

TARO LEAF



Here's our Flying Carpet Motel where we assemble next Thursday, August 11th to Sunday, August 13th. It's so close to O'Hare that it's ridiculous. That's O'Hare in the background. Will we see you and the family there?

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"Somehow I let a year slip by without dues so here's ten and a little interest (five more) on an overdue account". Writes GORDON BEHREL, (1st Bn Hg 19th '44-'45), of 843 Maple, Downers Grove, Ill. Appreciate that, indeed we do Gordie. At the moment, over half of our members are in arrears. Issue #1 cost \$0.262 per copy to print, issue #2 cost \$0.256 per copy to print. Please pay up if you're are one of those behind.

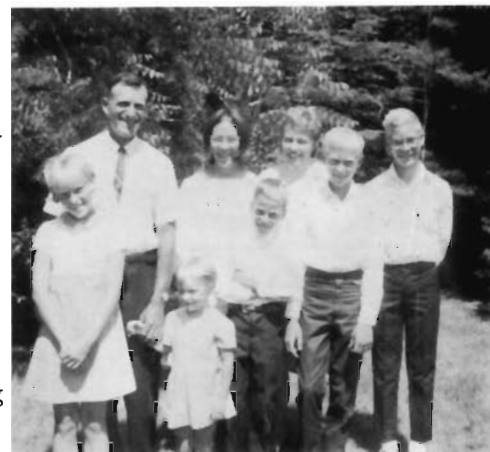
Word from BOB GERRY, (K 21) of Dorchester, Mass., is that son, Kevin, thankfully is back from 13 months in V/N. Bob says father and son have been busy comparing wars. Bob enrolled LOUIS C. DUHAMEL (we know him as "Charley") of D of the 21st as a new Assoc. member. Charley, at 509 Weatworth, Lowell, Mass., is retired from the Lowell police department, having suffered 2 heart attacks. Welcome aboard, Charley, and take it easy. We want you around.

Our "undecided" folks, BOB and Mavis PERE, (i-34 '41-'44), left NYC for Hawaii, left Hawaii for Ft. Lauderdale, and now want to go back to "The Rock". Writes Bob, "This place, Fort L., is like the elephant's grave yard - everybody comes here to die".

Missed at Louisville were JOE and Margaret PEYTON. Joe had to stay close to Baltimore for the railroad strike. Son, Jimmy, thankfully is home from 'Nam after 16 months.

From MARTIN MUECKE, (2nd Bn. Med. 21st '45-'46), comes this one of "Kathy, 'The Mouse', little Kristie, Ivelie, Keith, 'Mother' Lorraine, Steven and Fred".

This gang hangs out on a farm in south central Idaho. Marty reminds us that the Marine Corps is about to lose its Maggie's Drawers.



Who among us fails to recall the nondescript

hank of red cloth haphazardly tied to the end of a pole and waved across targets to notify men some yards to your rear that they have just missed? Or didn't you ever have one waved at you?

Legends have been woven around those red flags. Unverified is the one about the sergeant who became so infuriated at the sight of one that he quickly snapped off two more rounds and neatly severed the pole into three pieces. Unverified too is the one about the entire shooting line which, after one Maggie's Drawers, marched forward and challenged the combined strength of the butts crew to come up out of that ditch and fight.

But now Maggie's Drawers will be no more for "America's finest". A miss will now be signaled by passing a round red metal marking disc across the target.

It won't be the same. The passion will be gone. Who, after all, can muster any emotion for Maggie's Disc?

These Life Members are terrific. Now come BEN and Betty WALLACE, (I 21 '42-'45), of 1204 S 21, Yakima, Wash. They're already paid as a Lifer and in he sends \$15 with a simple "I am enclosing a little extra." Bless you, Ben and Betty. As for where we're going in Aug. of '72, it's The Flying Carpet Motor Inn, 6465 N. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, Ill. - just 3 minutes from O'Hare. Now we're getting somewhere; we're not going to be downtown in some city in the middle of August.

Unable to work since '64 - disability - JIM WRIGHT, (21st '43-'45), of Riverside Trailer, 1197 S. 2nd, Coshocton, Ohio, never fails to remember us with his support. Why not drop Jim a line; he's all alone there.

FRANK PASCO, (3rd Eng. '50-'51), says he has become a great second-story man. His wife never believes his first story.



On membership, we've tried never to let the rain get us down. Several years ago, EDWARD EUTENBERG, the Chicago Daily News Beeline columnist, published a squib about us when one of his readers wrote in to him looking for us. Ed contacted D/A who in turn referred him to us. When we found out that his reader was BERNIE LUSZCZ, (Hg & Hg Co, Div.

'44-'45), of 3732 N. Olcott, Chicago, we immediately contacted Bernie and, presto, we had a new member. Now we're meeting in Chicago and Bernie promises to be with us all at the Flying Carpet, saying "I'll be seeing you guys for the first time and am looking forward to it". So are we, Bernie.

Let Chicago in mid-August be your drop-in time, Bloody Mary time, poolside chit-chat time, panacea time for overstressed parents and any remorseful celebrants.

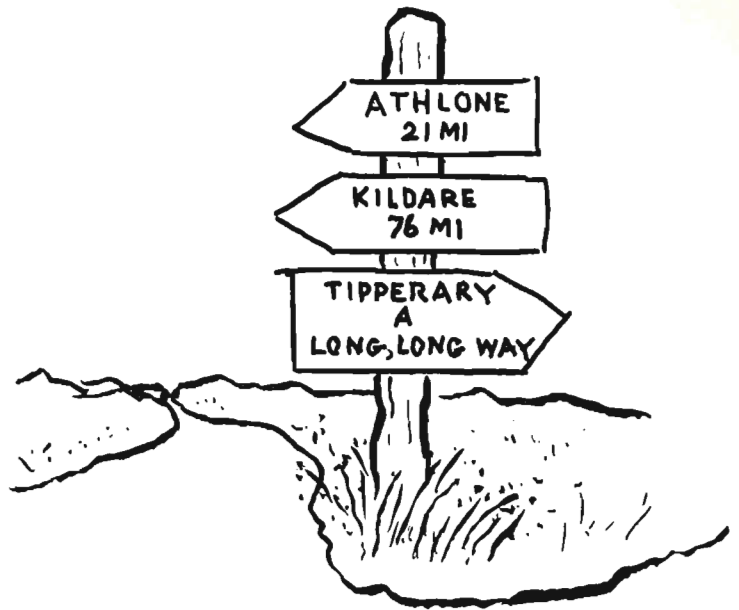
Printing of Vol. 2 of Taro Leaf went to \$230.73 for 900 copies. That's roughly 25¢ per copy.

Rumor has it that Sec/Def. Laird will be arguing for a budget of \$80-billion to \$83-billion for the fiscal year starting next July 1. This year's request was for \$76 billion. How do you like that for cutting back?

Life Member BOB NOLAN, (21st '42-'45), of 205 S. Bethany, Kansas City, Kans., sends in a \$15.00 contribution "to help with expenses". Watta guy! He was Post CO of his VFW Post for 4 yrs. in a row.



"That's not the way we learned it at the NCO Academy . . ."



There's a little blarney in OLIVER W. McCALL, (34th '44-'45), of Live Oak, Fla. He likes to tell about running into a 58 year old First Leut. of the Air Force the other day. "58 and you're still a Leut? How come?" Ollie asked.

"It was during Leyte," explained the Leut. "Every night the C.O. insisted on getting us out of bed for an alert."

"After a couple of months I found a large monkey in the hills, dressed him in one of my old uniforms and trained him to run to my plane when the alert sounded, hop in, start the engine, and sit there with his hand on the throttle until the all-clear sounded."

"For weeks it worked beautifully, but one night the all-clear never came, and I rushed onto the field just in time to see my plane with the monkey at the controls taking off from the field and joining the formation. There we were, the C.O. and I, the only two persons left on the field."

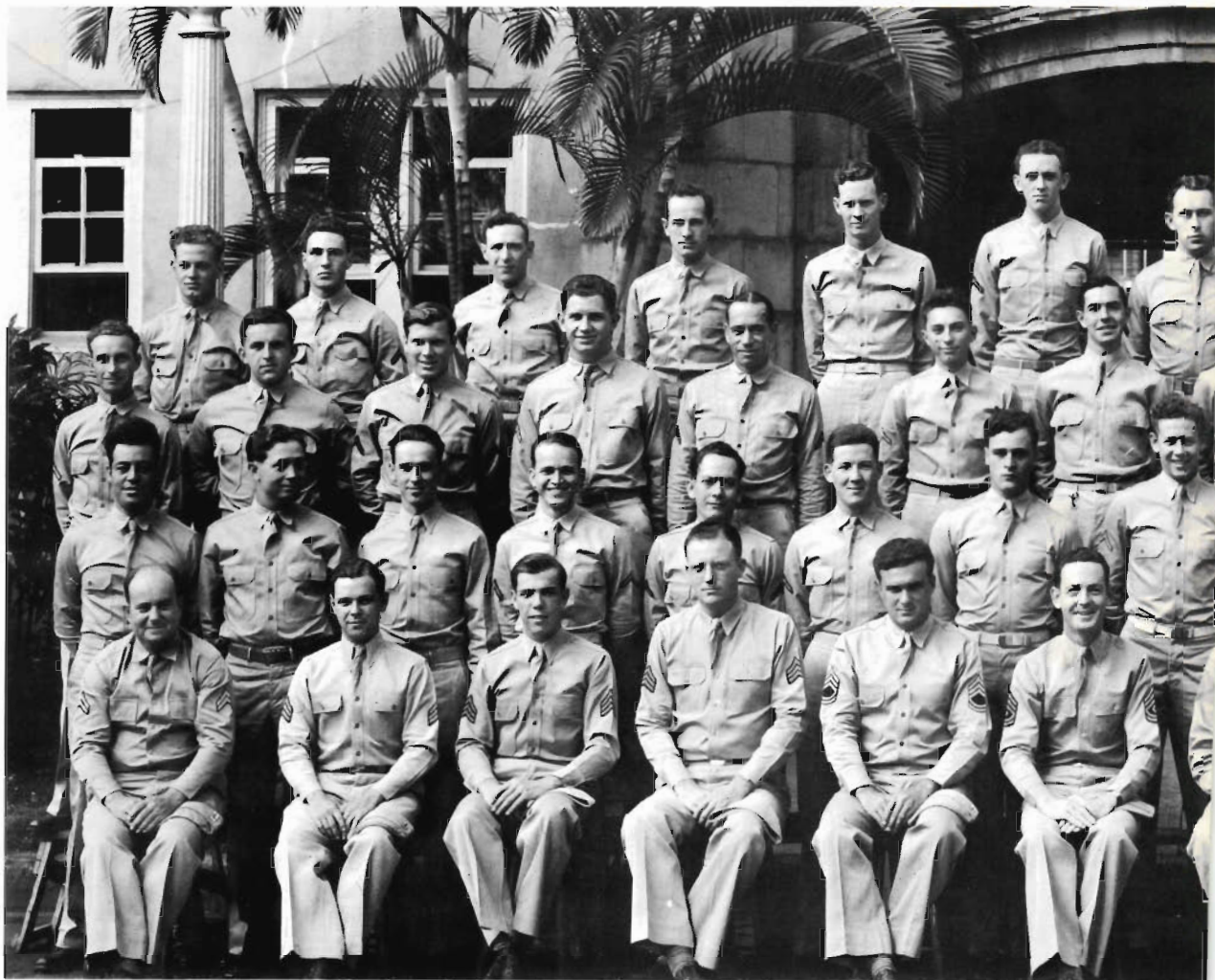
"And that's why I'm the oldest lieutenant in the Air Force," the officer concluded. "And I wouldn't mind it so much - if it weren't for the fact that the monkey is now a colonel".

Thanks for the story, Ollie.



VIC BACKER didn't dig the skiing at Gstaad; says he should have gstood in bed. Vice shares with us the secret that Big John Wayne is telling friends that he has defeated so many Indians he's now getting hate mail from Jane Fonda.

Annie PARTRIDGE, ART's wife, signals us that poor Art has become so pidgeon-toed, whenever he wears a grey suit, people throw breadcrumbs at him.



We don't have a record on who sent us this pic of Hqs. Co., 21st Brigade, taken in June of '41.

Meet our newest LIFE MEMBER: FRANK MOYER, (19th '41-'44), of RD 1, Reinhold, Pa.



Frank is pictured here on his 25th wedding anniversary with daughters Patty and Kandy and wonderful mate, Laura. Looks like a nice little party, Frankie. Was it Laura who induced you to take the Life Membership, Frank? In any event, our deep thanks.

Dues plus more for the kitty with a minimum of flubdub from TOM O'MARA, (B 19th '44-'45), of 201 Eastern, Ossining, N.Y. 'Twas a short note, Tom. That is literary honesty of a high order, to say nothing of a forensic style Cicero would have envied. Thanks.

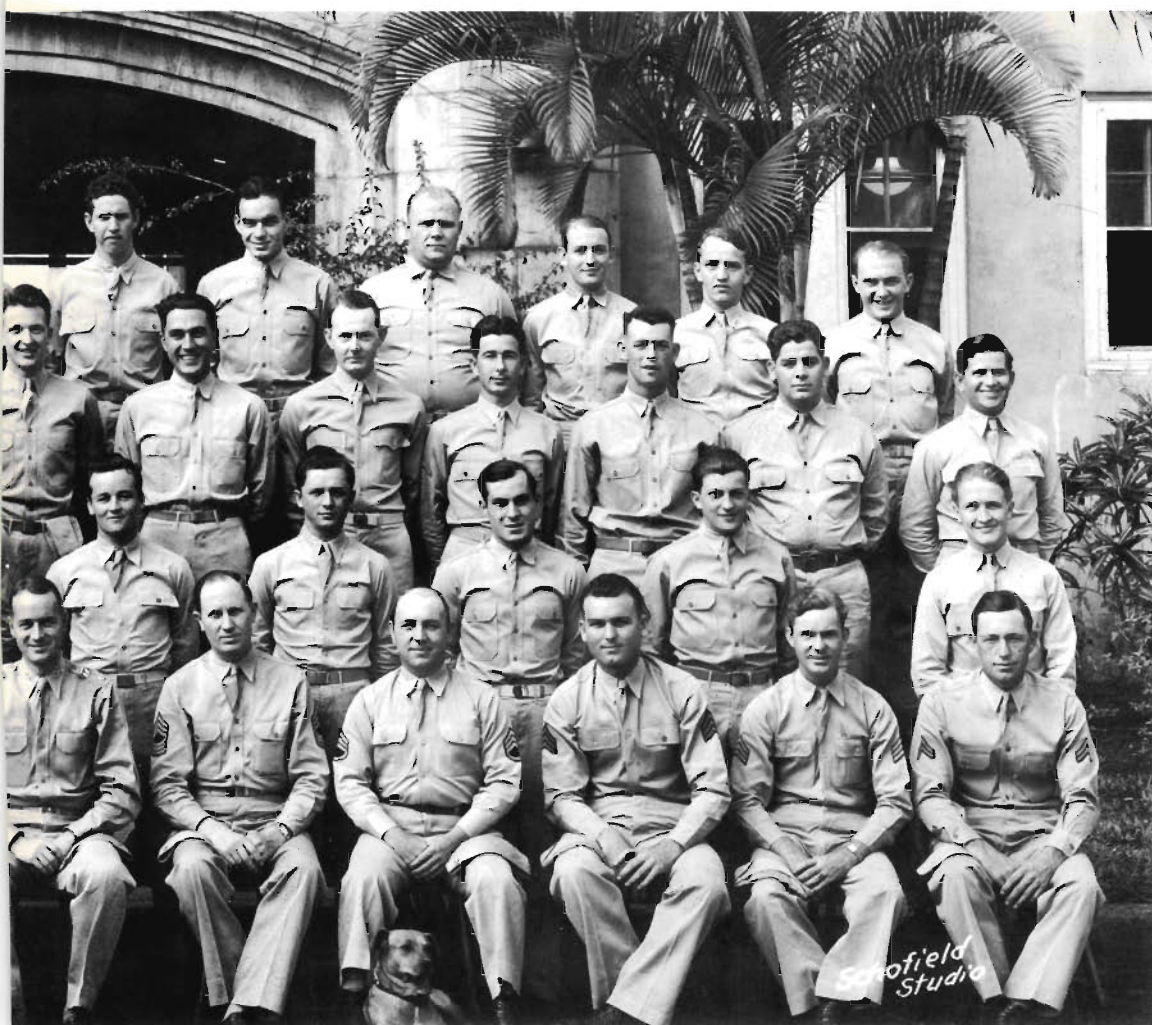
Returned to the States after 25 years in Japan and Korea, SAM and Elspeth UMPHREY, (Div.Hq. '46-'48) are now operating Vistapac Corporation out of 'Frisco. Our one time Chemical Officer went civilian in '48 and joined Eighth Army Headquarters. Now he's operating an import/export business and for same he has our sincere good wishes.

Dues from JOHN WINGERTSMAN, (21st '42-'45), of Box 160, Willimantic, Conn. Winky has his own definition of alimony. He says "its the bounty after the mutiny."

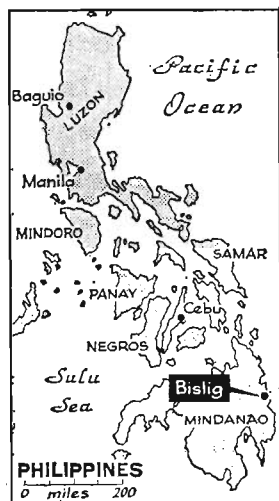
Sgt.Maj. WILLIAM O. WOOLDRIDGE retired



retired after 30 yrs. Without a retirement parade (big deal), but with a retirement pay of \$783.90/mo. Army released him in the light of the pending indictment in the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles.



BOB GERRY, (K 21st '44-'46), of 51 Nixon, Dorchester, Mass., reports that a new paper mill has opened in Bislig, Mindanao. It's on the east Coast, a little north and of course east of Davao. We figure it's about 100 miles from Davao as the carabao wallows. Until '50, Bislig was a fishing village of 5000. Now it has 40,000, an airfield, 2 banks, a theater, a church, 3 schools and 890 kilometers of roads, all because of a paper mill.



It's a smart politics to stay in good with any Chief of Police. We're doing our best with Life Member ANICETO BUDDY FAROLA, (our Mindanao guerrilla '45) who signs as Chief of Police, Malita Davao del Sur. Buddy was claiming not to have received our last three issues. He got them pronto. O.K. Buddy? Next time we high tail it through your little borough, overlook it, will you please?

The convention will be held on August 10 - 13, 1972 at The Flying Carpet Motor Inn, 6465 N. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, Illinois, (just three minutes from O'Hare Airport).

A hospitality night will be held on Thursday.

Our Hadji week end (package deal) includes:

- * A room for 3 days (Fri., Sat., Sun) and 2 nights (Fri. and Sat.).
 - * Cocktail Party and Luau on Friday evening.
 - * Brunch Saturday morning and Banquet Dinner Saturday night.
 - * Aloha Brunch Sunday morning.
- \$40.75 per person, 2 to a room.
- \$60.00 per person, 1 to a room.

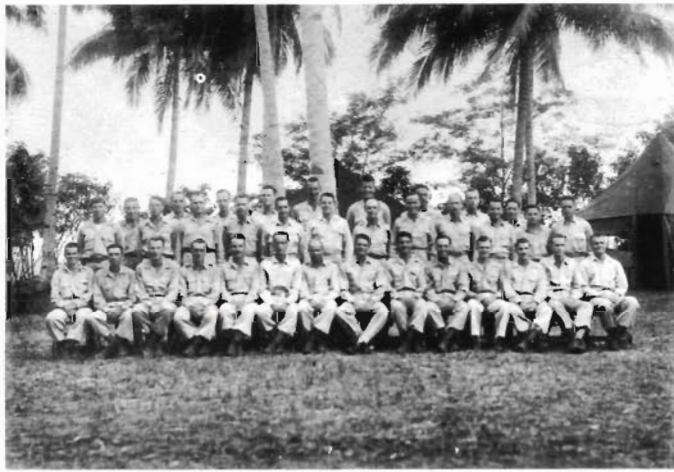
Anyone coming in early Monday to Thursday room only \$18.00 a night doubles and \$14.00 a night singles.



Our poverty-stricken imaginations have been coupling incestuously in a bona fide effort to produce a bundle of surprises at our Chicago excursion. You'll be glad you made it BOB and Verda ALBRIGHT, (Cn. 19th '44-'45). Waterloo, Ind. isn't that far away. Ages ago, we received a fine bunch of photos from BOBBY ALBRIGHT, (Cn. 19th '44-'45), of Waterloo, Ind. We are only too proud to use them and hope that our printer can make them viewable in the finished product.



Beautiful, beautiful Lake Sentani.



Officers of the 19th. We don't know where. It's all you gave us, Bobby.




JOCK CLIFFORD's grave.



Hollandia Air Strip was the graveyard for this "Washing Machine Charley".



Airstrip, Matsuyama, before we burned them.

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L. to r. WHITEY GIBBS, BOBBY ALBRIGHT, and RAY HUMPHREY.

Golly golly gee! Our 82 year old member, JOHN A. WETTERAO, (19th '41-'43), of Box 54, Grants Pass, Wyo., sends us this first one taken in '65 when he retired as County Juvenile Officer. Says, Johnnie, "That's old Jim Bean in the bottle". Jim left us at Schofield to become an MP Capt., assigned to Ft. Lewis, Wash. where he remained an SD in the Seattle, Wash. area. After the war, he asked to be released as an O, reupped as a M/Sgt. and retired in 6/47. Then to Ore. to put in 14 years as a Court Officer. Then a 2nd retirement. Now it's just 5 acres, "some chickens and a few cows just to keep me busy". He and his good lady (see 2nd photo) just celebrated 50 years of marriage.

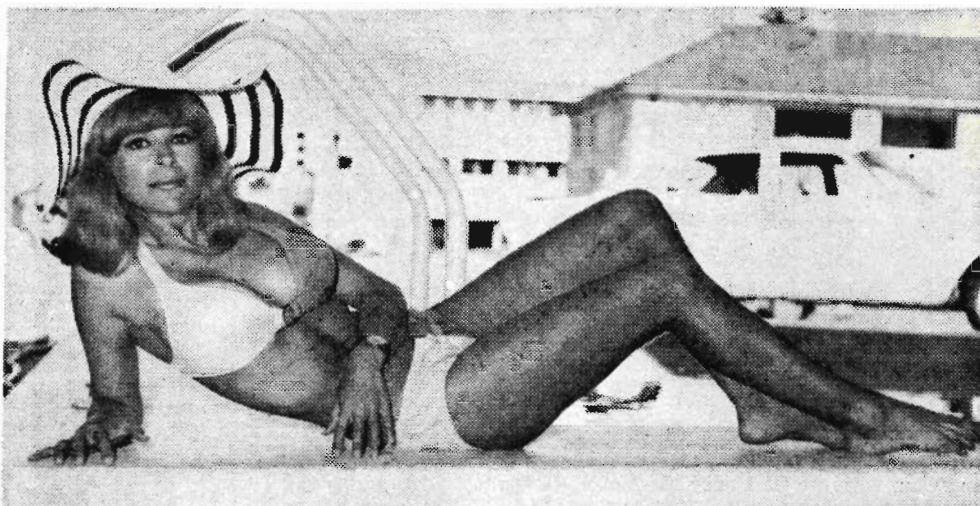


The "Greatest", as any Chick will tell you.

We have a new member: Maj. Gen. I. SEWELL MORRIS, (19th '40-'41), of 2809 Valley, Alexandria, Va. Writes Luke: "I read the news of the Twenty Fourth Infantry Association with great interest. You people are doing a great job. My life the past nine years has been with the railroad industry. We have had our share of difficulties, but with patience, persuasion, determination and courage the corner will be turned. Brighter days lie ahead." Luke is V.P. of the Assoc. of American Railroads based in Washington.



The latest author to hit it big in the book world is June Collins, who made worldwide headlines last year when she testified that club managers in Vietnam were demanding kickbacks and favors before signing entertainment contracts. Miss Collins, an Australian who switched from exotic dancing to show business booker, now has moved to Spain to write a second book. Her first book, written with former Green Beret Robin Moore, is "Khaki Mafia,". It's a fiction version of the Senate investigation into the military club and exchange scandals by the Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee. You remember our boys WOOLDRIDGE, CRUM et al. Wooldridge's trial comes up in L.A. on Aug. 15th, by the way.



HAROLD THACKER, of 805 Ponce de Leon, Atlanta, Ga., sends us this photo of our '71 convention site - the Flying Carpet Motor Inn, 6465 N. Mannheim, Des Plaines, Ill. Phone 312-299-4422. With 225 air conditioned rooms, restaurants and lounges, it is in a complete resort setting on 15 beautiful acres. Thanks for thinking of us, Harold.

Want a laugh? Inactive divisions are going to get "homes" per order C/S. The home stations will act as custodians for division flags, guidons and selected memorabilia to keep the history, tradition and achievements of the divisions alive. That's what it says here. We say "Horsefeathers". Divisions

and "homes" are:

4th, 5th, 8th Armd.	Knox
5th, 10th Inf.	Carson
6th Armd.	Leonard Wood
6th Inf.	Lewis
7th, 11th Armd.	Polk
7th Inf.	Ord
9th Armd.	Riley
10th Armd.	Gordon
11th Abn., 12th, 14th Armd.	Campbell
13th, 17th Abn.	Bragg
13th Armd.	Hood
24th Inf.	Scofield
66th Inf.	Rucker
71st Inf.	Benning
92nd Inf.	McClellan
93rd Inf.	Huachuca

Reports JERRY VON MOHR, "Mom, Paul, Beth Anne, Jay Jay, the two dogs and the goldfish, are great". Jerry was writing to inquire about our '72 conclave.

To the 30th Pearl Harbor activities went ALBERT and Catherine FASSBENDER, (M 19th '41-'42), of RD 1, Ulster Park, N.Y. Upon return, they sent this picture



showing, in left to right fashion, kneeling, SAM CLOWE, himself, MARIAN "Babe" LAMALFA, and standing, JACK FINAN, Col. HENRY ROYALL, JULIAN BELHUMEUR and JOS. LEMIEUX.

Says they met many of his old "Chick" buddies but for knowing everyone, pass the cake to Jack Finan. Col. Henry Royall was one of Al's company commanders. Good report, Al.