow of strong coffee jarring us into a full consciousness, we open our morning paper.

One day, the first thing we saw was a headline: "Col. GEORGE KREIGH MOODY, Retired Army Officer, Dead".

We stop to think. We begin to recall.

We first remember George, or Kreigh as his intimates best knew him, as towering above so many others in the Division. We knew him on the island of Kyushu in the days of '47 and '48. We remember too that the happy associations of those occupation days didn't end with departure from Nippon; they carried on.

We remember Kreigh, and happy family, in Boston where he was PMS&T at Boston University. We remember that same wonderful family as our house guests here at home. We remember the correspondence, those little ties that bind, that help you never quite to lose full touch with ones you admire and respect and love.

In the world of army, some friendships tend to be casual, short lived, but yet permanent. We hear about one another, and when we meet, we are met with an easy intimacy. Sometimes we work together and then we separate, sometimes forever, but somehow never again apart.

We read again the last line of his obituary: "Col. Moody leaves as survivors, his wife, Anne, and his children, Stephen, Sue Anne, Carolyn and Philip".

Accurate, but not quite true. Kreigh leaves many survivors: those of us whose paths crossed his, and above all, the thousands of Division who served with him. They all remember. We remember particularly as when, in the darkest hour of our life, the loyalty and love of George - and Anne - Moody, shone through as a beacon. To Anne and her precious four go the heartfelt condolences of every man who ever stood shoulder with George Kreigh Moody and wearing the Taro Leaf. And here's to George, 'til we meet again - aloha!

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Knox Again: Back to Knox from Stewart (Ga.). has moved Capt. LEON DAVENPORT (11th F & A21st '45-'50). Dave and Barbara now Zip at 5551 F. Folger St., Ft. Knox.

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Welcome to newly joined ERNEST W. DERR (13th F '42-'45) of Box 175, Birdsboro, Pa. Ernie runs a service station, and tells us that once upon a time when you said your battery was dead you meant your car - not your toothbrush.

LAURENCE and Alice WHITE, (A 13th F. 6/42 - 10/45), of Rt. 1, Box 63, Fruita, Colo., where Larry is a dairy farmer, have son Glenn 15, daughter Sharon 24, son David 19 and grandson Robert 2½. Larry farms 60 acres and has 64 cows. In the photo, we show farmer Larry and son Glenn.



Hickham Field's Director of Christian Education, Rev. HERBERT J. EGGLESTON (C&B, 34th '43-'45) writes that he was happy to hear of us. After he left the 34th, he became a minister serving in Hawaii until '65 when he took the job at Hickham. Herb, wife Genevieve, and children, Donald, Edward and Steven are at 1609 Hoopai Pl., Pearl City, Hawaii. He meets all the air evac flights out of V. Having been "Inf." - wounded - and an award recipient, he finds it easy to establish a rapport with these fellows during their brief stop-overs. Sez Herb: "This is one of the most meaningful experiences I have ever had". We're proud of you Herb.

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Joined: VERNON and Kathleen HENSIEK, (I 19th '42-'46), of Nashville, Kans. They, along with children, Carol, Steven, Beverly, Audrey, Douglas and Deanna, operate a grain and livestock and a mail order house for trappers' supplies. Any trappers in the club? Vernon's ready.

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Member Lt.Col. ARCH ROBERTS has filed a new suit to collect more than \$30,000.00 in back pay, legal expenses and other benefits. Relieved from duty in '62 after making a controversial speech before the DAR, Arch won his fight for reinstatement through a '65 decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals. He was restored to duty in Aug. of '65 and retired the following October. Arch now contends that the D/A has not complied with the '65 decision.

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Get This Address Straight If You Dare: JOHN D. PETERSON, (3rd Eng. 3/43-9/45), of 404½ West North St., in East Palestine, Ohio. Johnnie, we hope you and Vi can make Chicago with us next August.



## *Hotel Living in the Modern Manner*

**Permanent Change of Station:** BOB and Mavis PERE have left the NYC Police Dept. and moved to Hawaii. They stayed at the Waikiki Grand for a few days until they found an apartment just across the canal at 2241 Kapiolani Road, Honolulu. Bob now starts to look for work.

**Deceased:** ALLEN CAIN, JR. of the 555th. Allen was a Korean POW.

LEO GOGOLATSE was on vacation in Honolulu and called on Richard Lum. They kindly remembered us with a card.

Great has been the demand for more "Dear Spike" so we have prevailed upon JAMES O'DONNELL to share with all of us some of the correspondence which is his. He has sent us a bundle and we include one here:

**DEAR SPIKE:** As an old 3rd Engineer, I wonder. Tell me, in the new dance crazes, who leads? Does the boy still lead?

P.L., Company A.

**DEAR P.L., Company A:** In the new dance crazes, everybody leads; nobody follows.

Spike.

T.J. BLOOMER (Sv. 21st) left the service in '53 and went back into the auto business. He's a Radio Operator operating KH6DUZ, HB6DUL, KH6EXX and HB6EXX. His wife's call is KH6DUNI. If any of you hear him, give him a call. Is ready to handle any traffic for Hawaii and/or to pass on to Vietnam.

Newly remodeled and exquisitely decorated, Pick-Congress guest rooms, suites, and dining rooms are among the most beautiful in the nation.



*"I just dreamed I was classified 1-A."*

**Joined:** HAROLD and Agnes CYRUS, (Hq.Div. 6/42-7/45), of 1001 First Ave., Grand Rapids, Minn., have just joined. They have 2: David, 20, and Mary, 19. Hal is business manager of a clinic. We welcome them in and pay tribute to HARRY SHOCK for Hal's address.

Words in from DON and Lavon ARNOLD (K21 and 724 Ord. 10/51-11/52). They, and children Jennifer and Dawn are at Rt. 2, Box 195, Bluefield, Va. The picture was - and is - so wonderful that we couldn't resist using it in this issue.



"Personally, I go for the heavy steel bridge, with its honest sweat, huffing and puffing—"

Reupped: HERBERT and Marian YODER (Sv. 21st 4/43 to 10/45) of 7113 Marley, Charlotte, N.C., have rejoined after falling by the wayside for a few years.

To 4th Div.: Lt.Col. GEORGE L. WILCOX has left Ft. Lewis, Wash. for the 2nd Brigade of the 4th Inf. Div., APO 96262, 'Frisco. George tells about the spinster who finally found herself a husband. After seeing the picture of a man on a "wanted" poster, she offered \$100.00 more for him than the government did.

CARL and Jeanne WINERIP have ordered a copy of Stanley Falk's "Decision at Leyte". \$5.95 at your bookstore; we have copies for \$3.57. Still a few left. Carl's a 3rd Bn., 19th man (7/44-5/45) and they're at 9 Mockorange Lane, Levittown, Pa.

Wants to hear from G men of the 21st of Korea days does HARRY L. WITTMAN who uses 463 Barnes St., Keyser, W.Va., as his mail drop. Harry signals that BOB GAUMER of Rt. 2, Box 417, Frostburg, Md. may join. We shall see, Harry.

Lost and Found: Mail addressed to Life Member STANLEY ZARKOWSKI (L 21 8/50-8/51) is being returned. Our last available address is 62 Van Buren, Passaic, N.J. Anyone got any new leads?

Maj.Gen. RALPH W. ZWICKER (Div.Hq.) of 6131 Beachway, Falls Church, Va., is a consultant with Research Analysis Corporation.

Leave It In: ANGELO and Margaret ROMEO, of 14 Lyons, Scarsdale, N.Y., tell the one about the stewardess who passed out chewing gum to her passengers, explaining: "This will keep your ears from popping at the high altitude". When the plane landed, one of the passengers said: "I'm meeting my wife right away. How do I get the gum out of my ears?"

Paid: HENRY and Antoinette MARINELLO (19th '43-'46), who reside at 9 W. 115th St., Chicago, Ill. Hank tells us that the 101st A/B Div.Assoc. is hosting 80 of their Dutch friends for a 2-week stay here in the U.S. next July. Sez Hank: "Imagine ourselves hosting 80 Fuzzy-Wuzzies out of Hollandia. That would set Chicagoans right back on their keesters".

Names: CLARENCE W. MERKLEY (52nd F.) of R #2, Huntingburg, Ind., has sent in a lovely bunch of names and addresses of buddies.

BOB SPRAGINS has retired (as of 12/31/66) and is now at 8204 D Willowbrook Circle SE, Huntsville, Ala. Bob is only 2 blocks away from the golf course. Happy retirement daze, Bob.

Optometrist WALTER J. STOPA, (K 19th '42-'45), out of 9 N. Main, Thompsonville, Conn., thinks his bifocals are failing him 'cuz he didn't know he was in arrears on dues. Know any good eye men, Doc?

LOU TACCHI's youngest boy - he has 4, and 1 girl - had a close call. Seems the boys were playing hand ball and one of those superballs flew back and hit him in the eye. He's going to make it but it was touch and go for a few days. We're glad for you, Lou. Lou and Vicki (E 34th 5/43-8/45), of 6832 Bradley, St. Louis, Mo., have paid their dues.

If You Want A Place In The Sun, Expect A Lot Of Blisters: Noted the 5th Inf.Div.Assoc.'s financial statement in a recent issue of "The Red Diamond". They have total assets of \$1227.42 as of the end of the year. We have a little better than \$1000.00 in our checking account and some \$10,000.00 in our reserve account.

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There's more than one STENGEL - there's ERWIN, for instance, of 3rd Eng. Bn. '44-'45, who, with wife Mildred,

and children Carol Sue and Jonathon, lives at 503 E. Clay, Collinsville, Ill. Erwin went to work for the Gulf Mobile and Ohio RR after the fighting and is now with the East St. Louis Terminal District, which inspects cars and trailers for the railroads serving the St. Louis terminal. Are we going to see you folks in Chicago?



Taro Leaf May Win Good Housekeeping Seal: ROBERT and Elizabeth PARNCUTT, (F 34 '44-'45), are at 5202 F, Philadelphia, Pa. Elizabeth has a way of separating glasses when they're stuck together. Place them in warm water and pour cold water into the inner glass. Easy, wasn't it? Thanks, Liz.

It's always bitter to have to report the passing of a member or a member's relative. This time, the father of Past President ROSS W. PURSIFULL has answered the last roll call after 73 years of a full life with never a sick day. Mr. Pursifull was a 326th Field Artillery man in WW I. Our sympathies to you, Ross.

Why Not?: Since we say a herd of cattle, a crowd of people, a pack of wolves, a pride of lions, etc., why not a squirm of babies, a hmmm of doctors, a hunch of horse players? and of course, we must not forget a threat of Russians! We wish we had a heap of AARON H. RAPKING's; he tells us when he moves. It's a new address for Aaron, the old Commun. Off. of the 34th Dragon's of WW II days. Try him now at 1565 Virginia, Charleston, W. Va.

Sphere of Influence: GALILEO ROMO, (19th 5/42-8/45), of 861 8th, Douglas, Ariz., has rejoined our ranks.

H-Bomb, the Invention to End All Inventions: Nowadays, if you see a father and son together, chances are that the one with the beard is the son. So sez CHARLES REYES, (I 21st 4/49-5/51), of 2035 Watson, New York, N.Y. Mighty pleased to see our Korea contingent growing in numbers, Charley!

LEWIS and Evelyn RICHTIGER (I-34 from '44-'45) of 5720 N. Spaulding, Chicago, Ill., report that "anyone remembering S/Sgt. LEEMAN CHAN, (I-34th) will be sorrowed to learn that he passed away about a year ago; Chan was one of the most decorated men of the 34th; he was my platoon sergeant when I was a platoon leader".

Difference Between Winter and Summer: In winter, the bare limbs are on the trees. This is the sentiment of JOHN H. RILEY, (L 34 3/44-11/44), of Rt. 1, Littlestown, Pa., who has now joined.

What Else Is New? WILLIAM ROBINSON asked "How do you join?" The rest was SOP. Sez Robbie: "I had been receiving JOE BERNA's (63rd) copies as he finished with them. They brought back many memories. Your article on BILL VERBECK was a masterpiece. I was an F.O. (Forward Observer, in case you've forgotten) at that thing 'Bull' LIEBE called 'The Breakneck Ridge Tea Party'. Also took that little stroll from Cotobato to Davao and was with the Chicks the days the mortars got 'Jock' CLIFFORD". Robbie does have the memories. He's 63rd & 13th from '42-'45 and lives at 1727 Elm, Lawton, Okla.

Balko, Okla. Speaks: ALEXANDER J. SMITH, (13th F '43-'45), has just joined our ranks. No street, just Balko, Okla.

Deceased: We are advised by Grace MENTES that her husband, DOUGLAS (24th QM), passed away in his sleep on June 18, 1963 leaving four children. Grace is at 1013 Jameson, St. Paul, Minn.

Third Engineer Heard From: GEORGE and Virginia BATES, (3rd Eng. '41-'45), of



131 Hauoli, Kailua, Hawaii fill us in. George and Ginger have been married 18 years, have lived in the same house for 16. George has been with Hawaiian Electric Company for 34 years (inclusive of his war years). Ginger

is a full-time parish secretary for St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Kailua. David (16) on far left is in Kailua High and Donald (14) third from left is in Kailua Intermediate. Dave's the fisherman and surfer; Don's the motor nut, but also surfs - and wrestles.

Life Member: BERT and Virginia LOWERY have made another payment on their Life Membership. Bert tells about the football quarterback who found out his girl was true to the end.

Telephone Directories: One gratefully received from DON and Lola LUEDTKE. Don is a fireman at the Grand Island, Nebr. ordnance plant and is farming at RR 2, Arcadia, Nebr. Lola sends in the name of a new prospect, CECIL CUSHMAN at 210 W. 9th, Wood River, Nebr. Thanks, Lola.

Precious Contribution: Brig.Gen. LIVINGSTON N. TAYLOR, (Div.Arty.), has gifted us from his post at North American Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colo.

Cancel That Subscription to Redbook: Opal ROWLAND, wife of CHARLIE, (724 Ord. '41-'45), of Bryant, Ark., writes: The Taro Leaf has everything except the Playboy nudes". Her tip: Having trouble removing the silk from your ears of corn? - Try using a vegetable brush.

Heard from: JOHN and Pauline THORNBURG, (34th), of 1031 Wyley, Akron, Ohio.

Lt.Col. URBAN and Jackie THROM (34th & Div.Hq. '44-'46) are still at 97th Gen.Hosp. and winding up their tour. Will be home in August. These people get around. Last had six days in Ireland.

Another Detached Retina: FRED WEHLE has suffered another one; this time in the other eye. Talked with Fred the other day and he reported that he was getting along first rate.

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Broken neck, broken shoulder, and broken right arm. That's par for the course of FRANKLIN E. SKINNER, an old 11th Field man of '50-'51 days. The trouble was that the car went off course. This happened just about the time we were all at Myrtle Beach. Write Frank at 2 Fourth St., Camden, N.Y.

We have a "commercial fisherman and construction worker" in our ranks. He's newly-joined HAROLD G. SONMOR of Hq. Btry. 13th F from '42 to '45. Hal and Ella are at Box 267, Dalton, Minn. They have 3: Paul, 19, Larry, 18 and Jon 11. Sez Hal: "Sure would enjoy hearing about my old buddies. Better still would like to see some of them". You can Hal. Be with us in Chicago, next August.

Blow On This Spot!  
If it turns red, see your doctor immediately. If it stays green, start making plans on being with us in Chicago in August for our next Convention.

Another Ticker Out of Tock: FRED SKINKLE (D21st) of 1124 Wellesley Ave., Steubenville, Ohio, has been in the hospital with "a touch of heart trouble". Recheck two months later says "nothing too serious but a firm reminder that time does pass". Stay with it, Fred, and give our best to Jo.

