

Armed Forces



MAJ. GORDON G. MURPHY AND FAMILY
Re-union in Caserta

Family Joins Murphy in Italy

The arrival in Italy recently of his wife, Marilyn, and their two-year-old son, Gordon, Jr., provided occasion for plenty of rejoicing for Maj. Gordon G. Murphy, '32-'36, an executive officer assigned to Army public relations in Caserta, Italy. Regal happiness followed when the young family moved into the newly-furnished officers' quarters which adjoin the palace of the late King Emmanuel.

Major Murphy has spent almost two years in the European and Mediterranean theaters of operation. As a member of the 758th Field Artillery Battalion, he served one year of combat duty in Germany. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Murphy, Norman, Major Murphy wears the occupation ribbons for services in Germany and Italy. He entered the Army and was assigned to active duty in 1940.

Beard Gets 'Word' on Germany

It's a new pipe for Ted Beard from Col. Floyd Gudgel, with whom the Range Rider served in the United States Army Air Corps back in the war years, 1942-43. Colonel Gudgel, whose home is in Bartlesville, is now stationed in Germany. He's a graduate of Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater.

This letter from Colonel Gudgel is presented by *Sooner Magazine* to remind its readers that even though the basic costs of the 31 commodity foods (including bread and other basic commodities used in American homes today) have advanced to an all-time high of 95 per cent increase over a corresponding date in 1939 and even though we are paying on this high level to live the American way of life today, Colonel Gudgel's letter will give us some insight of how the other half lives due to devastation in the aftermath of world war. Eighty dollars for a carton of cigarettes in Munich, Germany!! That, indeed, gives us cause to value our American citizenship!

"Dear Ted:

"Under separate cover I am sending you a "Kraut" pipe—it will look good in your country house.

"I have been travelling for the past few weeks, visiting A.A.F. stations in the United States Zone. I picked this (the pipe) up from a fellow in Munich for a carton of cigarettes—a carton is worth 800 marks there. At 10c per mark, it is an expensive pipe, but at 70c per carton of cigarettes, it isn't so much. Packing material is hard to get here. Hope it stands the trip okay. Believe it or not, you see many such pipes here.

"Travel here is plenty rough. The trains are cold, crowded, slow. Roads are rough. It's no place to have a good time. The weather is terribly frigid. Hotels, such as they are, are cold. No coal. The cities are wrecks. You have to lock everything. They steal anything. The people are a sorry sight. Needless to say, the U.S.A. is going to look awfully good to me when I get back.

"You will hear from me again soon. Good luck and best wishes.

"Sincerely,
"Floyd."

"P.S. For a carton of cigarettes a German can get 200 pounds of coal and feed his family a week. It's terrible and amazing."

Sgt. Price Plans Return to O.U.

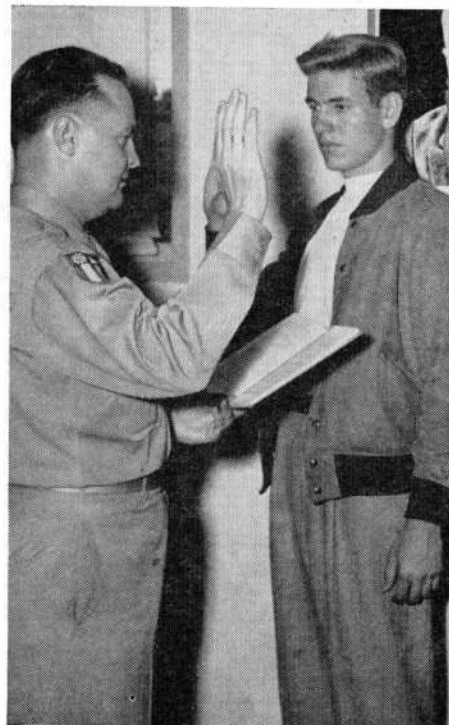
A former University of Oklahoma honor student and athlete, who as a physical training instructor in the Army Air Corps has established an enviable record, is Bill Price, '45-'46, Norman.

The strapping 6-3, 190-pound Price was a 17-year-old graduate of Norman High School when he entered the University as a freshman in 1945. He played quarterback on the varsity football team before breaking his leg late in the season. A straight "A" student his first year, Bill was made a member of Phi Eta Sigma, honorary freshman fraternity. He also was affiliated with Kappa Sigma, social fraternity.

Bill completed two semesters before joining the Army in the summer of 1946. After finishing his basic Air Corps training, he was assigned to the physical training department, San Antonio, as instructor. During his training, he scored 1,992 out of a possible 2,000, then later quarterbacked the Randolph Field Ramblers football team.

More recently, Price performed with the San Antonio War Hawks, along with a number of former national collegiate cage standouts, including Jack Parkinson, former Kentucky All-American. The Hawks emerged A.A.U. champions of their district and advanced to the national tourney at Denver, where they were eliminated in the early rounds. Bill scored 22 points in his last scheduled game with the Texas service club.

Now a sergeant, Bill expects to receive his discharge in November and then re-enter the University in January, 1948. He is the son of King G. Price, '25, and Mrs. Price, the former Inez Elizabeth Bever, '24b.



BILL PRICE, '45 . . . TAKING ARMY OATH
Bill will return to the University this fall providing discharge plans aren't foiled.

The Drug Mill

By DR. RALPH BIENFANG

It has been the Drug Miller's observation over the years that someone is always telling the general pharmacist how to run his business. Busy as he is, he is told to do his windows a certain way, display everything next to the cash register, bring his prescription department to the front, and also to put it farther back. Now, it so happens that most general pharmacists operate in the particular way they do because that way seems best suited to the conditions under which they operate. This column would be happy to receive from pharmacists in this area, completions of the following sentence, "I conduct my pharmacy the way I do because—"

The best will receive awards of Indian pennies.

APRIL AIGLETS—Some people look upon the teletype as a new thing. Shucks, lots of husbands have been acquainted with the telly-type for years. . . . You should get the three Range Sketches that Cutter Laboratories are currently giving to their friends. By artist Buck Nimy, who can really handle black and white, and at the same time knows his "west" they will grace the finest den or office. . . . Phm. and Mrs. (also Phm.) Wesley Sander gave the Drug Miller three lovely pink grapefruit picked off their own trees in the Valley. A real treat. . . . The two and one-half years old son of the Ed McFalls startled them the other day. He had picked up a newspaper, and was told, "Why you can't read." His answer, "Right, I broke my glasses." . . . Harris Drug Company of Durant is now sporting a '46 Chevrolet pickup. The body color? Pharmacy green, of course! . . . The Little Drug Miller says it's bad when you begin to develop "parentheses" around your mouth. . . . You can tell a lot about people by the calendars they surround themselves with. . . . Mull this over and see if it bothers you. "Don't act silly questions." . . . And this, "What will you have for your entree?" I'd just as soon have everything right here on the table." . . . They say all things come to him who waits, but they don't say how long the wait will be. . . . Who can tell this column what the old covered bridge was all about? . . . Now for some 'literature'. "Winter trees fruited out with twittering birds." And, "black clouds on the horizon moving majestically, like battleships."

Are you acquainted with Mentholatum Brushless Shave? Comes in a big blue tube in a big blue carton—weighs four ounces. Directions for use say: 1. Wash the face thoroughly—LEAVE FACE WET. 2. Spread with finger tips enough cream to give a white appearance. 3. Wet razor and shave. For a second time over, just apply a little water. Experiment until you find the least quantity that will give you a perfect shave. Oh, the price, 35 cents.

Pharmacy School News

WRIGHT VISIT—Dr. F. Wright, E. R. Squibb & Sons, New York, specialist in anesthetics, recently visited the School for the purpose of seeing the Civil War Squibb ether can on deposit in the Military Pharmacy Museum. He expressed his approval of the museum, and voiced the hope that it would receive encouragement and increased support. By the way, do you have an Army or Navy helmet with a red cross on it? The Military Pharmacy Museum still has none.

PHARMACY BROADCASTS—In this spring semester, as last year, the School of Pharmacy is sponsoring a series of broadcasts called "Pharmacy—Then and Now" over the University's radio station WNAD, 640 kilocycles. They occur each Friday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. There will be 17 in all, a number of them of course having already been given. You are invited to tune in.

RHO CHI MEMBERS—Just elected to Rho Chi are Faye Xezonatos, Henryetta; Lloyd Jackman, Braman; Lucille Molloy, Tahlequah; Rose Marie Korb, Shawnee; Findley Freeman Flatter, England, Arkansas; Jo Ann Kirkpatrick, Frederick; and Professor William G. Bray. Congratulations.

DENISE BETH—Mr. and Mrs. William Terrell, Blanchard, announce the birth of daughter Denise Beth on January 20. Her weight? Eight pounds six ounces.