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Wherever Old Glory flies in this war-torn world—in blazing hot India, on the shores of Tripoli or the desert sands of Tunisia, in the fog-shrouded Aleutians, in cold, gloomy Iceland, or in the fever-infested Solomons—there's a group of soldiers on duty who've been trained by the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. They are the men who keep 'em flying—they are the mechanics, radio operators, armorers, photographers, weather forecasters, parachute riggers, power turret operators, propeller specialists and multifarious technical experts without which the wings of our vast air armada are clipped.

Maybe only a few months ago these soldier-technicians were farm hands, lawyers, grocery clerks, college professors musicians—perhaps men of no trade or technical skill. In an amazingly short space of time they were inducted, classified, given a basic course in military training, assigned to a technical school, trained in a highly specialized subject and sent off to the wars.

Tremendous Job

The job is colossal. In the process of turning out technicians to keep pace with the bombers and fighter planes rolling off the assembly lines, the Technical Training Command has grown from five schools back in May, 1941, to more than 100 today. The five schools eighteen months ago were Chanute Field, Scott Field, Lowry Field, Sheppard Field and Keesler Field.

The hub of this ever-growing network of the Army Air Forces is Knollwood Field, N. C., where Maj. Gen. Walter Reed Weaver, commanding general, and his staff supervise and administer the biggest command in the Air Forces. Headquarters were moved to Knollwood Field from Tulsa, Okla., April 16, 1942.

General Weaver assumed command of the TTC on Feb. 18, 1942. Prior to that time he was acting chief of the Air Corps, Washington, D. C. His general staff consists of Brig. Gen. C. W. Howard, chief of staff; Lt. Col. John P. McConnell, deputy chief of staff; Col. Donald B. Smith, G-1; Lt. Col. Hart G. Foster, G-2; Col. Llewellyn O. Ryan, G-3; and Lt. Col. Stephen B. Mack, G-4.

Command Decentralized

Because of the vastness of the TTC, General Weaver insists on decentralization. Thus the TTC is divided into five districts: No. 1 at Greensboro, N. C.; Brig. Gen. Junius B. Jones, commanding; No. 2, Maj. Gen. Frederick M. Martin, commanding; No. 3, Maj. Gen. Jacob E.



Maj. Gen. Walter Reed Weaver

toughness to take it and dish it out. The air crews must be trained so meticulously they know their planes inside and out, and they must be resourceful and brave so that they can fly under any of all conditions. And the mechanics and technicians must match the air crews in resourcefulness, in doggedness, in plain "know-how"—and, yes, even in gallantry.

No one has yet described the tremendous importance of the mechanics and
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Brig. Gen. Howard

Fickel; No. 4, Maj. Gen. John F. Curry; No. 5, Brig. Gen. Arnold N. Kroegstad. The fifth district, recently activated, consists of the state of Florida, which comprises the Miami School area, including Basic Training Centers Nos. 4 and 9, as well as Basic Training Center No. 6 at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Each morning at the Knollwood Field headquarters—not so long ago a popular hotel resort called Pine Needles (near Southern Pines, N. C.)—the general staff meets under the direction of chief of staff. The administrative and training problems required to direct the huge program for training the men who will maintain and service Uncle Sam's big air arm occupy the attention of the general and special staffs at these sessions. Then all day long the telegraph and telephone wires are kept humming, not to mention the many bags of mail that come and go daily, to keep the TTC training program rolling on schedule. And when unusually important matters arise and on other frequent occasions, Gen. Weaver and other members of his staff fly to Washington, D. C., and to various schools, posts and other installations of the TTC, scattered throughout the United States.

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Man About Town

By Cpl. Dave Achor

Well, it's almost here, Christmas. I mean. The halls will be decked with holly and the G.I. Joes who are so liberally sprinkled through the crowds of downtown shoppers will be seeking entertainment in the holiday vein. The variety of amusements available here in Denver should satisfy the taste of even the most avid pleasure seeker.

For the week-end of Dec. 18 the Orpheum theater brings to its screen "White Cargo." Hedy Lamarr plays Tondaleyo, the sultry siren of the tropics. Co-starred with Hedy is Walter Pidgeon. On Dec. 23 "The War Against Mrs. Hadley" opens at the Orpheum, with Edward Arnold and Fay Bainter.

The Isis theater on the week-end of Dec. 18 brings to the stage another girlie revue, and to the screen "They All Kissed the Bride," with Joan Crawford and Melvin Douglas. Feature No. 2 will be "Outlaws of the Desert." For Christmas week the Isis has cooked up a glamorous stage show and two hand-picked feature pictures to round out the bill. Abbott and Costello will be seen in "Pardon My Sarong," and Kay Francis is co-starred with Walter Houston and Gloria Warren in the second feature, "Always in My Heart."

The Teleneus theater is showing "Invasion." These are "scoop" shots taken from the last World war and actual combat scenes taken from the present conflict. Included in the Teleneus program will be the usual short subjects.

The holiday spirit also will prevail at the various dance spots around town.

The Emerald room at the Brown Palace continues to be a popular rendezvous for those who wish to trip the light fantastic. Lou Morgan and his orchestra supply the music.

The Silver Glade at the Cosmopolitan Hotel is featuring the toe tickling rhythms of Eddy Rogers and his band. The Bamboo room at the Cosmo is an ideal spot for the fellow who likes to sit and sip.

The Shirley Savoy tavern, with its air of good fellowship, is a favorite hang-out of the boys in OD. Excellent service and moderate prices.

For the men who are seeking a dine and dance spot for two, the following list will steer you into one that you are sure to like:

To brighten the festival season of Santa Claus, mistletoe and holly, the Rainbow ballroom at 5th and Broadway will throw three super holiday dance parties, offering the swing rhythm of Herb Miller and his orchestra, featuring Warren Williams and Patsy Goode, according to Manager Okay Farr.

The Night Owl tavern at 490 South

Colorado blvd. is noted for its food, and the Knickerbocker at 15th and Champa has a reputation for serving the best in the way of food and drinks.

We don't have the space to extol the virtues of each place individually, but we will give you the names and addresses of some of the better spots.

Clarks Corner at 3000 W. Hampton avenue, the Black and White Inn at 2463 Sixteenth street, Bill's Kitchen at 1962 E. Colfax, the Beacon at 7810 E. Colfax, Bill's Place, 10007 W. 44th avenue, the Airplane Club at 3310 W. Alameda avenue, Marigold Lane at 1545 Broadway, the Embassy Club at 1712 Broadway, and the Chez Paree at 232 Sixteenth street.

The Doodlebug tavern at 4842 Morrison road has gained favor with numerous soldiers, as has the Twins cocktail lounge at 1619 Tremont. Both are noted for their food and drinks.

To conclude this week's roundup we give you two excellent eateries, the Exello Sandwich Shop at 1659 Curtis street, and the Denver Municipal Airport Cafe.

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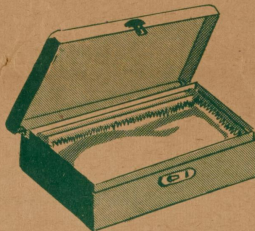
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technicians of the Army Air Forces better than Gen. Weaver.

"A plane that cannot fly is one of the most useless things in the world. And planes will not fly unless they have sufficient ground crews for their proper maintenance."

Those are simple, straightforward words, but the full realization of what they mean unfolds the story behind one of the war's most gigantic tasks. They mean that tens of thousands of mechanics and technicians must be turned out yearly. Not only must the Technical Training Command produce thoroughly

men must be obtained, classified, trained and ready to start functioning within a remarkably short time. There can be no hails, no slip-ups, no failures. The men must and are coming out of the schools of the Technical Training Command in a never-ending procession.

Nation's Largest School System

The Technical Training Command is probably the country's largest single educational system and is certainly the fastest-growing. Back in 1938 there was but one school, Chanute Field, with three main courses—Mechanics, Com-

munication, and Armament. The following year there was small growth. Comparatively little attention was being devoted to training men to service and maintain the planes, but the air battles over Europe soon taught a lesson. From American Army observers abroad came the message:



Lt. Col. Hart G. Foster

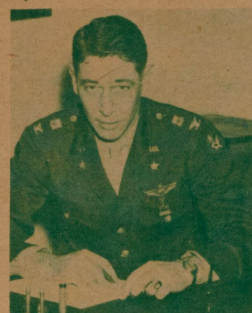
"Planes must be sustained by adequate ground crews."

The Technical Training Command's function suddenly assumed new importance. A maximum number of mechanics and technicians had to be trained in a minimum of time. As all the world knows, this nation was fearfully slow in awakening to the dangers confronting it.

A year ago training was going on at only a handful of bases, but now more than 100 schools, scattered from coast to coast, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border, are functioning day and night—many on a 24-hour basis—to supply the ever-increasing demand for men to make up the ground crews.

Curriculum All-Inclusive

From the three original subjects the Chanute Field curriculum embraced, the Technical Training Command is now teaching more than a score of technical subjects. They include courses for airplane mechanics, sheet metal workers, weather forecasters, power turret operators, parachute riggers, propeller experts, gyro instrument men, photographers—in fact everything that it takes to



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Lowry's '42 History, Growth Is Reviewed by Staff Writer

Trained Specialists Take Big War Role

By Sgt. Richard Vigil

Lowry Field has seen significant and far-reaching changes come to it during the year 1942—its first year of war. Basically, its objectives in the training program of the Army Air Forces have remained the same, but the methods and means of gaining these objectives have been stepped up in tempo and streamlined to a degree that has raised Army technical training in the Denver region to an all-time high.

Arnold is Commander

To understand the part played by the field in 1942, it is necessary to have some understanding of the far-reaching, ever-increasing United States Army Air Forces. Such understanding is best reached by knowing that the AAF, to achieve the objectives assigned it by the War Department, is divided into numerous organizations known as commands, with Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold as commanding general of all.

Each of these commands—bomber, fighter, ferrying, airborne, air transport, technical training and others—has a specific mission to perform.

The technical training command, of which Lowry Field is a key member, has as its mission the training of highly skilled technicians for air forces. Nationally, this command—headed by Maj. Gen. Walter R. Weaver, commanding general with headquarters at Knollwood Field, North Carolina—is divided into four districts.

Headquarters for the Fourth District, set up early in 1942 under the War Department's organization of air force units, is Denver. This Fourth District blankets 15 states, from west of the Mississippi to the Pacific coast. Commanding general of this district is Maj. Gen. John F. Curry.

Specialists trained by the technical training command, or TTC, are many and include radio operators, link trainer instructors, parachute riggers, mechanics, instrument specialists, weather observers, electronics, armors, photographers and many others.

Lowry Trains Two Types

Primarily, Lowry trains two types of these technicians—aircraft armors and aerial photographers.

How important these men have become to the nation's air arm is seen by the tremendous expansion provided at the field for them in both housing and training facilities during the past year—an expansion strikingly evident by their growing number in Denver and by the reports of their work coming in from war theaters the world over.

Effectiveness, thoroughness and specialization, coupled with the best training facilities available, have been factors kept in mind and emphasized by authorities in the training given Lowry armors and photographers during 1942.

Indicative of these factors are some changes that may be recalled here. One was the field's divestment of its sub-post, Fort Logan, training spot for air force clerks, which until last June was under Lowry supervision. The split resulted in a more effective and direct administration of Fort Logan and relieved Lowry of managerial work that could better be handled by Fort Logan officers.

Another important and far-reaching step made to expedite training was the activation, with Lowry enlisted men and officers as key personnel, of nearby Buckley Field as a training school for armament students—further proof that the AAF has important use for these ground technicians who ready the line-of-war and bombardment equipment used by Uncle Sam's combat aircraft against Axis power.

Lowry No. 2 Is Added

Equally important has been the addition of an "annex" to the field proper—namely, Lowry No. 2, a city in itself, completed during the summer months, across the Lowry railway, and now having a Service club, theater, chapel, mess halls and living and training quarters for all the field squadrons, whose personnel are, in the main, students enrolled in the armament course.

The war's demand for highly trained specialists brought about changes in the courses of study, too.

Of the most significant of these was that brought about by the decision of air force officers to confine the Lowry armament course to the exclusive study of bombardment armament. This change, made early in October of this year, added the subject of power turret maintenance to the armament course—and shortened the entire curriculum from 14 to nine weeks. Facilities previously used in the teaching of fighter armament were transferred to Buckley, which now specializes in this training phase of air combat.

Similar moves have been effected in the department of photography, whose incoming students have taken over the barracks previously used by their armament colleagues now living and studying at Lowry No. 2. As a result, ten times as many photo students were graduated in 1942

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IN THIS two page layout, the editors have attempted to show the great strides made at Lowry Field in the last two years and particularly since Pearl Harbor. For example, at the right is a picture taken approximately two years ago while the brick barracks were under construction. At the left above is a shot of the same locale today.



Before Lowry's extensive expansion, personnel messes in the building that is now the gymnasium, shown at the left above. The single line often extended back

to Sixth Ave. Compare this with the gleaming new mess hall at the right, with the sections marching to show in real military fashion.



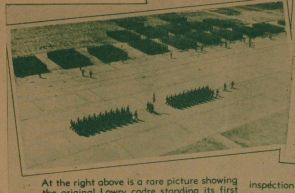
The most rapid and far reaching improvements have been made in Lowry's school system. Not too long ago, photo



students were snapped laying mosaics outdoors, above left, while today the school is right and boasts nothing but the best equipment.



The Chaplains, too, were obliged to get along with makeshift quarters in Lowry's infant days. At the left is shown the first Chaplain's office in a tent near the Sixth Ave. gate. Today, Lowry's five chaplains conduct services in chapels such as the one shown above.



At the right above is a rare picture showing the original Lowry cadre standing its first



inspection on the tennis courts behind the Administration building. This group constituted the entire field personnel. At the left is a picture taken last year during one of Lowry's impressive reviews on the hangar line.



Lt. Col. Albert Stevens, world famous balloonist and aerial photographer, was Lowry's first director of photography.



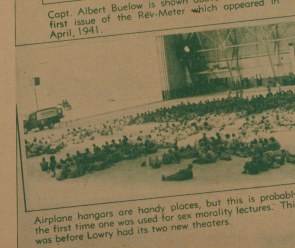
Here is Lowry's original Security section in winter dress. Today, one shift is manned by far more men than was then contained in the whole section and their duties assume a new importance.



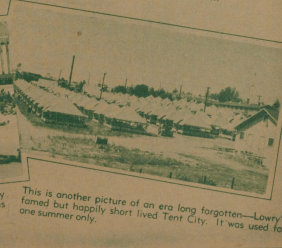
Capt. Albert Buelow is shown above reading the first issue of the Rev-Meter which appeared in April, 1941.



Maj. Gen. Virgil Peterson and Brig. Gen. Rush B. Lincoln from Air Corps headquarters on an inspection tour of Lowry before war was declared. Maj. Paul T. Cullen, far right, is conducting them through the old photo labs.



Airplane hangars are handy places, but this is probably the first time one was used for sex morality lectures. This was before Lowry had its two new theaters.



This is another picture of an era long forgotten—Lowry's famed but happily short lived Tent City. It was used for one summer only.



WOMEN DO THEIR PART at Lowry as well as everywhere else. Above are six of Lowry's key feminine personnel. Top left is Miss Eileen Dufficy of the civilian employment office. Top center, Miss Margaret Wagner secretary to Brig. Gen. H. S. Burwell. Top right, Mrs. Golden Matson, Col. Woodward's secretary. Bottom left, Miss Rose Brown, photo department veteran and Col. Shephard's secretary. Bottom row center, Miss Maragaret Galloway, S-2, and lower right, Miss Lucille Cook, Col. Raley's secretary.

Harvey—

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diers in the area got their first look at the magnificent mountain scenery in Colorado. At the services there was community singing and a short talk by a leading citizen of the community. The soldiers came away from it all with a new appreciation for Denver and its citizens. Denver's populace was equally impressed by the orderliness and well-mannered decorum of the man in uniform.

Mr. Harvey's first attempt to establish a curfew on bars met with opposition. But the whole-hearted cooperation of leading military and civilian dignitaries forced the issue, and the leading hotels and bars in Denver voluntarily agreed to cooperate. In a week's time the plan sold itself.

Moderation Is Keynote

No fanatical prohibitionist, Mr. Harvey believes that a majority of the soldier's troubles can be traced to excessive drinking. Moderation and regulation are his answers to the WCTU and bar keepers alike. It is his contention that a perfect equilibrium can be reached, and this is the goal he has set for his office.

Latest project of his office is a gigantic Christmas dinner affair that will take the majority of Denver's soldiers into private homes for their yuletide turkey. The success of the Red Rocks project last summer points to a happy Christmas for many soldiers.

Two Sons in Service

No stranger to military affairs, Bob Harvey is now consulted by leading military and civilian authorities alike before any important change covering such dual activities are taken. One of his sons, Bob junior, has left an important position with the Office of Price Administration in Washington to go on active duty with the Navy as a lieutenant junior grade. Another son, William P. Harvey, an employee of the Telephone Company, is awaiting call to the service. His youngest son, Richard Dudley Harvey, 19, a sophomore at Dennison College, has enlisted in the U. S. Army Reserve. In addition he has a son-in-law and two nephews in the service. The Harveys are not shirking the call to the colors.

A fine tribute to Mr. Harvey's work was paid by Brig. Gen. H. S. Burwell, commanding general of Lowry Field, when the latter wrote in his column in the Oct. 30 issue of the Rev-Meter:

"Mr. Harvey's achievements have become legion. One was to foster our arrangement which eliminated the daily scene of officers and enlisted men min-

gling shoulder to shoulder at public bars. This order further raised the decorum and gentlemanly behavior of all involved. Another was the agreement allowing the military full scope in handling its own personnel in cases involving traffic problems and drunken driving. This civil-military legal accord is undoubtedly the factor most largely responsible for bringing to Denver the dis-

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Lowry's History Reviewed

Hiring of Civilian Workers In 1942 Was Big Change

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as in 1941. Emphasis, too, was placed on specialization and field work in photo studies.

Of the many changes at the field during the passing year, however, none has been more revolutionary than those brought about by the employment of civilians, both men and women, there. This step was in keeping with a War Department policy to use civilians whenever possible in military installations, thus relieving soldiers for more active assignments. At Lowry the policy has been encouraged and promoted by Brig. Gen. H. S. Burwell, commanding general of the field. The number of civilians employed at Lowry has been kept a strict military secret, as has the number of enlisted men and officers stationed here. But officials reveal they are employed in nearly every office and department.

High Grades Required

Many, too, are enrolled as students in the armament and photo courses, with the object of subsequently instructing enlisted men in these subjects. Some have already graduated and are teaching. To be instructors, however, the civilians must show great aptitude for their work, and must make higher grades to "pass" than the enlisted men.

Denver people read of these changes, but nowhere has the employment of civilians been more noticeable to them than in the motor transportation pool. There, soldier drivers had been used exclusively until last August, but now the civilians, save for military supervision, operate the pool entirely.

The drivers for the most part are men, and their success, together with that of their women companions, has been very gratifying, according to Lowry officers.

All the civilians employed, except those working on construction jobs, as waitresses and the like in post exchanges, or for the NYA, are under civil service jurisdiction. And, of course, Uncle Sam makes a thorough check of their backgrounds before hiring them.

Important, too, in the passing events during the year was the shift in commanding officers last April when Brig. Gen. Burwell, then a colonel, succeeded Col. Early E. W. Duncan, who was transferred to Lincoln, Neb., to head a mechanics school there, and instituted a new policy of administration that touched practically every activity at the field.

A student of business management, and thoroughly familiar with military regulations as a result of a service career that dated back to 1913, when, even before his graduation with a degree in science from Norwich University in Vermont, he served as a lieutenant in the Cavalry of the Vermont National Guard, Gen. Burwell set about to systematize and streamline the various Lowry organizations. His object in this was to coordinate and simplify their work, thus bringing about a more effective means of operating them.

With an eye for directness and a desire for closer cooperation and contact with the units under him, he started, among other things, the daily activity reports and the daily staff conferences.

Daily Activities Charted

The reports, filled out by the heads of the various field departments and organizations, give a resume of the daily activities and tentative plans for the immediate future, list the degree of progress and main delay or difficulty encountered, and enumerate the direct contacts made by the officer concerned.

The general purpose of the daily conference, at which a dozen of the commanding general's closest aides are present, is "to furnish the nerve center for the operation of a standard system, controlling generally the internal coordination of Lowry Field."

Of value, too, have been the recreational facilities initiated by the commanding general for the enlisted men and officers under his command. In this capacity he has been highly instrumental in setting up officers' clubs in the leading Denver hotels, and has approved many valuable suggestions from Denverites interested in recreational activities for soldiers.

Motive for many of these changes brought about by Gen. Burwell was his preliminary but thorough investigation made upon his arrival at the field. To appreciate the work being done and gain some understanding of the problems encountered in the training given here, he talked to hundreds of soldiers.

He thus got an idea of their viewpoints, opinions, backgrounds, as well as suggestions. From these informal but important chats grew the ideas for changes subsequently made in the administration and operation of field activities—changes which resulted in closer coordination and systematization of Lowry as a whole.

That these changes have been for the good of the service has been noted repeatedly by the high praise provided by distinguished Army personnel visiting the field during the past year.

Form Air Service Command

The year 1942 also saw other military news that has proved to be very unwelcome to the Axis leaders. Such news was the announcement that a unit of the Air Service Command had been organized and activated at the field during the early part of the summer.

Lessons learned by American military observers during the fall of France were incorporated in forming the nation's ASC, and they were used to great advantage at Lowry. The ASC, whose purpose is the maintenance and servicing of combat units, was not connected with the field's technical training command, but worked in close harmony with it, and its personnel was composed largely of TTC men.

The Lowry contingent of the ASC, now in training at Camp George West near Golden, has been developed into one of the most versatile organizations ever started at the field. It has as its complement photographers, armorers, bomb-sight and power turret maintenance men, clerks, cooks, truck drivers, sheet-metal workers, mechanics and dozens of other soldier-specialists—in short, all the personnel necessary to keep the equipment and efficiency of an air force tactical unit overseas in first-class fighting shape.

Training given at the field in 1942, however, was not limited to enlisted men.

Both newly appointed cadets, through the cadet detachment, and officers, reporting for duty at the administrative officers' replacement pool, the only such pool for air force officers in the nation, were given administrative and field training.

Cadet Students Increase

The number of cadet students has increased five-fold over the previous year. Training given them was for three months in the photo and armament courses. A novelty of the cadet detachment during the passing year was the number of Chinese and South American students attached to it. They, too, studied the armament and photo courses. Then, along with their comrades assigned to study in other commands, they returned to their native lands with the purpose of instructing their fellow countrymen in the ways of the U.S. Army Air Forces.

The purpose of the officers' replacement pool became two-fold. First, to act as a sort of employment agency, receiving officers from all parts of the nation and, after determining their aptitudes, abilities and experiences, give them "refresher courses" and sending them out to all parts of the world; and second, to act as a battle casualty station where officers awaiting further orders after recovering from service wounds reported for future assignments.

Like their civilian brothers, enlisted men and officers need legal advice, and Lowry authorities, aware of this, through the help of the members of the Colorado Bar Association's Committee on War Work, organized the first legal clinic for soldiers in the United States. The clinic, now known as the legal service department, furnished military personnel and their families with legal advice at no cost, and saw to it that only a moderate fee was charged when a civilian lawyer was needed.

The global war, meanwhile, brought other problems to training officers. One of these was the call for swarms of gliders to be used by the AAF in air assaults against the Axis strongholds. Toward this end, Lowry authorities recruited thousands of soldiers to be given glider training, and sent them to glider training centers throughout the nation. And for the enlisted men good preparation for this were the courses in motorless flying offered by the post troop school. The courses, planned and carried out with the cooperation of the University of Denver, resulted in several gliders being built and flown successfully, and the training given future combatants in this sort of warfare proved invaluable.

'Drives' Prove Successful

Not every activity at the field, however, was devoted to technical training. Soldier participation, for example, was

liberal in the different "drives" held at Lowry. The Red Cross blood bank, the Denver war chest fund and the scrap drive were greatly swelled as a result of liberal military contributions.

Other high-ranking personalities prominently connected with the war effort also visited the field. Some of these were Maj. Gen. Walter R. Weaver, the TTC commanding general; Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, ace of aces in World War No. 1, who recently was rescued at sea after being lost while making an inspection trip in the south Pacific for the War Department; Brig. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, deputy chief of the AAF; Lt. Com. Edward Steichen, nationally famous photographer now with the Navy; Col. Demas Crow, American observer with the RAF in the Middle East who was killed in November during the Allied "big push" in Africa, and Lt. Gen. George H. Brett, former commander of the air forces in the south Pacific and now assigned to similar duties in the Caribbean area.

List Distinguished Visitors

Other distinguished visitors were Col. H. W. Shelmore, of the AAF Headquarters staff in Washington, who visited Lowry after a tour of inspection of bases and operations in the Aleutian Islands; Capt. Maurice Evans, one of the foremost Shakespearean actors of all time, now with the air forces overseas; Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commanding general of the Second Army; Maj. Gen. Henry J. F. Miller, then commanding general of the Air Service Command and now heading the ASC in the European theater, and Brig. Gen. L. T. Miller, chief of the field services of the ASC.

And while these men were seeing the training phases given at Lowry, they were also reading of the work being done by Lowry-trained personnel on the far-flung battle fronts of the world. In this connection might be mentioned the names of Lt. Col. John O. Neal, once post operations officer at the field, and Maj. James Philpott, once field engineering officer, who led the longest mass flight in history from this country to a secret air base in Free China. The flight consisted of aircraft and men once stationed for training at Lowry.

Guiding its destinies, along with its commanding general, Brig. Gen. H. S. Burwell, who was promoted to this rank last September, Lowry now has in its chain of command officers picked for their comprehensive Army backgrounds. They include Col. Edward W. Raley, director of training; Capt. Edward J. Bishop, post adjutant; Col. Henry G. Woodward, executive for services; Col. Charles G. Pearcey, post executive and also head of S-3 (operations); Capt. Hugh M. Galbraith, head of S-1 (personnel); Capt. Charles L. Musgrave, chief of S-2 (military intelligence); and Lt. Col. Ira J. Wharton, controlling S-4 (supply). Supervising the field's two schools are Lt. Col. William F. Day Jr., director of the department of armament, and Col. Willard R. Shephard, director of the department of photography.

Others having key positions are Col. Paul W. Wolf, commanding officer of the sub-depot; Lt. Col. Jefferson M. Stewart, mess officer; Lt. Col. Frank D. Edington, post surgeon; Maj. Kenneth H. Malan, post-judge advocate; and Col. George M. Mayer, Quartermaster Corps.

Contributions Are Heavy

All through the year, the field has contributed greatly to the war, and that these contributions, even in these momentous and historical times, are not overlooked is seen by a letter written to Gen. Burwell last June by the commanding general of the air forces, Gen. Arnold.

The letter was with reference to aerial-naval engagements in the Pacific combat zones and especially applicable to the Battle of Midway. In it, Gen. Arnold lauded the Lowry command for expediting the movement of 32 planes of the heavy bombardment group from the continental United States.

"Your efforts," the letter concluded, "were of material assistance in winning the 'BATTLE OF HOURS' which this project represented. I appreciate the extraordinary efforts made by your command."

Coming from such an important source, that was high commendation indeed. It was symbolic of the other work accomplished at the field during the war year of 1942 and a prelude to the greater work Lowry Field will do in the war year of 1943.

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Headquarters Offices Move; Rooms Listed

Order emerged this week out of the chaos of moving most of the offices in Convention Hall from one part of the building to another during the last fortnight. The MP information desk in the inner lobby is still intact, but is daily flooded with a barrage of phone calls and questions asking the present location of each office.

To bring everybody up to date, here's where the offices are now:

First Floor

On the Georgia Avenue side of Convention Hall, off the main arena, the Naturalization Office has been combined with the Classification Office, which now handles all phases of classification.

On the Mississippi Avenue side of the building

104—Mineograph Office, Message Center, Central Files.
108—Troop Movements.
109—Payroll, Service Records, Purloughs and Discharges, Morning Reports, Billeting Office.
111—Processing for incoming and outgoing men.

113—Army Post Office.
116—Shipping and Receiving.
118—Rail Transportation.

Second Floor

Mississippi side, down the corridor

201—Commanding Officer and Executive Officer.
202—Signal Officer.
203—A—Supplies.
204—Adjutant.
205—Assistant Adjutant.
208—Officers Section.
209—Public Relations Office.
210—POE Officers Section.
212—Organ Maintenance.

Along the Georgia side corridor

249—Provost Marshal.
253—Ration Office.
255-256—S-4, Real Estate Officer, Post Property Officer, Leased Property Officer.
258—S-1.
259—S-3.
260-261—Physical Training Division of S-3.

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Amateur Show Set for Tuesday

Another big Post amateur show will be staged in the Ballroom of Convention Hall Tuesday night at 8 P.M., giving Atlantic City soldiers a chance to return and howl at a new crop of khaki-clad stage fledglings.

And you can rest assured that the fellows on the stage will be doing their best. Each of them is going to be in there pitching for first prize which will include a three-day pass, a trip to New York with all expenses paid, tickets to "Sons of Fun," plus a backstage visit with Olsen and Johnson, stars of the show, and dinner at the Hurricane Restaurant, where the winner will meet Duke Ellington, who heads the show at that Broadway night club.

In addition, there'll be prizes for the amateurs placing second and third in the show, which will be featured by the appearance of Pvt. John Valente of the Medics, who won the contest last month, and of Pvt. Leon Fields, popular former night club MC, who is performing similar chores at the Post.

While participation in the contest is open to enlisted men only, attendance is open to trainees, permanent party men, officers, their guests and civilians working on the Post.

Staging of the show and arrangements for the winner's trip are being handled by the Special Services Office.

Executive Officer



COL. LOUIS L. ROBERTS was last week appointed Executive Officer of the Post by Col. E. R. Householder, Commanding Officer. Col. Roberts was formerly commanding officer of the Basic Training Division here.

Post Steward Handles Food by the Carloads

Must See That Each Mess Hall Gets Adequate Provisions Daily

"How about having pork for dinner tonight? Say about 12,000 pounds. And, oh yes, about 20,000 pounds of potatoes to go with the meat."

There are only two places in the world today where such a conversation could occur. One is in an insane asylum—the other is in the office of the Post Steward on an Army post as huge as this Basic Training Center.

All of which may explain why T/Sgt. Wesley A. Mand, Post Steward, is known by his fellow soldiers as "the guy with just about the biggest ideas on the Post."

It's Sgt. Mand's job to have "big ideas." He it is who daily supervises the distribution of the enormous quantities of food to the various Post kitchens, and the preparation of the food from elementary stages until time of serving.

A Lot of Territory
And that covers a lot of territory—and a lot of food.

Take, for example, a group of 100 soldiers, each of whom gets an average of five and a half pounds of food daily at his mess hall here. Together, they will eat approximately 550 pounds.

But that's just a drop in a G.I. boiler, says Sgt. Mand, for the amount of food eaten by the thousands of men here reaches almost fabulous proportions.

It's got to—if American soldiers

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Mother's Day Service At Victory Center

Special Mother's Day services for servicemen and their friends will be held in the Atlantic City Victory Center, along the east deck of Steel Pier, tomorrow from 10 to 11 A.M.

The Rev. Percy B. Crawford, pastor of the Young People's Church of the Air, will speak and there will be mass singing of old hymns and a music program under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Crawford.

The Victory Center is open to Army, Coast Guard and Navy personnel each day from noon until 10 P.M. A game room is equipped with shuffleboards, dart games, ping-pong tables and a lounge room furnished with writing tables and stationery.

You Can't Use It, Pete; It Ain't GI.

The audience was breathless as the movie neared its gripping climax. Down the aisle and into a row with an empty seat, Sgt. Peter Maneri, of Hq. and Hq., eased his 220 pounds.

Suddenly a shrill feminine voice in the row ahead blared: "Clarence, he just stole my hat!" Clarence turned to do his lady justice, and there was our sergeant with the frilly creation stuck to his middle blouse button.

Gen. Jones Here On Routine Visit

Brig. Gen. Julius W. Jones, Commanding General of the First District, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, visited Basic Training Center, No. 7, Atlantic City, on what was described as routine administrative matters last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The following members of his staff accompanied him from his headquarters at Greensboro, N. C.: Lt. Col. Craven C. Rogers, plans and training; Maj. Hugo T. Odenthal, coordination and compliance; Capt. Elbert Severance, public relations and Lt. O. D. Simpson, aide.

The General visited the Post last on February 25th.

Promoted

Second Lieutenant John P. Sullivan, Jr., was promoted to first lieutenant this week, the Post officers' section announced.

Lieutenant Sullivan is assigned to group duty with the 711th.

THE COMING WEEK—

TONIGHT—USO dances, 8 P.M., at YMCA, on Pacific between S. Carolina and Tennessee Avenues; St. Nicholas Hall, corner Tennessee and Pacific Avenues, and USO No. 1, 119 States Avenue, with local and out-of-town hostesses, Bingo, 8 P.M., at USO No. 2, Boardwalk and Tennessee Avenue, with telephone call home as grand prize. Feature motion picture and short at USO No. 3, 2415 Boardwalk 7:30 P.M.

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Post Is Now Single Unit Under New Consolidation

New Executive Officer, Adjutant, S-1, S-3, and S-4 Heads Appointed

Reorganization and consolidation of the Post, under which the three former elements—the Basic Training Center, Basic Training Division, and Overseas Replacement Training Center—are combined into one unit, was announced this week by Col. E. R. Householder, Commanding Officer. The new unit is still known as AAFTTC Basic Training Center, No. 7.

Changes Made In ASTP Program

Several important changes in qualifications for and methods of admission to the recently established Army Specialized Training Program were announced this week by 1st Lt. Roger S. McCormick, recorder of the ASTP Examining Board.

A score of 115 or better on the Army General Classification Test, instead of the 110 originally specified, is now required in order to be eligible for specialized training. The OCT-3 test will no longer be given, and the results of those who have taken this test will be disregarded.

Under the new plan here, trainees know they are eligible for ASTP if they were given ASTP personal data forms when they are classified. Other enlisted men who failed the OCT-3 test, or who were classified before the program was started and have a GCT of 115, may request this form from their Group Aviation Cadet-OCS clerk. Each basic training and Headquarters group has a daily quota of two men to be interviewed by the ASTP Examining Board in the Arcade Building. A request for such an interview should be made to the group's Aviation Cadet-OCS clerk, and an appointment will be made.

The Specialized Training Program itself consists of a basic phase and an advanced phase. Men entering the basic course, which consists of three 12-week terms, will be admitted.

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Col. Householder

Your C.O. says...

ONE of our most familiar proverbs is: "The Lord helps those who help themselves."

We all recognize the truth of that time proven saying. In much the same spirit, I offer another proverb in relation to the life-or-death importance of the physical and military training you are receiving here.

"He who is unwilling to help himself is beyond help."

The ultimate purpose of all military training is the assurance of victory in the event of war. That is the broad outlook provided by our manuals. In our present situation, the purpose is to defeat Japan, Germany and Italy. Let us not overlook that definite purpose. It is not an easy task and the end is now not in sight.

But the problem can be and is much more personal than that. It is YOUR fight for survival as well as an organized fight against brutality, greed and the mad intolerance of our enemies. Victory can, and will, come with time. But will YOU be ALIVE to share in the sweetness of it?

Here in Atlantic City danger may seem remote; it may not act as a sharp enough spur to your zeal for learning the life-or-death lessons being taught here. But danger is just over the horizon you see every day. It has many problems for you which must be solved if your country and YOU are to go on living.

If you are unable or are too selfish to grasp the nobler objectives in our struggle, ask yourself this question when you are inclined to let down in your devotion to duty:

"Is this too great a price to pay for my life?"

Work hard here, learn well, so that you can outlast the most determined enemy and thus make your contribution to the general effort and your own future.

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WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR

Out of a clear sky Monday afternoon, we were detailed to give a talk before a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Richmond Avenue School that evening.

We came away from the auditorium with the thought that Parent-Teacher Associations represent, in a way, what we are fighting this war about.

In Nazi Germany there are no parent-teacher associations. The Reich claims children for the state almost as soon as they are old enough to walk. The "party" teaches them to think they are superior, to hate and despise "inferior" nations, to prepare for war and hardships, to dedicate their lives to der fuhrer.

Fathers and mothers in Germany don't get a chance to meet with instructors and discuss the welfare of their student sons or daughters, even if they want to. Parents in conquered countries don't have such opportunities either. Chances are, both they and their children are working in one of Hitler's war foundries in the evening, instead of studying ways and means of making life more worth living.

We're fighting this war to preserve the American way of life.

The American way includes a second cup of coffee for breakfast. It includes driving to the office, and a 40-hour week and 18 holes of golf on Saturday afternoon and worship in the church of our own selection on Sunday. It includes a free press and vacations with pay, and the right to elect our own representatives in government, and public school systems and Parent-Teacher Associations. It includes peace, liberty and freedom for every man in his personal pursuit of happiness.

Those are a few of the things we're fighting for. Let's not forget them as we train for battle. —ARH

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AT EASE



"I don't care if your name IS Vandertwip. You'll march to the drill field like everyone else."

Beachcombing

"Gee, they must expect the war's going to last a long time," said the jeep who read a bulletin board notice this week stating that men who wanted to learn jiu jitsu should enroll not later than 1945.

Members of the 3:30 PM Convention Hall calisthenics group, engrossed in a tight 4-3 softball game on the beach this week, forgot there was such a thing as high tide. The backstop swears he was ankle-deep in surf before he was rescued and the diamond shifted to drier terrain.

Pvt. F. Hoffe of the 712th is a one-time pal of Mickey Mouse. He got to know Mickey well during the time he worked at the Walt Disney studios in Burbank, Calif. Hoffe said goodbye to Mickey to take a job in a war plant, which he quit last September to enlist.

Pvt. Walter Coan of the 718th is telling about the jeep who wanted to find out if the polish on his shoes was inflammable. "He put a match to his still wet shoes," Coan claims, "and became the world's greatest authority on the hotfoot."

THE Top-Kicks

For almost six months, his flight missed winning the 701st's weekly merit award but once. That's one big reason why James M. Maloy later became top kick of the 701st.

Sgt. Maloy has been in the Army a little over a year, but he's been changing jobs about as quickly as he did before he lost his civilian status at Camp Robinson, Ark., last March.

He was a corporal when he arrived in Atlantic City in July from Jefferson Barracks with the old 26th, the squadron that opened up this Post. The next month he became a three-striper and has handled just about every squadron duty there is.

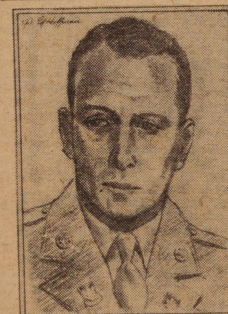
If you've ever met a fellow who went to military school, to college, played baseball until a beanball knocked him out, taught exhibition dancing, sold insurance and acted in two movies—well, then you know the sergeant.

He grew up in Rensselaer, N. Y., and coached baseball, basketball, and track at St. John's Academy. Sometime later, he followed his mother and brother, who is a priest, to Little Rock, Ark., where he became chief dancing instructor at one of the largest studios in the

Five English sailors, speaking pure cockney as they "did" the Boardwalk this week, confessed they liked Atlantic City and Boston. "Better than New York," one of them explained. "That's where you remain alive only by the courtesy of the bloomin' taxi drivers." Main problem of the tars is the well-meaning civilian who mistakes them for Fighting French sailors and greets them with, "Bonjour, messieurs. Vive la France."

"There are a couple of boys who seem to have two feet when it comes to drilling," observes Pvt. William Hornels of the 718th, "but at the dance at Convention Hall last Saturday night they brought down the house with their fancy jittering."

"G'wan an' G.I. that bathroom," one room leader told a trainee before an inspection last week. Into the bathroom went the jeep, loaded down with cleaning paraphernalia. Fifteen minutes slipped by. The room leader began to wonder how much longer it'd take. Finally, he opened the door—and found the jeep sprawled out in the bathtub, reading a pulp magazine.



southwest. There he met some show people who persuaded him to play character bit parts in the movies, "Jesse James" and "The Return of Frank James" which were filmed in the Ozarks.

About his present job he says, "It's the realization of my biggest dream and ambition," and he really means it. But he has one pet aversion—and that's the fellow who's always turning up at the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong answer.

Ask the soldier who was marked AWOL one day and explained he didn't know where he was, that he'd been some place in the hotel but got lost. He'll be able to tell you more about 1st Sgt. Maloy.

Old Doc Allergy's G.I. CLINIC

When they start rationing medical services, it will be a hap, hap, happy day indeed for Doc Addison Allergy's patients. They didn't squawk too much when he began patching up skull fractures with China cement. But now that he's begun giving them fire extinguisher fluid for heartburn, most of them would like to take their business elsewhere. The trouble is, all the other doctors have been drafted.

Dear Dr. Allergy: Our squadron had a little mascot in the form of a fox terrier, of which all of we boys was quite fond. The other day, however, this mascot jumped up on a desk and sank his fangs in our first sergeant's nose, playfully, and for this the captain had this mascot shot, saying he had rabies, which, however, few of us boys believe. Do you think this mascot was mad?—Dog Lover.

Dear Dog Lover: Yes. Come to think of it, I'll bet your top-kick was a little peeved, too.—A. A.

Dear Dr. A.: What good does these here calisthenics do?—L.

Dear L.: They toughens you up, bud, so if you get caught by a south sea cannibal, you won't be such good eatin'.—A. A.

Dear Dr. Allergy: Our corporal has been charging us trainees a dime apiece to attend his first aid and camp sanitation lecture, and some of us don't think that's quite right. What do you think?—Doubtful.

Dear Doubtful: I think your corporal is smart enough to be a sergeant. However, if you're dissatisfied, come around and see me. My lectures cost you only a nickel. (adv.)—A. A.

Dear Doctor: I came here last week from a North Dakota farm to take a job as a civilian employe on this post. Yesterday in the rest room I heard two stenogs talking about a "two-way stretch." I figured this must be some new type of setting-up exercise, but didn't get into the conversation because I wasn't sure, and didn't want to appear dumb in case it wasn't. Will you please give me a clear definition of a two-way stretch?—Jane.

Dear Jane: A two-way stretch is what a soldier serves in the guardhouse when a court martial finds him guilty of AWOL and drunkenness at the same time.—A. A.

Dear Dr. Allergy: Would it actually have been possible for Rip Van Winkle to sleep for 20 years?—Capt. B.

Dear Capt. B.: Sure. Have your bugler quit blowing reveille and see what happens right in your own outfit.—A. A.

Dear Doc: I'm worried about Pvt. Coker Jones, who moved into my room the other day. I think he's a psycho. He has a stuffed eagle, and every morning when he gets up he grabs it by the neck and heaves it against the wall. What's his trouble?—M/Sgt. M.

Dear Sarge: Don't worry. He's just hoping to find some way to make the eagle scream before the end of the month.—A. A.

Dear Dr. A.: I am very near-sighted. In case of an air raid at night, should I take time to put on my contact lens glasses?—Pvt. E.

Dear Pvt. E.: What do you think air-raiders drop—bathing beauties?—A. A.

Scouting the News Front

A Digest of the Week's Current Events

YANKS IN AFRICA drove nearer Tébouba, captured Mateur, saw the Germans withdrawing from Bizerte area for a final stand on Cape Bon Peninsula. British troops repelled a counter-attack northeast of Medjez-el-Bab, and the French progressed up Djebel Zaghouan. General Giraud abolished political internment camps in French North Africa.

In the Far East, Yank subs sank six Jap ships; Chinese guerrillas battled 60,000 Japs on the Honan-Shansi border, and the U. S. revealed the bloodless occupation of the Russell Islands.

IN THE AIR, the RAF dropped 1500 tons of bombs on Dortmund; U. S. bombers attacked Antwerp and St. Nazaire, hit French-Indo China and Hainan Island in their first raids from China bases, and raided Kiska 13 times in one day. Capt. Wolfgang Tonne, Nazi credited with 100 aerial victories, was killed in Tunisia. Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commanding U. S. Forces in the European Theater, died in an airplane accident over Iceland, was succeeded by Lt. Gen. Jacob J. Devers.

Europe's underground held as protective hostage the 'teen-age daughter of Seyss-Inquart, Netherlands' German overlord; slew Axis Stogie Colonel Pantoff in Sofia, began heavy rioting there; stabbed to death two informers in Oslo; reported 424 Germans killed in East Poland; bombed a train carrying Pierre Laval and Vichy Finance Minister Pierre Cathala, severely injuring Cathala; freed French laborers from a Yugoslavia concentration camp; grinned as the severest earthquake in 40 years shook Germany; laughed when Hitler's aides announced Viktor Lutze, chief of staff of German Storm Troops, had been seriously injured in "an automobile accident."

ON THE LABOR FRONT, 500,000 American coal miners struck, compelled President Roosevelt to take control of the mines. Solid Fuels Administrator Ickes ordered all mines on a six-day week. The Senate passed, sent to the House, the Connally anti-strike bill.

HERE AT HOME, General Penaranda, Bolivia's president, visited FDR at the White House; the House passed the Forand bill, which would cancel \$7,600,000,000 of 1942 income tax liability and place 90 percent of the taxpayers on a current payment basis.

709th Leads In Inspection Ratings Again

With an administration mark of 93.135 and a training percentage of 93.038, Capt. Charles B. Vaughan's 709th received a total average score of 93.0768 in the April inspection ratings, to lead all BTD training groups for the second month in a row.

While the 709th became the April banner group, the 702nd led the BTD in administration, with a percentage of 93.941.

In the ORTC, the 715th led the way in both administration, with an average of 95.838, and in training, with an average of 96.021, to score a total average grade of 95.9478.

Second place in the BTD was awarded to the 719th, which had 93.511 in administration and 90.507 in training for a total average grade of 91.7086. In third spot was the 702nd, with 93.941 in administration and 89.863 in training for a total average score of 91.4942. Fourth place went to the 708th, for its 92.984 in administration and 89.294 in training, which averaged 90.7700.

The second best group in the ORTC was the 712th, which had 89.523 in administration and 95.185 in training for a total average of 92.9202. Close behind in third place came the 711th, with 90.320 in administration and 93.886 in training for a total average of 92.4596. The 709th was fourth and the 716th fifth.

In fifth place in the BTD came the 713th, with the 718th next, then the 706th.

The 709th, by virtue of standing at the head of the inspection rating list for both March and April, has led the BTD for three months out of seven.

Trio of Ex-Maryland Guards Reunited Here

Three former members of Company C, 1st Bn., Maryland Guard, Salisbury, Md., are now officers in the Army of the United States, and all three are now on duty at this post.

Capt. Alfred T. Truitt recently arrived here to become Public Relations Officer. Capt. G. Fred Wagner is with the 710th and 1st Lt. Howard Ward is on duty at the Finance Office.

Less than 13 months ago, Capt. Truitt commanded the Maryland Guard unit, with Capt. Wagner second in command and Lt. Ward as a non-com.

This is the first time the three officers have been on duty at the same post since entering the service last May.

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Band To Play 'Merry Wives' Overture

The Atlantic City Air Forces symphonic band will present a program of popular selections of classical music as its weekly concert tomorrow afternoon at 3 P.M. in Convention Hall ballroom.

The band, under the direction of W.O. Robert L. Landers, will open the program with the march, "Faith of the Army Air Force." This will be followed by the overture to "Merry Wives of Windsor."

"Country Wedding Symphony" will be presented, after which the band will play the fantasy, "Over There," a special arrangement by Ferde Grofe of favorite World War I melodies.

"Dance of the Tumblers" from "Snegoroutchka," by Rimsky-Korsakoff, will conclude the first set of numbers.

The second group of selections will open with "Great Gate of Kiev," from "Pictures at an Exhibition," by Moussorgsky. Mr. Landers will then conduct "Song of India," by Rimsky-Korsakoff. "Ode to Rhythm," by Harold L. Walters, will be followed by the "Bag-Pipe Player," by Jaromir Weinberger.

In conclusion, Mr. Landers will conduct the "Star Spangled Banner." The program will last from 3 to 4 P. M.

Leggings Out

Trainees no longer have to fumble with sleep-numbered fingerings lacing on their leggings every morning after the shrill shriek of the reveille whistle has startled them from slumber. The wearing of leggings was discontinued on the post this week, except by men armed with the rifle.

The practice of wearing the garrison cap with the fatigue uniform was also halted. From now on, the field hat will habitually be worn with the fatigue uniform.

Classes Changed To Lecture Hall

Special classes in navigation and meteorology which opened last Tuesday will be held hereafter in the Lecture Hall behind the main stage, Convention Hall, 2nd Lt. Jules M. Graubard, assistant special services officer in charge of education, announces.

Navigation classes will start each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. and will be followed by classes in meteorology at 8 p.m. More than 100 attended the first class.

"You should never be afraid to ask for anything in the Army, but you must be satisfied with the answer," says Lt. John R. M. Nelson, Chaplain, Ft. Logan, Colo.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8 and 11 A. M.

He 'Brought Home Bacon' For Commander-in-Chief

Meet the soldier who on many occasions has "brought home the bacon" for the National Commander-in-Chief.

He's Pfc. Howard Lasher of HQ and HQ Squadron who as a civilian made numerous trips to President Roosevelt's family home in Hyde Park, N. Y., making meat deliveries.

Lasher, now with Shipping and Receiving, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lasher of Hyde Park who operate the village meat shop which is the source of many of the President's cuts and delicacies.

President Visited Store

Although he has never served the President personally, Lasher recalled that Mr. Roosevelt had on several occasions stepped into the store to assist in the selection of roasts and to pass the time of day with his parents. Mrs. Roosevelt, ardent shopper that she is, also has made many stops at the store. Indeed, on one occasion, she lost her way along one of the backwoods roads, and it was Lasher, out on a round of deliveries, who was able to help. Knowing the countryside like the palm of his hand, he soon had set the First Lady on the right road.

One of the most memorable occasions

was the Roosevelt summer home, Lasher recalls, was the visit in 1939 of the King and Queen of England. He managed a front row view of the sovereigns as they arrived.

"Crashed" Royal Party

Hundreds of soldiers and Secret Service men have been stationed around the grounds to keep at a distance the thousands of curious people from miles around who had thronged to see the Royal couple. You couldn't have crashed that party with a General Grant tank. But Pfc. Lasher did. He, don't forget, was a mighty important person at the time. He had to get up to the house. If he didn't, the President and King and Queen wouldn't eat.

Knowing this, he had timed things just right—just at the moment that the flag-bedecked motorcade swung into the drive. Lasher showed his passes at the gate, nodded to the local officers on duty and joined the parade, nobly bringing up the rear of the Royal procession with his half-ton truck. It was a triumphant procession.

Lasher got to see the King and Queen and they, in turn, got to sample Mr. Lasher's prime beef.

NBC Show Due Next Sunday

A two-hour variety show featuring big-time singers, dancers, comedians and musicians will be presented for the entertainment of servicemen in Atlantic City, Sunday, May 16, when the WJZ Victory Troop of New York returns here to present its 100th performance before men of all the services.

The WJZ Troop was the first such group to tour Army posts and camps and appeared here last November 14. Its director is Joseph M. Seifert and all performances are under the direct supervision of John McNeil, manager of Station WJZ. Return of the troop was arranged by the Special Services Office.

A 75-piece symphony concert orchestra will accompany the show. These musicians from top-flight orchestras in peace-time are now employed by the ARMA Corporation, an industrial war plant in Brooklyn, and will come to Atlantic City on their off day to entertain the Post personnel. Included among the 75 pieces are a 20-piece swing band and a five-piece jive unit.

Johnson's Son

Pvt. Merle E. Johnson of the 706th and Mrs. Johnson announce the arrival of a seven and a half pound son, Allen E., born April 1. Johnson took his processing here, then attended an Army clerical school in Oklahoma, and returned recently to this post for duty.



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First Sgt. Samuel Krus of the Medics leads one of the majors about on a leash. Major is Sgt. Krus's black and white pup, unofficial mascot of the boys in the detachment.

This major, true to Army custom, sports a familiar dog tag around his

neck. But no blood type or serial number appear on it. Instead, the legend reads, "Major, property of 1st Sgt. Samuel Krus," and the address follows.

The other Medic major who doesn't rate salutes is Cornel E. Major whose first name has made many soldiers wonder if the Army has created a new rank, that of Colonel Major. This Major is a private.

That sergeant? He's Roy L. Sergeant, and he's a real three striper.

Can Voice 'Beefs' Next Wednesday

Officers, nurses, enlisted men and civilian employees of the post will be able to make complaints to the Inspector General beginning at 7 P.M. next Wednesday, May 12th.

Complaints will be received from enlisted men at two places: In Studio A, third floor, Convention Hall, near the Boardwalk corner of Georgia Avenue; and in Room 4, second floor, Boardwalk National Arcade Building, Tennessee Avenue and the Boardwalk. Soldiers do not need the permission of their Commanding Officer or First Sergeant to attend.

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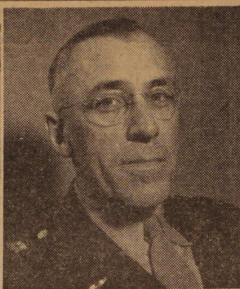
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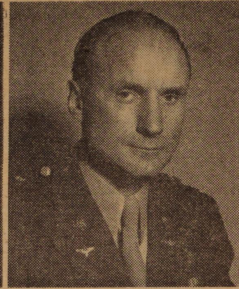
Lt. Col. Frederick Kendall



Maj. Lambert L. Hanson



Lt. Col. A. J. Mason



Maj. Livingston L. Biddle, II



Maj. Atherton Thomas

Post Becomes Single Unit Under Reorganization

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a National Guard unit, and served as its executive until 1939. When the Ohio River flooded in 1937 and martial law was declared, Col. Roberts was placed in command of southwestern Indiana. Under his direction, more than 50,000 inhabitants whose homes had been inundated were safely evacuated.

In 1941 Col. Roberts and his regiment were inducted into Federal service and sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. He was then its commanding officer. His next assignment was that of organizing and commanding the First Specialist Training Battalion for training illiterates and sub-standard soldiers of the Third Army. In this capacity he was stationed at Camp Shelby until the time he was transferred to the Air Corps and sent to Atlantic City. His first appointment here was that of executive officer. When the Basic Training Division was activated, he was made its commanding officer.

Born in Carlisle, Ind., in 1891, Col. Roberts attended Culver Military Academy and was graduated from Wabash College in 1912. He received his master's degree at Catholic University and was named to that school's faculty just before the last war began. He has also held the office of vice-president of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers and president of the Evansville Bar Association.

MAJ. THOMAS

Maj. Atherton Thomas, who graduated from Exeter in 1919, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1923, won his reserve commission in the Coast Artillery a year later.

While working as an engineering economist for the Consolidated Edison Company in New York, he remained in the reserve, becoming a first lieutenant in 1927, a captain in 1932 and a major in 1941.

He entered active service last July here as assistant post quartermaster. Next he was made coordinating officer of troop movements, adjutant of BTC, and more recently adjutant of BTC.

Now, as S-1, all Post personnel

work is under his control; offices like shipping and receiving, statistics and utilization, and classification.

MAJ. HANSON

Maj. Hanson became S-2—post military intelligence officer—last October. He enlisted as a private in the last war, advancing through all grades to that of a second lieutenant. He served with the 109th Infantry and saw action in five major engagements.

For a wound received while taking reinforcements to a beleaguered group of American soldiers near Apremont, France, he was decorated with the Purple Heart.

A member of the New York City Police Department for 29 years, Maj. Hanson won the Department's Medal for Heroism when, in 1925, he rescued three men from a collapsed building filled with gas. He re-entered active duty last July as assistant S-2 here. His son, Harvey, 20, is a seaman first class in the U. S. Navy.

LT. COL. MASON

The officer who supervises all post training programs now is Lt. Col. A. J. Mason, S-3, one of the youngest lieutenant colonels here. All trainees are in his charge from the time they arrive until they have completed their training schedules. Physical training, athletics, rifle range and obstacle course procedures also stem from his desk.

Col. Mason began his military career in 1926 with a period of CMTC training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Commissioned a second lieutenant in 1932, he was promoted to first lieutenant in 1933, captain in 1939, and major in February, 1942. Last December he was made a lieutenant colonel.

He entered active service at "J. B." as a squadron commander when that post was the only basic training center in the AAF. When Keesler Field was opened in 1941, he was transferred there and soon became a wing commander, then Assistant S-3. He held the position

Post Being Inspected By Col. L. M. Johnson

Lt. Col. L. M. Johnson and seven aides arrived on the post last Sunday to look over TTC activities in Atlantic City for the Inspector General's Office.

Col. Johnson, who came from Headquarters, 1st District AAFITC, Greensboro, N. C., with Maj. Eldon Breedon, Maj. William A. Cornish, Capt. Byron L. Fowler, 1st Lt. Lawrence T. Tegler, 2nd Lt. Lane M. Smith, WO (jr) John S. Bridgewater and T-Sgt. Walter Kuper-Smith, will be here for a short time and will leave when his tour of inspection has been completed.

of S-3 at BTC No. 6, St. Petersburg, Fla., before coming here.

MAJ. BIDDLE

Maj. Biddle, as S-4, must coordinate all the functions of supply on the Post. These include providing material for maintenance and construction of post buildings; housing, clothing, rationing, and transportation of troops; and leasing of property.

Though born in Philadelphia, he has lived mostly in Pinehurst, N. C., where he was engaged in the real estate business. For eight years he was manager and commissioner of the town of Knollwood, now TTC headquarters.

While serving with the Marines in World War I, he lost his left eye. Last October he was granted a commission with a group of 1300 officers picked for Army service because of their particular business experience and background. Maj. Biddle was sent to Knollwood Field as assistant G-4.

He was sent to Officers' Training School at Miami Beach, then here, arriving in February. First he was placed in charge of the temporary aviation cadet induction center, then made commanding officer of the 701st.

LT. COL. KENDALL

The post's new adjutant, Col. Kendall, appointed this week, comes to Atlantic City after 11 months at Knollwood Field and Greensboro, N. C., where he was commanding officer of Basic Training Center No. 10.

During World War I, he enlisted in the First New York Cavalry, serving on the Mexican border in 1916-17 until he was commissioned in the 14th Cavalry in August, 1917. He resigned as a captain in 1920.

Col. Kendall served six years in the 106th Field Artillery, New York National Guard, and was executive officer of the 74th Regiment, New York National Guard, with the rank of lieutenant colonel from September, 1940, until May 9, 1942, when he was commissioned in the Air Forces.

His civilian occupation was national advertising and sales promotion in Buffalo, N. Y., his home. Col. Kendall is married, the father of a daughter and a son, who, at 17, is a boatswain in the Navy's amphibious command.

As post adjutant, he is a sort of an executive secretary, handling incoming and outgoing mail, authenticating all official correspondence and authorizing the distribution of written orders.

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Foil Akin to Bayonet Says Champion Fencer

There's an Army tradition that paths cross and recross when you're in uniform, but it's not every day that it's possible to decide a fencing championship as the result of a reunion.

In Algiers two weeks ago, 2nd Lt. Dean Cetrulo who was once stationed here in Atlantic City ran across his brother Guido, a field director for the Red Cross. During their celebration, they met the fencing champion of the French Army, and on the spot, they arranged for a match to pick the best fencer in North Africa.

First Lt. Gerald I. Cetrulo of the Medical Corps here in Atlantic City is betting that one of his brothers will win.

Father a Champion, Too

"Fencing is a tradition in our family," he declared. "We were taught by our father who was National Professional Champion from 1905 to 1923, and his father taught him. That's how it has been for five generations."

Incidentally, the first born son of the Cetrulo family is always named Gerald, which means "to wield a sword."

And you're right "on the beam" if you're thinking Lt. Gerald knows how to handle a foil. He was fencing captain at Dartmouth, National Junior Foil and Sabre champion, a member of the 1932 Olympic team, and national intercollegiate champion. Being fencing king of the intercollegiate runs in the family, for all five Cetrulo brothers have won that laurel.

Brothers in Air Forces

Dean and Guido who are after that North African fencing crown were captains at Seton Hall and Alabama, while the other brothers, Don and Gustave, captained the Rollins and Newark State Teachers' fencing teams.

Don, a former trainee in Atlantic City, is now in OCS at Miami, and Gus is a sergeant at the Columbus Flying School in Mississippi.

So, with a war to be fought and won, fencing has taken second place with the Cetrulos. But before they began serving their country, they found time to do plenty of coach-

ing, and the men they taught are now teaching others the Cetrulo fencing technique, which is recognized internationally, and in almost every state.

Akin to Bayonet Work

Fencing is closely akin to bayonet work, in which all the Cetrulos are also skilled.

It goes back thousands of years to the days when life or death depended on the sword. It's a game of personal combat requiring the use of mind and body in precise strategic movements.

"The marines have adopted fencing as one of their combative sports," Lt. Gerald declares, "because of the finesse and quickness it teaches a man. In fencing there are many offensive and defensive maneuvers directly applicable to warfare, especially hand-to-hand combat—whether in the Pacific against the Japs, or in North Africa against the Germans and Italians."

Just Combed Hair, So Leaves His Hat Off

Cpl. Edward Goldberg, MP, was standing on duty in the inner lobby of Convention Hall, when a meek little jeep walked in with his hat off (very much against the rules since the Army says the lobby and the corridors of Convention Hall are considered out-of-doors).

"Leave your hat on, soldier," Cpl. Goldberg bellowed.

"But corporal," said the wistful jeep, "please, couldn't I leave it off. I just combed my hair."

Unhappy Day

The Berlin Radio was broadcasting a birthday tribute to Hitler when a ghost voice broke into the air waves, shouting: "The entire German nation curses the hour that man was born."

How the "Underground" operates inside Germany

• A daring anti-Nazi group is risking death to smuggle war secrets across the border. Two who escaped explain why their conspirators never write down addresses or burn incriminating reports in fireplaces; and the part microphotography, memory and iron self-control play in their grim activities under Gestapo noses. A vivid report in this month's Digest—"Dead Men on Leave."

• Warning to Parents of Teen-Age Daughters. A shocking account of the wartime rise in venereal disease and delinquency among girls whose parents are too busy or indifferent to keep them out of trouble. What every individual—and every town—can do to stem this threat to America's moral and physical health. Read "Trouble on the Street Corners."

• Battle Story of "Flying Forts"... 38-page condensation from "Queens Die Proudly" "Part II. Also 'A Midget at Bat' by James Thurber, and 'Secret Mission to North Africa' in this issue... with 24 other articles of lasting interest, condensed for quick, enjoyable reading.

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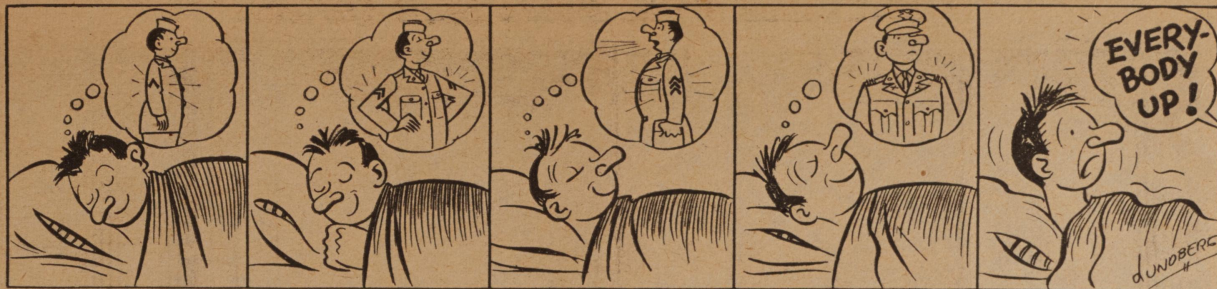
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Maybe you realized that aviation was the coming thing, and that after this mess is over you'd have training that would help you in civil life. But for some reason, perhaps lack of college credits or some inability to master the fine points of flying technique, you found you could not qualify.

Not Too Painful

That would be a rather painful thing to discover, wouldn't it, especially if your very soul was yearning to take wing?

Still, after you'd become resigned to it, you'd undoubtedly shrug it off with some such phrase as: "Oh well, maybe I wouldn't make a good pilot. What's a pilot, anyway, but a sort of glorified chauffeur? Heck, I'll be a gunner!"

That's it! A gunner! Gunners fly, too. They dodge in and out among the crew, don't they? Sure they do. And what's more, they get plenty of adventure, plenty of chances to knock off a Zero coming in to disrupt an Allied bombing mission.

And pilots aren't the only ones who get medals, either. Gunners get citations, flying pay, wings to wear on their blouses, and all that sort of thing. And excitement?

Ever Hear of Pat Norton?

Ever hear of Sgt. Pat Norton? Just 20 years old he was, when he was graduated from Scott Field, parent radio school of the AAF Technical Training Command. He went on to flexible gunnery school, then was assigned to a Flying Fortress in the Australian theater. Had an eye like an eagle, that boy. When he dropped his earphones, and trained his gun on a Jap plane, things began to happen in no uncertain manner.

Take the time he got his first Zero. First? Yeah, he's knocked off six, according to last reports. Well, he was cruising along over the Solomons in his B-17 when a flock of Japs decided to try taking the Flying Fortress apart. One of them came right toward Sgt. Norton's position in the waist.

As cool as if he were a seasoned veteran, Norton drew a bead on the flashing Jap and let him have a couple of bursts. That was all that was necessary. The Zero came apart like an old shanty in a cyclone, scattering pieces all over the sky.

Sixth Zero Causes Tragedy

He got four more within the next few weeks, but the sixth was something to mourn about. You see, Norton's ship was up in front, and along came a Zero from below, arching up and over to dive on a B-17 in the rear of the flight. But the Jap never got his guns to work-

ing, however, for Norton sprayed him with enough slugs to take him into the next world. The Zero, though, with a dead pilot's hand on the stick, plunged down out of control and onto the last Flying Fortress, sending both crashing into the sea. It was the only plane lost on the entire mission.

A good gunner, that Norton, and nervy, too. Maybe you heard what he got that citation for? Well, his squadron was coming back from a mission where they'd plastered a few Jap ships, but Norton's B-17 still had a few bombs left. They got near the field, only to discover the bomb-bay doors wouldn't close. They were stuck fast.

What to do? The plane couldn't land safely that way. So Norton volunteered to hang head down in the open bomb-bay to work the doors loose enough to enable the bombardier to close them. Deserving of a medal, that job was.

Yeah, brother, there's lots to being a good aerial gunner. Think you can make the grade?

Former Sailor

Former member of the Naval Reserve now in the AAF here is Sgt. Marvin E. Seim of the 706th, Seim, who was discharged from the Naval service after injuries suffered in an automobile accident, entered the service last year ago. He's a graduate of Yankton College, Yankton, S. D.

Soldier-Sailor

A good soldier is Col. L. L. Sailor, commanding officer of the Bergstrom Army Air Field, Austin, Tex.

Goodbye--Hello!

"Give us your address as soon as you're located," three Sioux City, Ia., men told a fellow employee when he was drafted. But the army saved the draftee, Pvt. Kit Witted, of the 701st, the trouble.

Within three weeks, it drafted the three other workers and also sent them to Atlantic City. Two, Pvts. Sheldon Singer and Alex Stoddard, are also now in the 701st; the other, Pvt. Wesley Pedersen, is a member of the 704th.

Arnold Praises Troop Carriers

Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, congratulated officers and men of the Troop Carrier Command last week upon its first anniversary. He declared:

"... During the last few months I have been to every front on which our planes are flying—from New Guinea back around the world again to China. And on every front, at the most advanced bases, I have seen the ships of the Troop Carrier Command.

"What a record they have piled up! I remember so well those first hurried weeks in North Africa, when they flew day and night without rest to fields within sight of the enemy, armed with nothing more deadly than a crate of tangerines.

"It seems incredible that such a far-flung, efficient organization could come into being in one short priority-ridden year. But that has been the necessary history of the Army Air Forces..."

Dedication of Two USO Units Tomorrow

The two USO Centers on the Boardwalk which have been open for several weeks will be officially dedicated tomorrow. Ceremonies in the Center at 2415 Boardwalk will begin at 3 P.M., while the dedication of the Center in the Arcade Building on the Boardwalk at Tennessee Avenue will start in the evening at 8 P.M.

Col. Louis L. Roberts, Executive Officer of BTC No. 7, Lt. Commander W. J. Junkerman, U. S. Navy and Commander Donald Jacobs, U. S. Coast Guard will take part in both ceremonies, officially thanking the USO for the new Centers on behalf of the services.

Presentation of the key to each Center will be made by John J. Woulfe, chairman of the Atlantic County USO Council. In the afternoon dedication, the key will be accepted by Pvt. John Chingkonish for all servicemen. Another serviceman will receive the key in the Arcade Building program.

The exercises at the two USO units will be nearly identical, but in some instances, the personalities taking part will be different.

The chairman of the day at the earlier dedication will be Alvin Hunsicker, president of the Atlantic City Hotelmen's Association, while at the evening ceremony, the chairman will be Major William F. Casey, Commissioner of Public Works of Atlantic City.

At the first program there will be music by the Atlantic City High School Girls' Trio; at the second, the Saxophone Ensemble of the Diocesan Catholic High School of Philadelphia will play.

Introduced at 2415 Boardwalk will be unit director H. Darnell Britton, associate director Major Maude L.

Hazlewood and assistant director Robert L. Williams.

At the Arcade Building, director Frank J. Gilligan, associate director Katherine D. Mohler and assistant director Kathleen E. Downey will be introduced.

Church Service Center Reopened

The Christ Church Service Center reopened last night, with a special program of entertainment. Clara I. Miller, entertainment chairman, announces that each Friday from now on will be a "Party Night," with a number of young ladies present as hostesses and refreshments served.

A new feature of the Center is a French class, open to all servicemen. Rev. J. D. Townsend of Christ Church will teach the class, which will begin at a date to be announced.

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Lt. Frank F. Woolley, Jr.



Capt. William P. Tate

Meet Your Wing Officers--- Sketches of 72nd's Leaders

Note: In an effort to acquaint trainees here with their group and wing commanding officers, the Beam will each week publish short biographical sketches of these men. This week the top-ranking officers of the 72nd Training Wing take the spotlight.

The 72nd Training Wing, under the command of Lt. Col. Hart G. Foster, contains, under the recent consolidation of the Post, four training groups.

Capt. John F. Otis commands the 701st; Capt. Joel C. Earnest, the 704th; Capt. William P. Tate, the 707th; and 1st Lt. Frank F. Woolley, Jr., the 718th.

LT. COL. FOSTER

Col. Foster's career as an officer began in 1917 when he attended the first Officers' Training Camp at Fort Meyer, Va., where he received a commission as a second lieutenant. He went overseas with the 313th Field Artillery, 80th Division, then returned to command a field artillery regiment in the 10th Division.

In 1919 he accepted a captain's commission in the Reserve Corps. He took a battery officers' training course at Fort Sill, Okla., in 1925 and in 1927 was put on the War Department General Staff.

He entered active duty in February, 1941, at Fort Bragg, N. C., with the 1st Cavalry Division. He was transferred to the Air Corps last year. He served on the General Staff at Knollwood Field, TTC headquarters, before coming to Atlantic City in February to take command of the 72nd Training Wing.

He attended Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale and later became a public buildings housing consultant in Washington, D. C.

CAPT. OTIS

This is the second war for Capt. Otis, also. Last time, however, he served for three months as a volunteer in the American Field Service (Mallet Reserve), a part of the French Army. Then he served another three months in the French Caneen Service, and topped it off with 13 months in the British Royal Flying Corps, later the Royal Air Force.

As a combat pilot he shot down three German planes and 17 balloons. His tour of duty in this war began in May, 1942, at Wright Field in the production and resources section of the Materiel Command. He came to Atlantic City in March and on April 20 was made CO of the 701st.

He entered the service from Washington Court House, Ohio, but is equally at home in New York, or Boston, where he was born. He was the executive vice president of the New York Credit Men's Association for 12 years, is married and the father of two daughters and a son.

CAPT. EARNEST

Capt. Earnest arrived in Atlantic City the first of July to take command of the 704th. This group contains the Special Training Unit where soldiers with limited backgrounds are prepared for military duty.

After graduating from Lafayette College and Dickinson Law School, he set up a private practice of law in Harrisburg, Pa., and later, in New York City. From 1935 until 1939 he was the executive director of the Emergency Relief Bureau of New York. Prior to entering the Army, he was the state commissioner of Health and Welfare in Maine.

Capt. Earnest was born in Hummelstown, Pa., is married and has one son. Granted a commission direct from civil life, he was immediately sent to Officers' Training School, Miami Beach, Fla. He enjoys being outdoors, especially when he can hunt, fish, or ride horseback.

CAPT. TATE

Capt. Tate also was commissioned directly from civilian life a year ago, leaving his position as manager of the ordinary life department, Kentucky Central Life Insurance

Finally Gets There

Cpl. Ken Landis, who toils in the 711th file department is a native of Pennsylvania and has been on this post since last summer yet had never been to the Big City. He finally got there last week. It took a request from authorities there for a guard to come after a prisoner, however, to turn the trick.

Company to become CO of the 611th at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. He came to Atlantic City with that unit, now designated the 707th.

Formerly president of the Independence Insurance Company, Louisville, Ky., which he still calls home, he was also one time actuary in the Kentucky State Insurance Department.

He was born in Stanford, Ky., is married and the father of two sons. He attended the University of Kentucky and held the rank of cadet lieutenant in the ROTC there. His favorite pastimes are hunting, fishing and swimming, and apparently traveling, for he has visited 42 of the 48 states.

LT. WOOLLEY

Lt. Woolley came to Atlantic City as plans and training officer of the 566th from Lowry Field where he had been assigned to a training film preparation unit. He was commissioned May 15, 1942.

In August he went to the 718th as supply and plans and training officer, and was made its CO in February of this year. He was promoted to first lieutenant in November, 1942.

Lt. Woolley lives in Cumberland Center, Me., and is married. He attended Cornell University where he took ROTC, has two years of service in the Naval Reserve, and served a year as a platoon sergeant in the Maine State Guard.

He was district sales agent for the Standard Duplicating Machine Corporation and is experienced in the photo-lithographic field. Cameras are his hobby.

708th Gets New Squadron Library

A bit of ingenious carpentry, the utilization of some available space, and the necessary "finishing touches" have resulted in a new and attractive library for the 708th. The library is an example of what can be accomplished economically by careful planning. Now that facilities are available, the squadron will be able to expand it considerably.

Those who are not interested in reading novels or history may pick up periodicals or newspapers that have been contributed. Interest in current topics is increased by special service news bulletins and war maps which are displayed in one corner. The easy chairs and reading lamps are a genuine inducement to reading.

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Tells of Work on New Alcan Highway

One of the men who helped build the Alcan Highway, vital defense link recently completed between the United States and our Alaskan outposts, is now a trainee in the 717th. He is Pvt. George M. (Buzzy) Kountz, who also helped construct the famous Pan-American highway near Panama.

Discussing his work on the Alcan route, Pvt. Kountz said: "The Alaska Road is a tremendous undertaking that is beyond the scope of imagination. Every one of us knew its importance and we knew it must be completed in record-breaking time to aid in supplying vital materials necessary in driving the Japs from the Aleutians."

And it is because of the Alcan Highway that Pvt. Kountz is in the Air Forces now. His nearness to the war there prompted him to leave his job and ask that his deferment be cancelled and he be inducted so that he might play an even more important part in the war effort.

Wants To Travel It Again

Kountz' main ambition now is to travel back over the Alcan Highway—as a soldier on his way to help drive the Japs out of the Aleutians. And while there, he hopes to see a brother, who is on duty in Alaska. Another brother is with a

Pvt. Kountz declares he is one of the few who have traveled the Alcan Highway its entire length, from Dawson Creek, B. C., to Fairbanks, Alaska. And he's the first to have hitch-hiked over the route, which he did, he reports, while on a three-week leave.

He arrived at his destination in the Yukon three days before Christmas, 1942. The temperature was 72 degrees below. He'd slept in a sleeping bag during the trip.

Attacked by Wolves

One night, he says, he was attacked by a pack of wolves, said by a Canadian mountie he met the next morning to have numbered more than 50. He saved himself by keeping great fires burning on both sides of him the entire night.

And one morning he woke to find grizzly bears had stolen his food stores during the night. Bear tracks showed the animals had stood over him as he lay in his sleeping bag, sniffing him over from head to foot, says Kountz.

Road-building has occupied only a small portion of Pvt. Kountz' career, however. While at Carnegie Tech in 1926, he was All-American Inter-Scholastic Swimming Champion. He won the breast stroke championship when he swam the 100 yards in 11 seconds, and also won the A. A. U. awards in the medley relay.

Led His Own Orchestra
Later, he organized and led his own orchestra, heard commercially

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Somehow, between all that activity, he hitch-hiked through Europe and visited 24 countries and territories.

But it's his work on the Alcan Highway that's most interesting to him.

The Week's Merit Table

Although the 717th continued to lead the merit table compiled by the Physical Training Office for last week, the 710th staged a substantial gain.

The 710th boosted its rating to 87 points. The 717th still leads with

Here are the latest standings of the first ten groups:

717th ... 144 1/2	716th ... 54 1/2
710th ... 87	701st ... 44 1/2
715th ... 70	708th ... 40
711th ... 59	719th ... 31
718th ... 59	712th ... 29

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Manuscripts and cartoons should be sent to Room 2030, Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Building, 123 South Broad Street, Philadelphia.

Stories will be judged by Clifton Fadiman, New Yorker book critic; Maj. Hartzell Spence, Yank editor, and Lt. Max Miller, USNR.

Cartoon judges will be Jerry Doyle of the Philadelphia Record, and Capt. W. Victory Gunniss, USMC.

Deadline for the contest is September 1.

From Radio Station To Classification

Pvt. Don Campbell, of S-2, who spent his civilian days interviewing personalities over the air, now is interviewing soldiers in Atlantic City as part of the big job of making certain that each new recruit fits into the AAFTC where he is most apt to do his best job.

Pvt. Campbell joined the Army from Cleveland, O., where he was a crack sports announcer for Station WHK. While at the University of Alabama he played center on the football team that also boasted Don Hutson, the famous end.

Don's first radio job was in Sheffield, Ala., and he's interviewing people ever since in preparation for the job the Army gave him—interviewing.

Don remembers well the day he got his first nation-wide hookup. He introduced Russ Morgan's band with the flourish, "Morgan in the Morsick manner." But he doesn't expect he'll have any trouble like zip your lip, and prevent lost ships.

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POST MESS STEWARD

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are going to keep healthy and strong enough to lick the Axis.

They Figure Amount Needed
That's why Sgt. Mand doesn't think it odd when he sits down with T/Sgt. Kenneth Anderson, assistant Post Steward, and T/Sgt. William Seybolt, who has charge of the post butcher shops, and begins to plan tomorrow's distribution, figuring mess hall by the number of men who eat there today.

They don't just toss in whatever's on hand, either. A well-balanced master menu has been prepared in advance, so that at the end of the week, each man will have had his quota of meat, including poultry and fish; eggs; milk products; fats; grain products; legumes, such as peas; sugar and syrup; leafy green or yellow vegetables; tomatoes; citrus fruits; potatoes; other vegetables and fruits; beverages; and miscellaneous items, such as pickles and olives.

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Pvt. Mervin Orner of the 118th set down his chow tray at noon mess one day this week, and the rest of the trainees stared — not at Orner, but at the tray. For without doubt, Orner had been given the biggest potato seen in these parts in years—a potato as big as a grapefruit. He ate it, too.

Those foods aren't chosen just for variety's sake, either. Each meal is in nutritive value, vitamins, fats and calories.

For example, the National Research Council recommends a minimum of 12 milligrams of iron in every person's meals daily to help build resistance. But because soldiers work much harder than average civilians, soldiers in Atlantic City get 24 milligrams.

But often, due to the unavailability of a food, lack of transportation or similar causes, there are times when Sgt. Mand must rapidly revise the master menu, ordering foods—through the Quartermaster—to fill the gaps. And he has to order foods that have the caloric value and variety that make for the balanced diet prescribed on the master menu.

It takes a man who knows his stuff to handle such a job. Sgt. Mand's background qualifies him. A native of Chilton, Wis., he has worked in a creamery, a bakery, an evaporated milk plant, and has been proprietor of a restaurant, and has done home demonstration work, teaching methods of baking and cooking.

Sgt. Mand entered the service in November, 1941, took his basic train-

ing at Keesler Field, Miss., then worked in the mess kitchen, starting by preparing salads and ending as cook.

Came Here Last July

He was transferred here last July as assistant general mess steward, and on December 15 assumed his present position.

Sgt. Mand works under Lt. Col. Edward F. Gadler, general mess officer, and Major R. O. Hitz, Col. Gadler's assistant.

Any one of them will tell you that of waste.

"Men whose eyes are bigger than their stomachs" are largely responsible, declares Major Hitz. They, he explains, are the soldiers who begin at the chow line by taking large helpings, and end up with trays laden with food, which they soon find they "haven't room for."

Though the Army doesn't worry about turning in coupons, still it is rationed, and the Army has just as tough a time getting food as do civilians. The field ration, under which the Post mess halls now must operate, allows only a specified amount of food per man per month, it is emphasized.

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CAP Becomes Part of AAF; Keeps Old Job

The many small Civil Air Patrol planes that fly over this area day and night, are now a part of our branch of the service, the Army Air Forces, the War Department has announced.

Created as a volunteer civil organization on December 1, 1941, the Civil Air Patrol, operating under the jurisdiction of the Office of Civilian Defense, has just been transferred by Executive Order as an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces under the direct control of the Commanding General, AAF.

No Administrative Changes

No changes in the administrative and operating methods are planned by the War Department as a result of the transfer. The Army Air Forces will now assume all administrative costs as well as operating expenses of the organization while on military missions, however.

The principal military activity of the C.A.P. in the past has been the anti-submarine patrol. This will continue to be its major task, but other military services will be continued.

These are the Southern Frontier Liaison Patrol along the Mexican border; cruiser service for the First and Second Air Forces; and local searches from time to time for missing military aircraft.

AAF to Assign Duty Tours

The use of C.A.P. planes will continue as long as the supply of replacement parts does not divert critical materials for more important needs. Pilots of the planes will now be assigned to tours of service by the Commanding General, AAF, but they will still operate under the same procedure as they did under the Office of Civilian Defense.

Certain non-military activities of the C.A.P. will be continued as in the past. Among these are forest fire and flood control work, and courier service for war plans in industrial areas in the Middle West.

The states and organizations benefiting by these services will continue to pay for the work.

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as privates only, and those performing the advanced course, however, will be transferred in grade.

The new qualifications for the basic course are:

A candidate must not have passed his 22nd birthday on the date of recommendation, and he must be a high school graduate or equivalent. He must not have had more than two years of college work unless it has included one year of physics, or one year of mathematics, or at least three courses in psychology, or a speaking knowledge of at least one modern foreign language.

New qualifications for the advance course are:

A candidate who has passed his 22nd birthday must have had at least one year of work in college, with one year of mathematics. He must not have had more than three years of college work, or graduated from college, unless his college work has included at least three courses in psychology or a speaking knowledge of at least one modern foreign language.

The examining board will no longer recommend a candidate for training at a particular school, but will decide, by a screening process, if the man is to be recommended for specialized training.

Men selected will be sent, as quotas allow, to one of the Specialized Training and Reassignment units located in colleges throughout the country. There they will be tested and interviewed and sent to specific training classes.

Under the program, it is expected that the top 20 percent of the class will be considered for officer candidate schools upon completion of their courses. Others who successfully complete the work will be recommended for technical ratings.

Wire Office Open

For the convenience of military and civilian personnel of the post, a commercial telegraph office has been set up in Convention Hall, next to the present location of the Message Center. The office will be open between 8 AM and 5 PM for the sending and receiving of personal telegrams. The Signal Center in Convention Hall will continue to handle government telegrams.

The big 16-inch turret guns on U. S. battleships can now be used for aircraft defense.

Tour Director Now Travels With Air Corps

Pvt. Enrique Ortega of the 708th not only believes in the good neighbor policy, but has made a career of building Latin-American friendship.

As a tour director, Pvt. Ortega guided thousands of Americans through the Southwest United States, Mexico and the neighboring countries. On one tour, he spent six months in Mexico with a California executive, who took 7,000 pictures and now has the finest individual collection in the world.

One of the most interesting persons he guided through the mid-west, says Pvt. Ortega, who was born in Mexico but educated in the United States, was the former wife of Secretary Ickes. She was, he declares, deeply interested in our Indian problem and set up a museum to preserve their documents, records and samples of their arts and crafts.

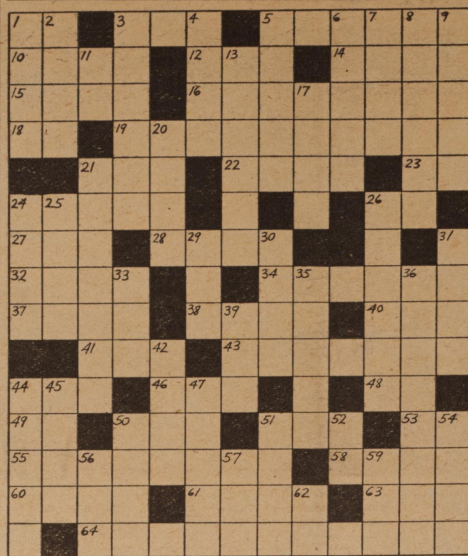
Pvt. Ortega first realized the vast potentialities of Mexico as a tourist spot while travelling through that country for a large soap manufacturing firm. He established an agency in Los Angeles through co-operation of the Mexican Government and soon had a flourishing business.

He believes the Isthmus of Tehuantepec to be the outstanding part of Mexico. In "Tropical Holiday," starring Dorothy Lamour, the beautiful countryside there was used as background, he explains. And also, the Mexican women's custom of wearing lace as headresses originated there, when a ship was wrecked and the women found many trunks containing babies' clothing and lace in the hold. They were so intrigued they wore the lace on their heads.

Photography is Pvt. Ortega's hobby, and his pictures have been used in travel sections of newspapers all over the country. He believes his biggest thrill came from shooting vicious crocodiles within ten minutes' traveling distance from a lively city.

And he cheerfully philosophizes that after conducting tours for thousands of Americans, he is now getting some free rides from Uncle Sam in return.

G.I. Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Our country.
- 2 & 3. Our branch of service.
4. Close.
5. Ever (poetic).
6. Egyptian Mongoose.
7. The girl we left behind.
8. Modern means of warfare.
9. The beam!
10. Enraging.
11. The night before.
12. Victoria Regina (abbr.).
13. Grapeshooter.
14. Symbol of iron.
15. And (Swedish).
16. Having implements.
17. One who's "on the beam."
18. Work room.
19. Simply or merely.
20. Formation of Soldiers.
21. Oil (in Brooklyn).
22. Over (poetic).
23. Rank of our C. O.
24. "Drop your butts in this G.I. —"
25. What the Japs rounded.
26. Baby's first word.
27. Adjutant General (abbr.).
28. Floor for animals.
29. Suffix.
30. Technical Training (abbr.).
31. Omission.
32. Goddess of the Sun.
33. To the — Harch!
34. What we'll do to the Nazis.

DOWN

1. To open.
2. Observed.
3. To get there.
4. Plunder.
5. Ornamental border.
6. Rustic Acid.
7. Baby's bed.
8. To unfold.
9. Less crazy.
10. American Army (abbr.).
11. To emit vapor.
12. "Sashless."
13. Roman emperor with a fiddle.
14. Formation of planes.
15. Mythical bird.
16. Incur.
17. Not an enemy.
18. Army Air Force.
19. The first big thrill of an air cadet.
20. To shout.
31. Not allowed in quarters.
35. He should be in the guardhouse.
36. Inevitable.
37. Frozen water.
38. A small revolt.
44. Shipment of men.
45. Army.
46. Amos.
50. Enemy fighter plane.
51. Unit of measure.
52. Army haircut.
53. Russian ruler.
56. Leader of American Humorists (abbr.).
57. Order of International Engineers (abbr.).

Brief Reunion Here For Identical Twins

Sgt. Raymond K. Devenney of the 708th had a pleasant surprise Sunday when his twin brother, Lt. Ralph H. Devenney, U. S. Navy, came to see him here. It was the first time the identical twins had seen each other for two years.

Lt. Devenney attended Notre Dame and has been in Europe for the past year and a half. Sgt. Devenney is a graduate of the University of Kansas, and has been at this Post since August, 1942. Their home is in Kansas City, Mo.

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The Civilian Tattler

Edited by

Miss Lois H. Steckel
of the Civilian Personnel Office

How often have we said with pride . . . "yes, I work for the Army now"? Part of the great group of civilians working shoulder to shoulder with the men and women in uniform.

Exciting, isn't it, to play a personal part in the drama of war? But with that thrill goes the responsibility of measuring up to Army standards. Do you ever wonder just how good we civilians are at "taking it" . . . taking orders, accepting change, bowing to the inevitable demands of the changing scenes of war, squaring our shoulders when the going seems uncertain or tough and doing a better job than ever before?

That's how the men and women in khaki do it. And WE can measure up, too. It's a challenge. What do you say?

Joseph Inemer, civilian draftsman with the Post Engineers, has written the following poem, which well sums up this civilian challenge.

YOUR JOB

Stay on the job, no matter how hard:
The 'you're aching and sick of the grind.
As a Patriot: YOU
Must see your job through,
And THEN rest, with the next on your mind.

Remember! Our boys in the trench or in the air,
Can't relax 'til their full job is done.
They must keep on the go,
Dare not even go slow,
And THEIR JOB isn't pleasure or fun.

So, stay on your job with tool or with pen,
With no thought for your own little pain.
And you'll soon see the day,
When the clouds roll away,
And our loved ones are home once again.

And now, to catch up with our news of the week . . . Marion Lee, secretary to the Mess Officer, Station Hospital, returned to work this week with a new name—Mrs. Milton W. Barrett. The newlyweds took their honeymoon at the Hotel Jeanette Jacobs, of the Civilian Personnel Office, has announced her engagement to Sgt. Harry J. Herbelin, of the 722d.

Ruth Shaffer, of Personnel, is leaving today for a week with her husband, who is a seaman in the U. S. Navy.

Farewells are being said to Virginia Cook, of Personnel, who will leave this week to join her husband at Greensboro, N. C.

Dorthe Smith, who is soon to be Mrs. James Harold (he is a 2nd Lieutenant at West Point), gave a party recently for her co-workers in S-2 and S-3 Clerical.

Jacques Caspari, chief clerk of the Quartermaster Laundry, is smiling again, now that Mrs. Caspari has returned from her five-day sojourn in New York. He says five days as a bachelor made him certain that whoever invented the phrase about "single blessedness" was on the wrong track.

Barbara Lutz, of QM Laundry, is radiating cheer currently, over the news that her fiancé, Robert McElroy, of Fort Worth, Tex., has just been promoted to Sergeant.

Betty Rose Treadwell, of Central Files, and her husband, Sgt. Ira Treadwell, of the 716th, spent last weekend seeing the sights of New

York. Florence Gronvold of Central Files, left Thursday for a three weeks vacation in "Sunny California" to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Truesdell, of Los Angeles, Lucky Florence!

Marilyn Kostenbader, of the QM Property Office, caused some excitement in her office the other morning with a sparkling ring on her third finger, left hand. The lucky man is 1st Lt. John K. Flaherty, of the 716th.

Gertrude Corkery, of Classification, spent a recent vacation in Washington, D. C. Ray Gerstein, of S-2 Clerical, has announced her engagement to 2nd Lt. Martin Robinson, who is stationed at Kokomo, Ind.

Eleanor Voss, of Classification Division, has a brand new coat of tan, acquired during her recent three weeks visit to White Lake, N. C.

Barbara Wainwright, formerly of the Executive Offices, has transferred to BTC No. 10, where she will be employed in the office of the Commanding Officer.

19 From Post Leave for OCS

Nineteen men from this Post left for Officer Candidate Schools this week. The largest group, totaling nine, went to the Infantry OCS, Ft. Benning, Ga.

They are: T/Sgt. Howard R. Rasmussen, 718th; S/Sgt. George W. Schueneman, 709th; S/Sgt. Boone Harper, 704th; Sgt. Gary Much, 720th; Cpl. John B. Coker, Hq. & Hq.; Cpl. Clifford H. Shea, Hq. & Hq.; Cpl. George W. Britton, Jr., and Cpl. Charles W. Smith, 717th.

Six men will attend Field Artillery OCS at Ft. Sill, Okla. They are: S/Sgt. Steven E. Balint, 702nd; Cpl. John N. Phillips, 855th Signal Detachment; Cpl. Joseph P. McEltrick, 709th; Cpl. William W. Henry, 722nd; Cpl. John R. King, 716th; and Pvt. Myles C. McKenna, 720th. Other men and the schools they will attend are: S/Sgt. Bertram H. Dobb, 708th, to Anti-Aircraft OCS, Camp Davis, N. C.; Sgt. Fred K. Lawson, Hq. & Hq., to Engineers OCS, Ft. Belvoir, Va.; Sgt. Allen W. Meier, 711th, to Ordnance OCS, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.; and Cpl. William C. Martin, 712th, to Signal Corps OCS, Ft. Monmouth, N. J.

Citizenship Closer For Pvt. Alatorre

Prospects for American citizenship are just around the corner for Pvt. Frank C. Alatorre of the 706th since his enlistment in the Air Corps.

Although a citizen of Mexico, Frank attended school in the United States and had lived here for 15 years.

Recently, while working as a hotel manager in Mexico, he said he played host to a group of Hollywood movie stars on a good will tour. It was then he decided to show some good will of his own, so he joined the Air Corps. He hopes to soon become an Aviation Cadet.

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All incoming telegrams for officers or enlisted men on this Post will now be delivered directly to the Convention Hall Message Center by the telegraph messenger. From there they will be sent promptly by Army courier to the respective message centers at each hotel for delivery to the addressee.

Under this new system, the handling of all telegrams will be facilitated, and much time previously lost in locating the addressee is expected to be saved.

Telegrams involving illness, death or urgency will be marked with one or two stars, and such messages will receive special handling when they reach the message centers, in order to make delivery without a moment's delay.

For soldiers' convenience, telegraph offices are located at:

1366 Atlantic Avenue, 1217 Boardwalk, Stenton and Boardwalk, 2311 Boardwalk, Pennsylvania Railroad Station, and 6500 Ventnor Avenue.

Telegrams may also be sent from USO Clubs, the Philco House, 1410 Boardwalk, or the Victory Center on Steel Pier, or from any telephone by calling "Western Union."

HQ OFFICES MOVE—

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262-265—Personnel Utilization and Statistics Office.

Third Floor

Mississippi side . . .
301—Civilian Personnel,
302—S-2 Clerical Office,
303—S-2
Georgia side . . .
312—Insurance, bonds and allotments.

313—Special Services Office,
320—Judge Advocate.

Fourth Floor

Mississippi side
401—Air Corps Supply.

Basement

The Commissary, and the testing room for air cadets are still in the basement. The nearest, the staff cars have been moved to the Motor Pool.

Off the garage, you will still find . . .

021—Plumbing supply shop.
022—Paint shop.
029—Carpenter Shop.
033—Electrical Shop.
039—Carpenter Shop.

ArCADE BUILDING

Several offices, formerly located in Convention Hall, are now situated in the Arcade Building, on the Boardwalk at Tennessee Avenue. Included are:

Quartermaster Office, Library, Red Cross, Aviation Cadet, Board, OCS Board, Warrant Officer's Board, and the Army Specialized Training Program Board.

Easter Mail Heavy

The boys in the Army Post Office here are beginning to think that Christmas comes twice a year.

During Easter week the APO handled 2,555 bags of ordinary mail and the insured department distributed 5,492 parcels, according to Capt. Henry D. Turner, Postal Officer.

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FIELD MUSIC UNIT, commonly known as the Drum and Bugle Corps, starts out for a day at the drill field, where it will beat out a steady 128-count cadence for trainees to march to, from assembly to retreat. Snappy field music is an excellent morale builder as well as a means of teaching marching cadence, say training officers.

Drums, Bugles Teach Cadence, Build Morale

"Hats off! Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums . . ."

And it is the blare of their bugles and the ruffle of their drums that has made the Post Drum and Bugle Corps equally well known on Boardwalk and drill field.

Familiar to everyone from the commanding officer to the newest trainee, the field music unit of AAFBTC No. 7, under the leadership of Sgt. Abram Whipple, proudly boasts that "if the troops are out, the Bugle Corps is out—and playing."

Snow or shine, clear or dusty, the outfit is on the job beating out a steady 128 steps per minute from assembly to recall. "And," according to Capt. Joseph E. Lewis of the unit, "they carry their 'm' as important as any drill instructor on the field."

Troops React to Music
On a post such as this one, the importance of a snappy field music unit is easily seen. Such units "add atmosphere to a drill field, no matter where it is," says Capt. Lewis. "Even in a resort like Atlantic City a soldier reacts quickly if he can hear the beat of the drum and the sound of the bugle."

"Field music is a morale builder as well as a means of teaching troops to maintain a certain cadence," he continued. "Field music uncovers the subconscious liking to parade that is in a man. Therefore he is less susceptible to tiring while learning the school of the soldier."

Since its organization shortly after the activation of the post, the Corps has been trained to perform many duties efficiently. In addition to beating cadence on the three drill fields, the outfit takes part in retreat parades and guard mount, sounds the calls on the fields, performs at special ceremonies, and plays the troops to and from the fields.

The unit is especially important

in physical training, playing for the double time jogging. "They do an A-1 job of keeping the troops on their toes during the running," says Lt. Ralph W. Erickson, director of physical training.

Members of the Corps, mostly musicians who have played with such name bands as Vincent Lopez, Leo Reisman, Russ Morgan, Enrie Madrigera, Red Nichols and Sam Donahue. About two-thirds of them were professional musicians before they entered the service.

It's a long step from the popular bandstand to the ranks of a field music unit, but the Corpsmen have taken it in typical Army style, and, as Capt. Lewis says, "They are hard-working, willing soldiers who deserve a lot of credit in a training program such as ours."

Flower Has Fighting Name
"Spitfire" is the name given to a new variety of tulip by Dutch growers, despite a strict Nazi ban against popular use of any English name.

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He became so accustomed to rolling around the lobby there, that he refused to move to the Lafayette when the officers moved recently. Now some of the nurses are quartered in the hotel, but he sits in the lobby, ignoring the pretty lieutenants.



Among items reported found this morning by the Post Office Department were several glasses and combs.

FOUND, also: a few gas masks, a wool helmet liner; several raincoats; a pair of glasses with dark shell rims, and two ladies' scarfs, one brown and green, the other blue with red flowers.

LOST: black and gray fountain pen with name Erwin H. Rand inscribed, brown fountain pen with gold trim, identification badge belonging to Marie Gannon, lost somewhere in Convention Hall.

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CAMOUFLAGE is one of the oldest—and newest—weapons of war. It is not only a second weapon of defense, but a most powerful weapon of attack and surprise.

To quote, Gen. C. P. Summerall said, "I would as soon enter battle without arms as without camouflage."

Recently the failure to improvise camouflage quickly was pointed out as one of the "mistakes" made by American troops in the initial phases of the battle of Tunisia. In this connection, Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commander of Army ground forces, declared in memorandum that faults observed in the Tunisian fighting included: "Failure to dig fox holes promptly upon taking position . . . failure to make full use of available cover and to conceal their position by improvising camouflage quickly."

Sgt. Golden, Company F, 164th Infantry from Guadalcanal, said, "The biggest thing I have learned since I hit Guadalcanal is miles ahead of ours. Their individual can camouflage himself better than ours. We want practice and training in this."

This column will be conducted weekly by Capt. Vananda J. Meyl, Corps of Engineers, and 1st Lt. Nathaniel Saltonstall, Corps of Engineers, camouflage officers for this Post. The information contained herein will apply to work done to provide protective concealment for troops, materiel, and military works, from enemy observation.

Discipline, the most important principle of all camouflage, is a leading factor in self protection.

Camouflage is not a silly art. It involves no red tape. When not in the field of combat, a soldier is on his own. He must use good judgment, common sense, and be on the alert at all times. He must freeze, dig-in, disperse, and hide within shadows at all times when not in action. He must plan and analyze every move.

This is a war of speed and movement. A soldier has two missions to accomplish. First, he must destroy the enemy. Second, he must protect himself and his buddies by adhering to the rules of camouflage.

These principles do not require orders. In combat a soldier can't afford to wait for a command to use camouflage.

(To be continued next week.)

American troops are receiving far more intense training than the doughboys of the first World War, declares Secretary Simson.

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Two Masonic Clubs Formed For Service Men

A group of officers of this Post who are also members of the Masons held an informal meeting at the Shrine Club, Masonic Temple, on Tuesday evening and organized a new club called the Atlantic Square Club.

Lt. Col. Keith Devoe, Station Hospital, was elected president of the organization. Capt. Leo E. Von Buell, commanding officer of the 719th, was named vice-president, and 2nd Lt. Seymour G. Snell, Station Hospital, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 o'clock. All officers who are members of the Masons are invited to attend. Future meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

A second Masonic Service Men's Club was formed on Wednesday evening at the Masonic Temple. The first meeting of the group will be held at the Temple on Wednesday, May 12, at 7:30 P.M. Pfc. Melvin H. Kempton, a former director of Vocational Education at Sing Sing Prison, will talk on his experiences while working under the direction of Warden Lewis E. Lawes.

THE COMING WEEK

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SUNDAY—Formal dedication USO No. 3, 3 P.M., with old fashioned singing around the piano at 7:30 P.M. USO No. 2, 9 to 12 A.M., Java Club; formal dedication, 8:30 P.M. USO No. 1, Hollywood movie and short, 7:30 P.M. Open house at all USO units all day. Squadron dance, Casey's Lodge, 8 P.M. Band concert, Convention Hall ballroom, 3 P.M.

MONDAY—USO No. 1—variety games night with the Desk Corps as hostesses, 8 P.M. USO No. 2—informal recreation, writing letters, games, dancing, snacks and reading, 8 P.M. USO No. 3—"Do as You Please Night."

TUESDAY—Amateur show for soldiers, Ballroom, Convention Hall.

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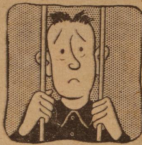
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Can't Shrug Off AWOL Charges, Soldiers Find

The fellow who first identified fingers burned, was absent without leave from February 1 to April 10. A Special court martial sentenced him to six months confinement at hard labor and forfeiture of \$18.66 for half a year.

Or take the case of this Atlantic City private who decided the Army could do without him for a few days last Fall. For his violation of the first article of war, he was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for three months and forfeiture of \$33.33 a month from his pay during that period.



Then there's the case of the soldier who took French leave from April 3 to April 9. He got three months confinement at hard labor and is kicking through with \$33.33 a month.

And just because he wanted out for a couple days another soldier is in—definitely in—for a couple of months. Also, he's forfeiting \$33.33 each month. Could YOU shrug that off?

8 P.M. USO No. 1—life sketching class, 7:30 P.M., variety games starting at 8 P.M., a Rhea Trilling show, USO No. 2—Arcade Junior Club dance night, 8 P.M. USO No. 3—house dance, with girls from Vine-land.

WEDNESDAY—Dance at Episcopal Church Service Center, 30 S. Kentucky Avenue, 8 P.M. Concert, Viking Room, Station Hospital, 7 P.M. USO No. 1—Spanish Circle, 7:30 P.M., with music, conversation and the arts; house dance, 8 P.M., with local and Landisville hostesses. USO No. 2—Sage Brushes, square dancing and instruction under direction of Miss Helen Glenn, 8 P.M. USO No. 3—informal recreation night.

THURSDAY—Boxing bouts, Convention Hall arena, 8 P.M. USO No.

1—finger painting, 7:30 P.M.; concert with pianist and vocalist, 8 P.M. USO No. 2—ping pong tournament, 7:30 P.M. USO No. 3—variety entertainers, Jack Laird, MC, 8 P.M. Squadron Dance, Casey's Lodge, 8 P.M.

FRIDAY—Square Dance, YMCA, Pacific near S. Carolina Avenue, 7:30 P.M. USO No. 1—discussion by Atlantic City High School seniors on post-war planning, 8 P.M. USO No. 2—Hollywood night, movie, 7:30 P.M. USO No. 3—portrait sketching of soldiers, free mailing, 8 P.M.

Camp Mackall, new Army post near Hoffman, N. C., has been named for Pvt. John Thomas Mackall, 22, of Wellsville, O., first American paratrooper killed in Africa.

Guard Passes Miss; Now She's His Mrs.

Sgt. La Verne Ashley, a former guard at Convention Hall, used to check the pass of Miss Annette Bess, Atlantic City girl, twice a day as she came to work at headquarters.

After almost six months of this, he finally decided not to pass her up any more, so he married her on April 10.

Sgt. Ashley is now assigned to an MP squadron stationed at the Army Air Base, Daniel Field, Augusta, Ga. His wife is a clerk at one of the base offices.

Minstrels Go On Despite Blackout

Members of the 711th and their guests had a touch of Old Broadway last Thursday night when they attended "The Darktown Jam-boree," a minstrel show produced under the direction of Pfc. Russell Gackenbach, Flight D.

The show was held in the squadron mess hall, which was transformed into a stage complete with backdrop, scenery and other accessories. The front and end men were resplendent in colorful costume.

Feature of the evening's entertainment was the rendition of the song "He We Come," written by Pvt. Michael Gianetta and dedicated to Capt. John T. Nosk, squadron commander.

An unexpected act occurred when a surprise blackout was announced during the performance. This failed to dim the ardor of the group and a program of community singing was presented which rivalled the regular show.

End men for the minstrel were Pvt. Glick, Pat Sullivan, Joe Monson and Arthur Davis. The musical scores were all written by Pvt. Gianetta.

U. S. 155-millimeter guns are known as "Long Toms."

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Medics See New 'War in Russia' Photoplay Here

Something new was added to Orientation Lectures last Tuesday night in the Medical Detachment's Mess Hall. The "somethin'" was a special showing of the latest March of Time, "One Day of War, Russia, 1943."

This film, the result of work by 160 Soviet cameramen, depicts a typical war day in various parts of the Soviet Union. Troops singing as they march to the front, air and tank action, harvesting, fishing off the Komandorskie Islands in the Northern Pacific only a few hundred miles from United States territory, Premier Stalin speaking, heroes being rewarded, action behind Nazi lines... these are but some of the events shown in the 22-minute film.

This edition of the March of Time was obtained at the suggestion of 1st Lt. John W. Bishop, commanding officer of the Medics, by Pvt. George A. de Holczer, formerly a March of Time director.

De Holczer has traded Time style for G.I. and is now directing the forthcoming Medical Detachment show entitled "Meet The Medics."

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SPORTS SHORTS

A Headquarters Squadron table tennis team composed of Sgt. Bob Fuller, S/Sgt. William Geery, Cpl. John Campbell, Pfc. Frank Gibbons and Pfc. Danay Hayes defeated the Medics Wednesday night, 3 to 2... what made the victory important was that the Medics had won from the Post championship 711th team the week before. S/Sgt. Rudolph Krebs, Pfc. Harry Lichtenberg, T/5 Leo Panaszewicz, Pfc. Harry Lefkowitz and Pvt. Charles Hare composed the Medics team.

The 904th Guard Squadron continues to win on the diamond... the Em Pees defeated Holy Spirit High of Atlantic City Wednesday evening, 7 to 6... the high school boys rallied gamely in the sixth but were stopped one run short.

Lt. Milt Weiss reports that his roster of swimming instructors for the Water Safety Program now is nearing completion... it is supposed to consist of 120 men.

Plans for softball leagues are still moving ahead... sites for 14 diamonds have been surveyed at Brigantine Field, to accommodate two leagues of 14 teams each... games are planned for Tuesday and Friday evenings... no, footsoles jeeps will not have to march out and back... transportation to and from games is in the prospectus.

Incidental entertainment at the Thursday night boxing matches still is needed... if you can play a horn or balance a peanut on your nose, report to the Physical Training Office.

The Goal-BI tournament will definitely open Monday, May 17, and is expected to continue through the following week... every Group now is represented... consult with A. and R. representative regarding complete details of this new tournament.

Athletic Program Active at 701st

Under the guidance of Lt. Wilbur the 701st athletic program has branched into a thriving sport carnival. Intra-squad and inter-group matches are held nearly every night in the week.

Sgt. Bob Abel trains the boxers for the weekly boxing show at Convention Hall. Sgt. Bernard Cerullo coaches the softball team, which this season has a winning streak of five straight games and is open for challenge matches. Cpl. Carl Padrone, who coached the basketball team, is now in charge of the ping-pong players.

Pvt. Everett Hicks has a swimming team lined up and will challenge other groups as soon as permission is received to use the hotel swimming pool. Lt. Brown, who is a Senior Life Guard, has in the past been giving life saving instructions to many of the group's swimmers.

Because of the many inquiries made about horseshoe pitching, a contest will be held next week under the supervision of Pvt. Tef Rhoades.

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12:15 P.M. T.T.C. News (WFGP 1450 KC)

DAILY (Except Saturday and Sunday)

6:05 P.M. "Meet a Soldier"

(WBAB 1490 KC)

Interviews with men of this post.

WEEKLY PROGRAM

TUES: 7:00-7:30 P.M. "On The Beam"

(WFGP 1450 KC)

Interview with a soldier in the TTC—interesting sidelights on an interesting career. Stories of the Technical Training Command of the Army Air Forces. Dance music by Corp. Hugo Napolitan and the band. Comedy sketch featuring "Pvt. Eustace Jones."

THURS: 7:30-7:55 P.M. "Jeep Jamboree"

(WBAB 1490 KC)

M/Sgt. Norman Leyden directs the radio orchestra in a series of popular musical tunes with special arrangements. The Glee Club, under the direction of Sgt. Marvin Long. Comedy sketch and a dramatic miniature.

'Shots' an Old Story to Pvt. Kelley

"Shots" may be new to many soldiers, but to at least one 711th man they are an old story. Pvt. John W. Kelley, II, knows what "shots" are for, and when the needle goes into his arm he thinks of words like Aedes and Anapholes.

Aedes and Anapholes are mosquitoes, Joe—the kind you don't want to meet. The first spreads yellow fever, the second, malaria.

Pvt. Kelley was an entomologist working for the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Control, U. S. Government, before he entered the Army. That means he was a pest control expert—and if you don't think a mosquito is a pest, just stay around these parts for another month. To Kelley, the New Jersey mosquito is a salt water variety, and a ferocious biter. They sound and feel like a Stuka dive bomber.

Kelley comes from Shelton, Conn. He studied at the University of Connecticut and the University of

Pittsburgh, and has worked in many states throughout the east and south.

As a pest control expert he has specialized in exterminating the Japanese beetle, and he hopes for the opportunity to do some more exterminating on this bug—in its human form.

Post Champs Beat Offshore Bowlers

The 724th bowling team, champions of the Post, went "outside" to win a stirring match from a strong Pleasantville team last week.

In much the same way they won the Post tournament, the 724th outfit stormed through the last game and frame to win by four pins, 2682 to 2678. Sgt. Bronson and Cpl. Bennett posted identical scores, 558, to lead the winners.

Home Papers Now Available In New Lounge

A special servicemen's lounge where soldiers of this Post may read their home town newspapers has been established in Convention Hall, at 2311 Boardwalk, by the city of Atlantic City, under Joseph Altman, director of parks and public property.

Newspapers from each major city and every section of the country will be available at the lounge through cooperation of American publishers. The lounge will be open daily and Sunday from 10 AM until 10 PM. So far, the racks there hold nearly 40 newspapers, about half the number that ultimately will be available.

The list of papers now on hand includes:

Bridgeport, Conn., Herald; Hartford, Conn., Courant; Wilmington, Del., News Journal; Washington, D. C., Times Herald; Washington, D. C., Star; Atlanta, Ga., Journal; Twin Falls, Idaho, Times News; Indianapolis, Ind., Star; Sioux City, Iowa, Journal Tribune; Topeka, Kans., Capital; Wichita, Kans., Eagle; Shreveport, La., Times; Portland, Me., Press.

Pittsfield, Mass., Eagle; Boston, Mass., Herald Traveler; Worcester, Mass., Telegram; Minneapolis, Minn., Star Journal; Manchester, N. H., Union Leader; Jersey City, N. J., Journal; Newark, N. J., News; Binghamton, N. Y., Press; Buffalo, N. Y., News; Brooklyn, N. Y., Eagle; Portland, Ore., Oregonian; Harrisburg, Pa., Patriot.

Pottsville, Pa., Republican; Lancaster, Pa., New Era; Williamsport, Pa., Sun Gazette; Houston, Tex., Chronicle; San Antonio, Tex., News; San Antonio, Tex., Express; Milwaukee, Wis., Journal; Camden, N. J., Post; PM, Brooklyn, N. Y.; New Haven, Conn., Journal Courier; Cincinnati, O., Post; Easton, Pa., Free Press; Scranton, Pa., Tribune.

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Ring Fans Find Something New Added to Bouts

New faces, new names and a few new punches were exhibited Thursday night at Convention Hall where seven bouts and a wrestling exhibition sent 2000 home slightly slug happy.

The main bout of the evening, between undefeated Pvt. Bob Quinn (717th) and Pvt. Joe Lucignano (706th) was the punch de resistance of the menu.

Quinn spotted Lucignano two pounds and an early lead, but came back gamely in the closing stages to earn a draw that was unanimous. Lucignano was on top in the first round, taking the play away from Quinn, but was forced to give ground before a heavy body attack later on.

Heaviest shelling of the night came in the bout between Pvt. Eddie Janowicz (701st) and Pvt. Riley Raney (703rd) which ended in a technical knockout victory for Janowicz. Janowicz scored an eight-count knockdown in the first round and polished off Raney for keeps in the second.

Pvt. Paul Leventhal (701st) also scored a technical knockout and his victim was Pvt. Drew Hagaman (718th). The end of this came in the second round.

Pvt. Gus Carfagno (717th) won a decision over Pvt. Art Greenberg (703rd) after scoring a first round knockdown.

A brand new twist in boxing was introduced in the bout between Pvt. Harold Werner (710th) and Pvt. George Hyatt (715th), which ended with Hyatt winning on a T.K.O. in the first round although he had a bloodied nose and appeared to be in bad shape. Werner told Lt. Dave Sanders, the referee, that he couldn't stand the sight of blood and did not want to go on.

Cpl. Pat (Irish Angel) Welch (701st) and Sgt. Bob De Marce (904th) wrestled to a draw in an exhibition.

Sgt. Richards Weds Franklin, N. H., Girl

Sgt. Antoine Richards, 707th drill instructor, set wedding bells to ringing Sunday, May 2, in his home town of Franklin, N. H., when he escorted Miss Gertrude Sorette to the altar.

The nuptials came as a complete surprise to Tony's friends in the Group. He returned to duty Monday bringing his bride with him to reside in Atlantic City.

Colors To Fly

The Stars and Stripes will soon be flying from all hotels occupied by the TTC here. A post order says the National Colors will be flown from reveille to retreat except during inclement weather. Colors may be requisitioned through S-4.

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THREE BTC TRAINEES ILLUSTRATE the dive and roll, an advanced maneuver in tumbling, during their regular training in this art on the beach. Flying through the air only to roll up smiling, left to right, are Pvt. Frank Cassell, Pvt. Stephen Poleshuk and Pvt. William Blanchette, all of the 710th Group. Tumbling is an integral part of basic training for it prepares the men for work in combatives later on.

Tumbling Preparing Men For Combatives

Used to be tumbling was thought of only in terms of the vaudeville stage. Or gymnastiums where young men with large muscles and little imagination put in long hours on the mat. War has changed all of that, too.

Tumbling now is an important part of the physical training program, according to Lt. Nathan Etkin, Physical Training Officer. Through it every trainee has a chance to become acquainted with how it feels to fly through the air and hit terra firma, and how to lessen the shock and increase his skill in bouncing back.

"Tumbling is used," says Lt. Etkin, "as a program preparatory to combative instruction. It is surprising how many men enter the Army who, because they have never indulged in athletics, know nothing of how to hit the ground without getting hurt."

Instruction On the Beach

Instruction here is given on the beach. This lessens the possibility of injury to inexperienced, tense recruits.

The program is outlined in the following manner:

Forward rolls, football shoulder roll, dive and roll, backward roll, crawl and correct manner of hitting the ground to stay.

The principle in all rolls is the same. The body must be bunched and yet relaxed so that nothing breaks when the jarring impact arrives. In the forward rolls the head is always carefully tucked upon the chest and the body is bunched into a ball shape.

The backward roll is especially useful in hand-to-hand combat where your enemy may throw you off balance. Instead of landing flat on your back, an easy target for bayonet or knife, you go down with a rolling motion and bounce back still in the fight.

Shoulders Take Impact

The football shoulder roll utilizes the shoulder as a means of taking the impact. Football players, es-

pecially ball carriers, land safely in this manner.

The diving roll is an advanced stage of the game. In this, several soldiers form an obstacle and the tumblers must dive over them, roll and come up in a balanced position.

Crawling, with the elbows furnishing the power, is an art which must be developed for skirmishing. It also serves to develop arms and shoulders.

Another neat trick which takes some time to learn properly but which is of utmost importance, is that of hitting the ground to stay. In tumbling instruction, the trainee is told to assume he is carrying a rifle. When the command to go left knee, then elbow, and rolls over into a flat, lying position.

Tricks Precede Combatives

"When the men have mastered all these tricks of body control in relation to contact with the ground," explains Lt. Etkin, "they are ready for combatives. They then learn the care of themselves in hand-to-hand fighting, no matter what situation arises."

Each Group sent a tumbling student to a school when the program was established. Pvt. Tom Handy, of the 708th, was one of the teachers. He formerly coached the Vassar University tumbling team. Pvt. Ben Burge, of the 703rd, is another expert. He taught tumbling at the New Orleans YMCA. The tumbling school produced the instructors now in use.

Injuries have been negligible. And former clerks who never knew what it was to meet Mother Earth in a sudden and jarring way have become enthusiastic devotees.

"The MP helps keep the soldier out of trouble, takes care of him if he gets in trouble and prevents him from getting in further," says Col. Hobart M. Brown, Corps of Military Police.

Must Be Love

"It must be love," states Pfc. Frank De Zago, mail clerk at the 712th, after handling a record stack of 18 letters in one afternoon's mail for Pvt. Harold G. Blaschke. They all came by Air Mail from his girl friend, Miss Belle Walsh down in Houston, Tex.

Wins New York Skating Title

Pvt. Edward J. Ferrier, of the 706th made the most of a three-day pass to go home to Brooklyn, N. Y., and win the New York State Amateur Roller Skating championship.

Ferrier was doing commercial art work in New York previous to entering the Army, and with his partner, Miss Carol Bodden, a champion in her own right, had cut some figures in roller skating.

Pvt. Ferrier is now eligible for National competition and hopes to acquire another medal in that contest. *The fact that he had no time to practice for the competition previous to the event speaks well for Army life, and our physical training program. With these hurdles already taken, "the Champen" come Japs or Nazis--will keep on rollin' along.*

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711th and 702nd Lead Leagues In Volley Ball

The 711th volley ball team today looms as one of the most formidable on the post, with the 702nd just a shade behind in the tournament now in progress.

The 711th outfit already has won three matches in the American League and is ready for a fourth round joust. It won from Hdqs. and Hdqs. in the first round, the 714th in the second and the 718th in the third.

In the National League, the 702nd squad won a first round match from the 701st and then defeated the 706th in a second tilt.

Results to date:

American League: First round--704th defeated 716th, 708th defeated 712th, 709th defeated 705th, 711th defeated Hdqs., 714th defeated Band and 718th defeated 713th. Second round--704th defeated 708th, 712th defeated 709th, and 711th defeated 714th. Third round--711th defeated 718th.

National League: First round--710th defeated 703rd, QM defeated 7234, 706th defeated 717th, 702nd defeated 701st, 721st defeated Medics, 707th defeated 904th. Second round--710th defeated QM, 702nd defeated 706th.

Capt. Balthrope of 'Yank' Visits Post

Capt. Charles W. Balthrope, representing Yank, the Army weekly, was a visitor here this week.

The captain, who spent considerable time in conference with special services officers, pointed out that soldiers who want subscriptions to Yank should secure them before they leave this country, because they probably will not be able to sign up for them after they are overseas. Men wanting subscriptions should see their group A and R representatives.

Capt. Balthrope was formerly public relations officer at Stewart Field, N. Y.

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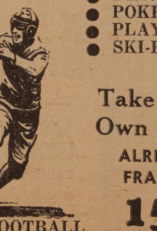
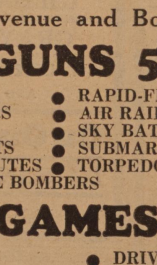
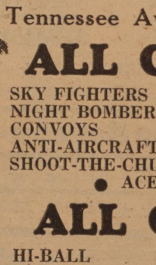
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Central Troop School Opens At Barracks

Faculty of Post's New Unit Headed by Capt. Lowry

Founded to unify and standardize the training at this station and to develop a thorough and approved step-by-step method of instruction, the first class of the Central Troop School for officers and non-commissioned officers began Monday with 21 noncoms and 18 officers chosen from the various training groups attending.

Each school will be held for a period of two weeks, during which time classes will be attended from 0730 till 1700 each day plus supervised study from 1900 to 2100.

Included in the intense training are courses in firearms and grenades; infantry drill; scouting and patrolling; field problems; marches and bivouacs; booby traps; hasty field fortifications; tent pitching and display of equipment; map reading; military sanitation; interior guard duty, and first aid. There will also be training in the warfare of the jungle, desert and arctic regions, and in the techniques of woods and village fighting.

Students will be given physical training and will participate in reviews, inspections, parades, marches, field problems and bivouacs.

Headed by Capt. Thomas M. Lowry Jr., the Central Troop school's faculty includes Capt. John M. Ragsdale, Aaron W. Welch, Richard T. Othmer and Gerald A. Garafola, and Lt. John F. Minor Jr. Headquarters are located in Building T-258 where most of the classes are held.

To Receive Diplomas

All non-commissioned officers who are graduated from school will receive a diploma and thereafter wear the special badge of identification. They will be used as instructors, thus giving the Post a highly trained corps of men better able to conduct the basic training of soldiers.

A second class will begin Monday, December 20, and new classes will commence on alternate Mondays thereafter.

Library Notes

New books available at Post libraries:

Post Library—WAR PLANES OF THE AXIS by Cooke; AMERICAN WINGS by Leyson; THE STUDENT PILOT'S TRAINING PRIMER by Knerr.

Hospital Library—WALT WHITMAN, AN AMERICAN by Candy; A HISTORY OF MUSIC by Finney; COURAGE FOR CRISIS by Overstreet.

Service Club No. 2 Library—THE SOLDIER AND THE LAW by McCammonsey; FINDING NEW SUBJECTS FOR YOUR CAMERA by Deschain; GETTING ALONG WITH PEOPLE by Wright.

Service Club No. 3 Library—THEY ALSO RAN by Stone; EQUINOX by Seager; THE LOCUSTS by Schrag. Use the library in your area.

Seven Times A Winner of the J.B. 'E'



ACTING COMMANDANT Lt. Col. Hart G. Foster (left) congratulating Maj. Joseph W. Meglich, commanding officer of the 25th Training Group, on his organization's feat of winning the "E" award, emblematic of training efficiency, for the seventh time. The presentation was made during recent retreat parade ceremonies at which time Capt. Walter L. Moller, 36th commanding officer, received the "E" for the basic groups and Pvt. Frank Kemp, 1167th, a silver identification bracelet for proficiency with the M-1 rifle.

Photo by Cpl. Joseph A. Brown

TRIX

Fabian Works Fables in Magic

T/5 Fabian Bocklich, on duty at Station Hospital in the cardiology section of the medical service office, probably takes more liberties with officers than any enlisted man on the Post. He has broken an egg in a colonel's pocket and made a cake out of it; he has broken eggs in officers' hats and he has snipped many an officer's necktie to bits with a pair of scissors.

But there was no harm done and none of the officers has said a harsh word to Bocklich because Bocklich is a magician and the egg-breaking and the necktie cutting was all part of his act in various shows he has presented at Jefferson Barracks.

Before Bocklich started out on a career of magic he worked at another unusual sort of job—in charge of Gargantua and M'Toto, the two awesomely famous gorillas with Ringling Brothers' Circus. He kept this job for two seasons, in 1936 and '37, then took up magic in his home town of Sacramento, Calif. Before very long he was much in demand as an entertainer at banquets and the like in his home territory. In 1939 he turned professional and

25th Has A Sand Table That's Really Different

By S/Sgt. Walter Gerber

Don't call that new training aid in the 25th Training Group a sand table even if it does look like one at first glance. This "sand table" is something a bit different—a scale reproduction of the average American scene which is being used as a supplementary item in lectures on map reading, scouting and patrolling, tactics and other courses applied to terrain.

The average American scene as depicted in by the new training aid includes a farm complete with fields, barns, sheds and chicken house and a small town with a bank, school house, church, markets, homes, water tanks and what have you.

There's also a railroad station and tracks running over a realistic stream and disappearing into a tunnel; telegraph poles along a mod-

baffled people at hotels, night clubs and parties with his feats of legerdemain for three years until his entry into the Army.

Bocklich specializes in comedy magic, feeling that "a good laugh is worth lots more than mere applause." Since his arrival at Jefferson Barracks he has presented 85 shows for GI audiences. Right at the moment he is working up an elaborate mind-reading act and is being helped with this ambition by The Great Roba, retired mind-reader, who now lives in St. Louis.

ern highway through wooded areas and over hills and valleys. A small lake, with pier and pleasure craft, complete the layout.

Credit for the creation of this table goes to Maj. Joseph Meglich, 25th commanding officer, who got the idea from the visual training aids he saw during a recent course for officers at Fort Riley, Kan.

Pacific Veteran Helped Capture Two-Man Jap Sub

Pearl Harbor, Midway, Christmas Islands—these now familiar names on the world map have been milestones in the four-year Army career of S/Sgt. John C. Stratton of the 25th Training Group.

Native of Waseca, Minn., Sgt. Stratton enlisted in the Coast Artillery in 1939, wound up on Oahu in the Hawaiian group and served in the islands from before Pearl Harbor until last January, when he returned to the States.

High point of his day during the Japs' treacherous attack was his part in the seizure of one of the Nips' two-man submarines. The sergeant was on searchlight duty when the presence of the sub—trapped on a coral reef—was discovered by a native guard. Stratton relates he no-

Veteran Trio Saw Combat in Two Campaigns

Won Unique 'Triple A—Bar Nothing' Citations

This story is a triple-threat affair—about three men who have experienced the same combat duty throughout the Sicilian and African campaigns. Each veteran wears the Purple Heart; all three were wounded in Tunisia; all three served with the same Infantry division, and all three were awarded what appears to be the most unique citation in the annals of World War II, the "Triple A—Bar Nothing."

Now awaiting reassignment at the J.B. Reception Center, the three veterans are T/Sgt. Terry E. Ward, S/Sgt. Carlos D. Ward and Pvt. Eugene S. Dickerson. Each served thirteen months overseas.

The trio took part in the invasion of Africa and stayed there for eight months during which they were wounded in line of duty. In the initial landing on Sicily the veterans found very little resistance by the Italians, but encountered their severest fighting along the west coast after contacting the German army.

In the words of T/Sgt. Ward, "we were the reserve forces and really dealt with the Germans." The Italian soldiers gave up easily. Dickerson took scores of them prisoners "all by himself." The Italians, in fact, were happy to be captured by the Americans and continually insisted on shaking hands.

Tough Battle

While the Italian resistance was almost nil, the two Wards and Dickerson found tough going about halfway through the Sicilian drive. One of the toughest battles was fought by their unit at Troine, where they met stiff opposition by the Nazis. It was here that they earned their unique citation. The unit was led by their commanding officer advancing on a certain hill, their objective, and after successfully finishing off a bitter fight the commander decided upon the "Triple A—Nothing" award. Citing the achievement of his unit, the commander said, "It doesn't make any difference . . . any place, anything, any time, bar nothing!" It reflected the spirit of the organization, so he designed an insignia consisting of three "As," a bar running through the letters and a zero at the end. Members of the command wore this insignia from then on, painted in white on their helmets.

The glance that over cocktails seems so sweet May be less charming over shredded wheat.

tified a superior who in turn notified the Navy.

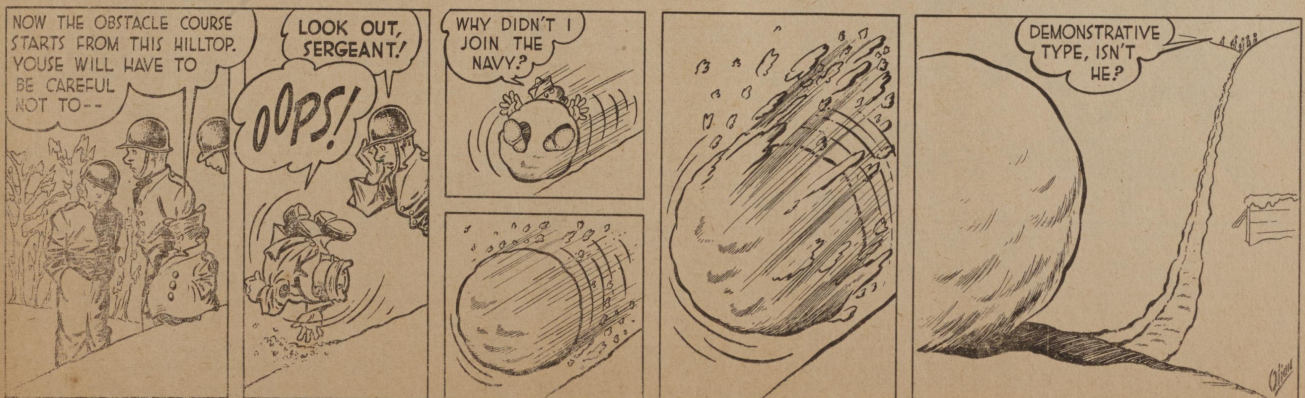
Bombs from a Navy bomb-diver unloosed the sub and it was hauled ashore by a bulldozer. One dead son of Heaven was found inside, and the other man, an officer, swam ashore and was captured. The submarine, Stratton says, later was brought to the United States for display.

Before entering the Army, Stratton spent six years in the hotel business and also for a time worked for an amusement concern.

Pvt. Johnny Gremlin

Man of Action

By Pvt. Ralph Olian



RING SIGHT SEAT

This is the 27th in a series of columns detailing the work and training of AAF flexible gunners.

A B-26 Marauder group at an advanced North African airbase has a waist gunner on its roster who, it claims, is the only AAF flexible gunner who ever confirmed a "shot down" enemy by bailing out of his bomber and landing close enough to watch his victim burn. How he did it makes quite a story. Ring Sight Seat prints it not only because it's unique, but because it's another demonstration of the courage and "under fire" coolness of America's flying gunmen.

This waist gunner's singular adventure started when the formation in which his B-26 was flying was attacked by 70 ME-109's while making a bombing run over the Villa Litterio marshalling yards in August.

His ship was crippled by anti-aircraft fire during the approach to the target. The gunner caught a fragment of flak in the leg from one burst under the waist section. A second later a direct hit on one engine forced the pilot to feather the prop and fall out of formation.

Twenty of the 70 enemy fighters swarmed over the crippled Marauder, making repeated attacks from all hours of the clock. 20 mm. shells were exploding around the battered B-26 like fire crackers on a Chinese holiday. One Nazi dived under the bomber and came up raking the belly. Hanging on his prop the German pilot poured round after round into the fuselage. A burst ripped the waist gunner's armor plating. A second burst in the same spot gave him a second leg wound.

While the waist gunner ignored his wounds and stuck to his gun the airplane began to lose altitude. A hit in the left-wing gas tank started a fire, which, whipped by the wind, spread completely along the trailing edge of the wing. With his ship on fire and falling further and further behind the formation the pilot rang his emergency bell and gave the "bail out" order.

The waist gunner still stuck to his guns as his five shipmates "hit the silk." He was intent on an ME-109 making a pass from 5 o'clock. As the German bore in firing both wing cannons at the tail of the bomber a burst exploded just outside the gunner's window and flying shrapnel inflicted his third wound.

But he had the attacker in his sights. He poured tracers and armor-piercing bullets into the nose and wing root of the Messerschmitt. At the last second the Nazi changed his collision course and broke under the bomber and out on the other side.

The waist gunner, alone now in a plane without a pilot, immediately turned and grabbed the opposite waist gun. He raked the cockpit and

Three Religious Leaders Here on Army Camp Tour

Three prominent figures in the world of religion, Dr. H. H. Savage, Mr. W. Karl Steele and Mr. Howard Skinner, arrived at Jefferson Barracks last Tuesday to present a morale-building program of inspiration and entertainment on religious lines as part of a three months' tour of Army camps. Appearing here under the auspices of the Bible Meditation League of Columbus, O., the group will remain through next Thursday with nightly programs in Post chapels and daily visits to hospital wards.

Dr. Savage, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Pontiac, Mich., for the past 20 years, is making the tour of Army camps on a leave of absence from his pastorate in order to bring devotional messages to soldiers. Mr. Steele, color crayon artist, who has presented his work at scores of church and bible conferences, reproduces old religious masterpieces for his soldier audiences. Mr. Skinner, singer and pianist and director of the Maranatha Bible Conference at Muskegon, Mich., sets the musical background for Mr. Steele's drawings in addition to presenting religious songs and piano numbers.

Concluding a four-night program last night in Chapel No. 7, Dr. Savage and party will be at Chapel No. 3 tonight through Tuesday and at Chapel No. 5 Wednesday and Thursday nights. All night programs will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock they will be in charge of services at Chapel No. 4. In their daily tours of wards at Station Hospital the group presents a special program by arrangement with the Red Cross.

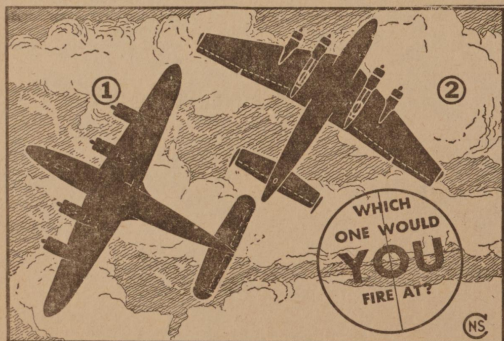
MONOLOGUE: So I'm standing on the corner of Lincoln and Collins when this guy comes up to me and asks me the time. I tell him it's 9 o'clock—and he hauls off and socks me. "Whatsa big idea?" I asked. "Listen, wise guy," he says. "I been askin' people that question all day—and every time I get a different answer!"

**That little thought or word which you leave unsaid
May keep some soldier from being filled with lead.**

fuselage of his target and poured over 100 rounds into it until the German plane suddenly burst into flame and fell off on its left wing.

Then, and only then, just as the stricken, abandoned Marauder slid into its death dive, the gunner slipped into his chest pack parachute and bailed out.

With the silk billowed out overhead and well filled with air the wounded gunner bent over in the harness and watched the ship he had shot down, still in a spin. It crashed and burned as he descended about 75 yards away. After getting out of his parachute harness the victorious gunner stood by and watched his victim go up in smoke—like Tarzan of the Apes gloating over a vanquished foe. This was one victory credit he knew he deserved.



NOT AT NO. 1:—It's the U. S. C-69 "Constellation," a long-range transport plane, powered by four radial engines. Its fuselage is long and rounded. The low-set wings are swept back on the leading edge and swept forward slightly on the trailing edge to pointed tips. The leading edge of the tailplane is swept back and the trailing edge tapers slightly to rounded tips. It has triple fins and rudders. Let it pass.

FIRE AT NO. 2:—It's the Junkers Ju 90, a low-wing transport plane powered by four engines. This is one of the largest German land planes. Its fuselage is deep and slab-sided. The leading edges of the wings are swept back strongly to broad tips. Both edges of the tailplane are tapered slightly and it has twin fins and rudders. A bomber model, Ju. 89, is identical in shape with this plane. Get 'em.

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The Wolf

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Use of Camouflage Helped Keep Losses Small in African Fight

About this time last year or thereabouts 1st Sgt. M. E. Yeager, now awaiting reassignment at the Reception Center, was taking part in a fox hunt—a fox hunt that made headlines all over the world because the fox in question was a wily desert specimen, Field Marshal Rommel.

Sgt. Yeager began his overseas service in dead earnest on December 24, 1942, when he landed with an artillery unit in the second invasion wave at Casablanca. A month later he set out from Tlemcen on an 800-mile day and night forced march to take up firing positions at Thala.

The Allied forces were pitted against the famed 9th and 11th panzer divisions, pride of Rommel's army. In this engagement Yeager's artillery unit got gallant protection from British infantry on the ground and equally gallant protection from British Spitfires in the air when Stukas dive bombers attacked. The Stukas didn't do overly much damage and Yeager credits the use of camouflage for the small losses suffered from the air in the battle.

Although very tired, the Americans had high morale and forgot all about weariness when they went into battle, Yeager says. Rommel's advancing tanks were treated to a terrific concentration of artillery fire which almost wiped out the 9th panzer division.

After this victory Yeager's unit took up defensive positions at Kasserine guarding against attack from Sfax, and after the fall of Sfax the unit moved into the engagement at El Guettar and Maknassy.

The Germans made a fierce stand there in the latter battles as they knew defeat would mean the beginning of the end of their African adventure. Yeager's unit was faced with heavy concentrations of enemy planes, troops and artillery but came through to win. Then came a flanking movement which called for an-

other forced march lasting three days. American forces then found themselves pitted against hill positions which the Nazis had prepared for months. It took eleven days of hard fighting to take those positions.

Yeager was also present at the fall of Bizerte when 275,000 Axis troops, mostly German, were captured. While preparing to cross to Sicily, Yeager underwent a heavy two-hour bombing by 120 planes. As a result of this experience he gives this advice to soldiers in training. "Mother Earth is your best friend. Dig foxholes and slit trenches deep enough. Properly constructed foxholes and trenches are comparatively safe from all but direct hits."

Rhythm Gliders Are 95th Wing's Music Wizards

Fifteen-Piece Band Is Led By Sgt. James Hardy

Innate ability plus good old-fashioned hard work have made the 95th Training Wing dance band one of the most widely known and popular organizations at Jefferson Barracks. Its versatility is shown in the range from marching style to dance rhythms.

Known as the J.B. Rhythm Gliders, the band is under the direction of Lt. Judson C. Hixson Jr. and with the aid of Post Special Service officers the orchestra has grown from nine to 15 pieces. It's well known in St. Louis and on the post where it has played for a number of organizations.

Director and trombonist is Sgt. James Hardy, leader since last May. Other members are: Sgt. John Young, guitar and vocalist; Cpl. John Moten, 1st alto sax; Pfc. Benjamin Lundy, 2nd tenor sax; Pfc. Donna Taylor, 1st trumpeter; Pfc. James Underwood, bass violin; Pfc. Charles Beasley, 4th tenor; Pvt. John Mills, 2nd trumpeter; Pvt. Tony Tarver, 3rd trumpeter; Pvt. Walter Stanley, 1st trumpeter; Pvt. William Holliday, piano; Pvt. William Jones, bass violin and drums; Pvt. Edward Wilson, piano and arranger; Pvt. Earl Byrd, 1st trombone, and Pvt. Rueben Gilmore, 2nd trombone.

The Gliders are a successor to the 95th's first musical outfit, the drum and bugle corps organized in September of 1942 under T/Sgt. Bob Young and which grew into a 45-piece marching band and a 21-piece drum and bugle corps. Benny Washington, the drummer, and Walter Stanley, trumpeter, were among the famous early members.

The present organization got under way last spring after a short period during which the 95th was practically "music-less." The situation was short-lived and soon the Gliders appeared with the blessing of Wing Commander Maj. Byron C. Swanson.

And then there was the condemned golfer who asked the hangman: "Mind if I take a couple of practice swings?"

MOVIE GUIDE

MOVIE PROGRAM — WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

Theaters No. 2 and 3
Theater No. 1

Sat., Dec. 11
Mon., Dec. 13

DOUBLE FEATURE

"SO'S YOUR UNCLE"

Elyse Knox — Donald Woods

"THE RETURN OF THE VAMPIRE"

Bela Lugosi — Frieda Inescourt

Theater No. 1
Theater No. 4

Sat., Dec. 11, Sun., Dec. 12
Sat., Dec. 11

"WHISTLING IN BROOKLYN"

Red Skelton — Ann Rutherford

Theaters No. 2 and 3
Theater No. 1
Theater No. 4

Sun., Dec. 12, Mon., Dec. 13
Tues., Dec. 14, Wed., Dec. 15
Tues., Dec. 14

"HIS BUTLER'S SISTER"

Deanna Durbin — Fanghot Tone

Theaters No. 2 and 3
Theater No. 1
Theater No. 4

Tues., Dec. 14, Wed., Dec. 15
Thurs., Dec. 16, Fri., Dec. 17
Thurs., Dec. 16

"THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT A SOLDIER"

Douglas Drake — Evelyn Keyes

Theaters No. 2 and 3

Thurs., Dec. 16, Fri., Dec. 17

"NORTH STAR"

Walter Huston — Walter Brennan

25th Captures 'E' Award for Seventh Time

36th Takes Top Honors Among Basic Groups

When Maj. Joseph W. Meelich, commanding officer of the 25th Training Group, stepped forward to receive Acting Commandant Lt. Col. Hart G. Foster's congratulations for winning the November "E" award, it marked the seventh time his organization has garnered the honor—emblematic of efficiency in training, physical training, camouflage and firing.

Instrumental in achieving this outstanding record is a staff composed of 1st Lt. Kenneth B. Ottsen, academic and training officer; 2nd Lt. Montague DuBarry, physical training officer and T/Sgt. Bedford Evans, chief drill instructor.

Second place in the overseas groups went to the 30th with the 31st finishing third.

Also accepting congratulations was Capt. Walter L. Moller, commanding officer of the 36th Training Group which led all competition for the same period in the basic training group division. This makes the third time their standards have flown above 13 competitors.

Those responsible for the excellent showing include 1st Lt. Ralph B. Tefferteller, physical training officer; 1st Lt. Frederick W. Schlitz, academic and training officer, and a proficient staff of four senior drill instructors.

Another 14th Wing competitor, the 35th, made it a "one-two" punch for Lt. Col. Kenneth M. Banle's wing by capturing second place, while the 34th garnered third.

The awards, feature of recent retreat parade ceremonies, also included the presentation of a silver identification bracelet to Pvt. Frank Kemp, 1167th, for proficiency with the M-1 rifle. Kemp scored 210 out of a possible 220 to lead November competitors on the range.

Red Cross Notes

The Red Cross cannot too often nor too emphatically stress the fact that it is not permitted in any way to use its influence in obtaining furloughs for soldiers. A recent incident has again brought this matter into prominence.

The illness of a soldier's mother had been verified by a Red Cross chapter in the soldier's home town, and the doctor saw no need for the soldier's immediate presence. This information was transmitted to the soldier's organization and his commanding officer was obliged, under the circumstances, to deny the furlough.

The soldier, then, dissatisfied with this refusal, pursued the matter further with the J. B. Red Cross, only to be told it could not intercede in his behalf, the granting of furloughs resting entirely within the province of his Commanding Officer.

The Red Cross is not only anxious to help soldiers in their perplexing problems, for its entire organization is dedicated to rendering assistance to the deserving. It must always be remembered that verifications of conditions at home are obtained FOR the Military; the Red Cross being merely the intermediary between the Military and the soldier's family. Its efforts, to the fullest extent, are always invoked in the servicing of emergencies, and J. B. Red Cross will continue its efforts to solve the soldiers' various problems but its ability to obtain furloughs for them is strictly not within their province.

Mr. Richard S. Hanson, who has been attached to the J. B. Red Cross staff for the past year as instructor of trainees, was transferred and advanced to field director of an air base at Harvard, Neb.

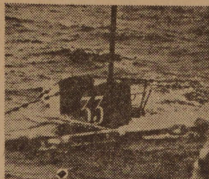
The Chrysanthemum display at Shaw's Botanical Gardens found its way to Jefferson Barracks Monday, December 6. The bouquets were distributed by the Gray Ladies to the hospital wards.

In line with a military change of plan regarding C.D.D.'s, the Red Cross will have a new office in Building 27 for interviewing men

who are soon to be discharged. In accordance with Army regulations, the Red Cross furnishes information about insurance, pension, and other privileges of the veteran, as well as vocational rehabilitation and employment. If the patient has not yet talked to the United States Employment Service representative on the post, the Red Cross worker refers the soldier there. The social workers provide helpful advice to the discharged disabled soldiers returning home and assist them in re-establishing themselves in civilian life, where they are informed the Red Cross Home Chapter will be glad to aid them further.

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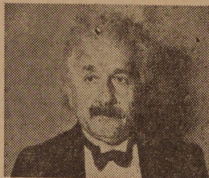
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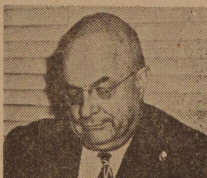
1 Target for Yanks today is this Nazi:
(a) unterseeboot (b) überseeboot
(c) ultraseboot (d) upunddownboot



2 Not in fatigues, but ready for work is:
(a) Carmen Miranda (b) Gypsy Rose Lee
(c) Vera Zorina (d) Mary Martin



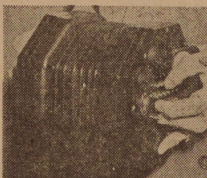
3 Lift the black-out curtain to see:
(a) Toscanini (b) Charles Laughton
(c) Dr. Einstein (d) Mr. Anthony



4 Headache to Hitler—aspirin to Allies:
(a) Glenn Martin (b) Wilhelm Kaiser
(c) Henry Kaiser (d) W. C. Fields



5 With no introduction you'd call her:
(a) Joan (b) Olivia (c) Rita
(d) Alexis



6 Out of date for jam sessions is this:
(a) clarichord (b) balalaika
(c) concertino (d) concertino



7 This fellow makes life miserable for:
(a) Edgar Bergen (b) Fred Allen
(c) Schickelgruber (d) his best girl



8 You'd normally wear this gear in the:
(a) bathysphere (b) atmosphere
(c) stratosphere (d) hydrosphere



9 This fellow gets his pay check from:
(a) Uncle Sam (b) Peter Arno
(c) Walt Disney (d) Arthur Szyk



10 She has to hold this pose when she's:
(a) volplaning (b) aquaplaning
(c) water-skiing (d) water-sliding

PHOTOQUIZ ANSWERS

- 1—(a) unterseeboot, 2—(c) Vera Zorina, 3—(c) Dr. (Alfred) Einstein, 4—(b) Henry Kaiser, 5—(b) Olivia, 6—(c) concertino, 7—(a) Edgar Bergen, 8—(a) bathysphere, 9—(a) Uncle Sam, 10—(c) water-skiing.

New Promotions

Captain
1st Lt. Robert E. Merrill
Chief Warrant Officer
WOJG Hampton E. Tonk
WOJG Howard Kemper
WOJG Ralph W. Rausch
WOJG Leslie T. Little

Reunion

J. B. Band Plans 'Peace Convention'

Upon the successful conclusion of the war, the boys of the 9th and 10th AAF Bands at J.B. plan to reunite at the Home Hotel, Greenville, Ohio. The appropriate time will be fixed and invitations will be extended by the hotel manager, our own Pvt. Joe Steidle, drummer.

Joe has already contacted his close friend, the mayor of Greenville, and he thoroughly approves of the gala event to come. For the most part, the band personnel is generally located in the mid-western states, making the Home Hotel easily accessible.

Quoting Joe, "The hotel bulletin board will be well stocked with details and G.I. parties for all."

Be Patriotic—Conserve Food.

NEWS Reception Center

Master Sergeant Clay M. Pittman, now at the Reception Center, has a seven year service record and wears three stars on his overseas ribbon denoting battle actions in French Morocco, Tunisia and Sicily.

Pittman went direct from the States to the African invasion, arriving at Port Lyantey, French Morocco, November 8, 1942. His job as transportation sergeant was to get combat-loaded trucks and light tanks ashore. This was successfully accomplished despite a heavy surf and shelling from enemy shore batteries. Fighting lasted for three days in this area before the French capitulated.

Later Sgt. Pittman moved up to the Tunisian front where it was his duty to keep ammunition and supplies moving up to the front line.

Heavily Bombed
His unit, which included a regimental supply train, was bombed heavily while bivouacked in an olive grove near Maknassey. Seven waves of planes, in groups of eight, came over at intervals of 45 minutes, but the bombing was ineffective due to sharp anti-aircraft fire. A driver of a wrecker truck in Pittman's outfit was credited with bringing down a Messerschmitt 109 with fire from a .50 caliber machine gun.

Speaking from experience, Pittman praises the effectiveness of desert camouflage nets as protection from air attack. He says that proper dispersion of vehicles and supplies also discourages enemy air raids.

Pittman used this principle of dispersion to good advantage during the eighteen-day battle of Maknassey. Out of range of small artillery, dispersion of his supplies rendered long range shelling ineffective.

Following the Maknassey engagement, Pittman's group moved on to action in the Sedjenane Valley. Fighting here was in mountainous country where transportation by truck was impossible. With the help of French army units, Pittman obtained mules and burros from natives of the countryside. Ammunition, food and water for the Army was moved up to the front by pack train.

After the North African campaign was completed, Pittman was sent to a rest camp where he enjoyed movies, camp shows and games. He also had an opportunity to tour the countryside and to bathe in the Mediterranean.

Returning to duty, his unit was moved to Sicily, landing at Palermo. While still on the ship they were bombed for nearly two hours. Pittman reports that only one small ship was sunk and some ammunition on a dock was exploded. He was amused at the German radio report of the raid which claimed the sinking of forty ships in this action.

The Sicilian campaign, ended for Pittman at Randazzo as he was one of those chosen by his superiors to be sent home for furlough and reassignment.

Austrian Army Veteran

Private Max Uhrmacher, in Company A at the Reception Center, has served in the Austrian Army, under the compulsory military training plan which was in effect when he lived in Vienna, Austria.

Uhrmacher was born and raised in Vienna, and worked there until 1938, when he departed for the United States under a quota authorized by the German invaders. His parents live in this country—and he has married an American girl since his arrival here. His citizenship was obtained about ten months ago.

Uhrmacher is amazed at the contrast between the American and Austrian Armies. It is difficult for him to believe that he is actually being encouraged to LEARN while serving Uncle Sam; that pressure

Classification Party Is Entertaining Fete

Classification Division and Post Assignment Section held another of their highly entertaining parties at the Congress Hotel, Friday, December 3. Approximately 125 officers, WACs, and enlisted men of the division attended the gala pre-Christmas affair.

The turkey dinner was followed by a floor show headlined by Cpls. Jack Phil, singer and Marvin Himmel, story-teller. Pfc. Jim Marvin brought down the house with his tap dancing. Jack Field's orchestra furnished the dance music.

is brought to bear in improving knowledge in many directions while serving your country. His experience in the Austrian Army was a direct contrast. The "common" soldier, as he put it, was prohibited from practicing any self-education. His primary duty as an Austrian soldier was to obey orders.

Volleyball Tournament

Company C's volleyballers remained undefeated and took the lead in the tournament last week by beating the Officers team. This match was closely contested until the final game when the victors turned on the steam to win.

At the conclusion of this round-robin schedule there will be a play-off between the four top teams to establish a Reception Center Champion. All participating teams will be outlasting this week to gain a berth in the first four and thus be contestants in the play-off.

New Arrivals

Recent new arrivals in officer personnel at the Reception Center, and their present duty assignments, are as follows: Classification Section (Aviation Cadet Board) Capt. John K. Martensen; Reception Station No. 9, Capt. Lawrence K. McGrath, 1st Lt. Samuel W. Sterret; Company B: 2nd Lt. Herbert R. Helwig, 2nd Lt. John A. Hooper; Company C, 2nd Lt. Robert A. Dermitt; Company D, 2nd Lt. Robert N. Black.

Get Acquainted

Meet the men of the Assignment Section at the Reception Center. Here's who they are and what they did in civilian life:

Capt. Leighton E. McCormick formerly state Extension Forester of Missouri and member of staff and faculty at Missouri University; Warrant Officer Doran E. Trail was an Inspector with the U. S. Engineering Dept., St. Louis; S/Sgt. Glynn B. Donoho was employed in the district office of The National Supply Co., Olney, Ill., distributors of oilfield equipment.

Sgt. Raymond E. Jansen was in charge of one of the Southern Ginning Company's plants at Kennett, Mo.; T/5 James W. Kettler was office manager of a job constructions office for the Thomas J. Sheehan Co., St. Louis; Pfc. Mary G. Huster was assistant office manager of the International Shoe Co., St. Charles, Mo., and Pfc. Joseph G. Haich was in charge of the foreign books department of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis.

13th Wing Plans Gala Christmas Season Festivity

A gala Christmas season, featuring a star-studded variety show, is in store for the 13th Training Wing men. It was announced this week by Lt. Chester Chesney, Special Services Officer for the wing.

With topnotch GI talent and such noted theatrical performers as the Smoothies, vocal trio formerly with Fred Waring's orchestra, expected to be on hand, the variety show will be held at the Tent Arena Dec. 21.

In addition, intra-squadron competition for the most appropriately Yuletide decorated tents will be held in the 26th and 718th Training Group tent areas. Wing religious services will be conducted at Chapel No. 2, while carolers will serenade the respective groups of the wing. Christmas trees will also be placed in front of the 13th Wing Headquarters and outside Chapel No. 2.

Various parties and celebrations will also be held in group day rooms. The Christmas programs are being planned with a special spot reserved for men in quarantine.

Every stamp raps the Japs

Dental Patient Sees Stars



Photo by Cpl. Joseph Broton—Globe-Democrat

Jefferson Barracks had a distinguished visitor last Saturday—Major Gen. Robert H. Mills, left, chief of the dental service of the U. S. Army and director of the dental division of the Surgeon General's office in Washington, D. C., who was here to inspect dental and medical facilities. The General is shown here with Col. Clement J. Gaynor, chief of the dental service at the Barracks, looking over a GI patient in the Post dental clinic. Gen. Mills called dental facilities at the Barracks "excellent."

34th Enjoys Party—
A New Brand of GI

A new kind of GI party, designed to reward GIs who are most handy with the GI brush and dust cloth, was inaugurated by the 34th Training Group last Monday night.

Girls, a seven-piece band, other entertainment and soft drinks were the attractions at the first of the series of parties held in the 26th gym. The Squadron with the best inspection record for the previous week will be chosen as guests at these invitational parties which are arranged by the 34th Special Service division.

Squadron B of the 34th won the privilege of attending the first party. Singing when the band played the Air Corps song and the Group Loyalty song demonstrated the reason why the group has won five E's for singing.

More than 50 girls from the Anheuser-Busch Company and the main USO in St. Louis were on hand to help make the party a success. Sponsors of the party were Miss Louise Zoller and Mrs. Joe Schultz. Capt. Gerald M. Richardson, commander of the 34th Training Group, and 1st Lt. August R. Sell, Squadron B commander, also were present.

Listen to 'G. I. Doc'

The J.B. public address system has a new feature, "Advice of a GI Doc," short and snappy health talks which come on immediately following the daily 12:30 p. m. news broadcast. Better lend an ear because everyone is anxious to keep sickness down to a minimum and your GI doc would rather keep you well than cure you when you're sick.

Just think of the advice you get on this new program as coming from your "Old Family Doc."

Xmas

YANK Something to See

Jam-packed with holiday features, the Christmas issue of YANK, the Army weekly, dated December 24, will go on sale at the Main Store and all branches of the Post Exchange next Friday.

The special features, the YANK editors informed us in a recent communique, include a full-color holiday cover, a Christmas pin-up and cartoons in the spirit of the season.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS EXCHANGE

Have you seen the assortment of Christmas cards on sale at the Main store and all branches of the Jefferson Barracks Post Exchange? They're really something to send.

The wide variety for selection includes cards to fit all cases. There are cards for special persons—mother, father, sister, brother, sweetheart; some have verses expressing real sentiment, others are actually comical.

And they're priced to fit any "sized" pocket-book, all the way from

7c to 65c

JEFFERSON BARRACKS EXCHANGE

J. B. Sanitation Experts Specialize in
Mass Murder for Insects and RodentsCol. Mortensen and
Mr. Ballowe Direct
War on Pests

There's another war going on at Jefferson Barracks besides the one we're waging on Hitler and Tojo. And like the Hitler-Tojo fracas this other war is being won by our side too, with the Post Sanitation Department furnishing the knockout punch for some age-old menaces—Insects and rodents.

Public enemies No. 1 and 2 as far as insects and rodents in this territory are concerned are Lt. Col. Frederick C. Mortensen, Post Sanitary Officer, and Mr. Thomas Ballowe, a civilian who serves as sanitation supervisor. As right-hand man for Col. Mortensen and Mr. Ballowe, Sgt. Larry Ashbridge has charge of 16 enlisted men who make up the regular personnel of the Sanitation Department.

The job of convincing the various insects and rodents that it's not healthy to get too friendly with J.B. GIs is a big one and involves constant all-out efforts. Mosquito control, for instance, is eternally a tough problem which calls for some high-powered, hard-hitting action in the interests of GI health.

Variety of Foes
As an idea of the foes to be dealt with in that phase of the fight, there are 26 different species of mosquitoes found in and around the St. Louis area which are carriers of malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness. Ever-increasing numbers of soldiers returning from the tropic

WAC-tivities

By Pfc. Violet Weninger

WAC Detachment passed a singularly uneventful week with not even one wedding to break the monotony. Some changes were made, however, in the duty status of company officers and non-commissioned officers. 2nd Lt. Louise Bemis was made officer in charge of supply and recreation and 2nd Lt. Alice Barden mess officer; Sgt. Gerda Kuhlo was named acting mess sergeant, and S/Sgt. Maryalice Northover was appointed acting first sergeant filling the vacancy left by Sgt. Mildred Bernstein, who transferred to Station Complement.

All our sympathy goes to our little cocker spaniel, Doc, who unwisely stepped in front of a G.I. truck but suffered only minor injuries. Doc's owner, Cpl. Lorraine Ogden, who is also in charge of the dispensary saw to it that the puppy got the best of care—even to keeping her clothed in a brilliant red and blue sweater.

Cpl. Joan Chamberlain writes from Chicago, where she and Cpl. Verma Berry are still on detached service, saying that the city of Chicago is doing everything in its power to make the service people welcome and that she and Berry, according to rumor, will be there until after Christmas.

We had two convoys—one to see "Able's Irish Rose" and one to the St. Louis Symphony. The USO has been providing us with the best of tickets to the stage shows and various entertainments that come to St. Louis and really proving to us that in addition to being a serviceman's city, St. Louis is also a servicewoman's city.

S. M. I.

(Safeguarding Military
Information)

Shop talk may be sabotaged.

If you have an idea for S.M.I., submit it to the HUB, second floor, Building 29, west wing.

lands of the Pacific theater of operations heighten this problem because some of them transmit malaria to mosquitoes in these parts and the mosquitoes in turn carry it to others.

To check this menace at the source the Sanitation Department eliminates breeding places of mosquitoes by ditching, filling and draining of ponds and sink holes on the Post. Oils and other larvicides are sprayed or dusted on ponds once a week and an index of mosquito population is made during the summer months by daily trapping and hand-catching of the insects which are identified to determine the proper procedure of elimination of the pest. Along with the malaria-carrying mosquito the Aedes Vexans (carrier of sleeping sickness) gets no peace either from the Sanitation Department, which wages a relentless spray-gun battle on tree cavities, the breeding places of the sleeping sickness specialists.

As for rodent control, mice, rats, moles and ground squirrels all come in for their share of attention, but the main fight is directed at the rat, which is a host for the flea, carrier of plague and typhus, and a host for the tape worm and carrier of the organism causing infectious jaundice. The rat gets his bad news from the Sanitation Department in the form of daily inspections, removal of the rodent's food supply, and eradication by poison, traps and fumigation.

War on Roaches

Roaches and bed bugs, like the mosquitoes and the rats, get short shrift at Jefferson Barracks, through fumigation and general good house-keeping habits. The Sanitation Department derosches from 150 to 250 buildings a month on the Post and fumigates from 30 to 90 buildings a month. Various kinds of gases are used in the fumigation process and as a word of warning to soldiers who are not overly cautious, the Sanitation Department points out that the Service Gas Mask is no

"Arsenal" of Sprays
and Fumigators
Aid G. I. Health

protection against some of the fumigation gases. So when you see a sign in red letters, "GAS-KEEP OUT," on your barracks, do just what it says, soldier, and KEEP OUT. And in case you've seen Sanitation Department men wearing their gas masks into a fumigated building and emerging unharmed, that doesn't mean you can do it too, because they wear a special type of canister as protection when fumigating.

"Ounce of Prevention"

Rounding out the job of keeping J.B. on the beam where sanitation is concerned, the Department makes weekly inspections and sprayings of all dumps, trash and salvage areas, permanent and semi permanent ponds, sink holes, creek beds and river areas, manholes, catch basins and the entire Post sewage system.

Somewhat along the lines of the sense of security that movie patrons get when they view a newsreel of some of Uncle Sam's big guns, ships and planes, any soldier who happens to stop in the Sanitation Department warehouse will feel warmly secure about insects and rodents when he gets a look at the "arsenal" of sprays, larvicides and fumigators housed there. Located in Building 542 in the South Warehouse Area, the Sanitation Department has about anything you can name in the way of dealing out mass murder to animal pests. To make sure their "arsenal" is thoroughly effective, the Department members mix most of the deadly spray concoctions by their own formulas.

Pianist Donegan in
Havsmith Varieties
Tuesday at Arena

The HAVSMITH Varieties, produced by S/Sgt. Hal Havird and S/Sgt. David K. Smith of the Post Special Service Office, will be on stage at the Tent Arena Tuesday night with a fast-moving musical revue featuring Dorothy Donegan, sensational boogie-woogie pianist, and the dancing Marian Ford Girls.

Pianist Donegan, currently featured at the Zodiac Cocktail Lounge atop Hotel Chase, has just completed eight months at the Latin Quarter in Chicago and is on her way to Hollywood to make a movie. The versatile Marion Ford Girls will present new routines and specialty acts.

The show, scheduled to get under way at 8 p. m., will round out the professional acts with talented GI entertainers.

Christmas Trees
To Be Fire-Proofed

With the holiday season on the way, all organizations and individuals on the Post are urged to take proper safety precautions with decorations. Groups and individuals having Christmas trees and inflammable decorations must contact the Post Sanitary Office, telephone 7168, to have trees and decorations sprayed with a fire-proof solution immediately after they have been decorated. Trees will be decorated not earlier than December 20 and all decorations must be completed before December 22 to facilitate spraying.

A limited number of small flood light fixtures with mounting brackets for 300-watt lamps are available upon requisition at the Office of the Post Engineer.

Three Yanks sleeping in Stolly were awakened by a tremendous crash not far away. "What was that?" asked one. "Bombs or thunder?" "Bombs." "Thank Heaven," said the dough-boy. "I was afraid we were gonna have more rain."

23rd Wins



J.B. Song of the Week

I've Got Sixpence

I've got sixpence (5-4-2-0)
Jolly, jolly, sixpence
I've got sixpence,
To test me all my life.
I've got two-pence to spend,
And two-pence to lend,
And two-pence to send home to my wife,
Poor wife.
No cares have I to grieve me,
No pretty little girl to deceive me
I'm happy as a king, believe me
As we go rolling, rolling home.
Tolling home, rolling home,
By the light of the silvery moo-oo-oo-oo-oo
Happy is the day when the Army gets its pay
And we go rolling, rolling home.

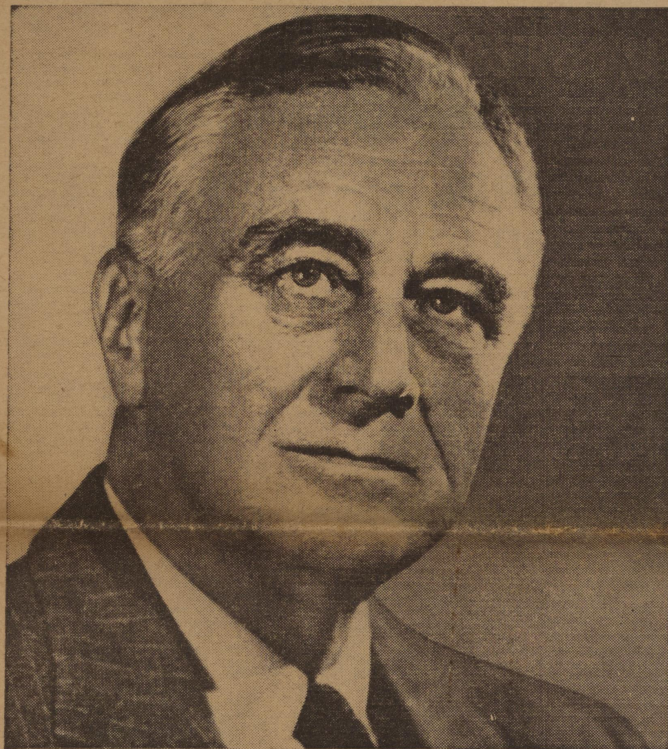
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POST MOURNS FDR'S DEATH; WORKS FOR FINAL VICTORY



Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1882-1945

Commanding Officer's Tribute

It is with a deep sense of sorrow and loss that we here consider the untimely passing of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States and Commander-In-Chief of the Army and Navy, at a time when the nation and the entire world looked toward him as one of history's greatest leaders.

It has been said that the good men do lives after them. Surely this hour of national loss, coming as it does on the brink of imminent victory, proves how heart-rendingly true these words can be. The ultimate good for which Franklin D. Roosevelt worked so courageously will live after him in the hearts of his countrymen and of freedom-loving millions across the globe.

President Roosevelt died a soldier's death . . . as surely as his fellow Americans on the many fronts where they fought to push forward the cause of world liberty and justice he so steadfastly advanced.

After his sudden demise, it was revealed that the end had not been unexpected. Against the advice of friends and counselors, the President worked himself hour by hour toward the accomplishment of that to which he had devoted his career.

He spoke, belittling his zealous attention to duty, these words: "What better way is there to die but in the service of my country?" In those words lies a message, urgent and burning, for us . . . his fellow workers in the cause of liberty.

The message of Franklin D. Roosevelt's life and the ideals for which he lived and fought will inspire us to more than military victory. It will spur us on to a final and lasting peace . . . a world free from the intolerance and oppression which President Roosevelt despised.

We will drive this war to a successful conclusion and we will see the peace through to its pre-ordained ending. We will make of it a soaring monument to a man who fought so valiantly and so selflessly for its institution.

L. C. MALLORY,
Colonel, Air Corps, Commanding.

Truman Assumes Command of War

The new Commander-In-Chief of the Army and Navy is Harry S. Truman, former Vice-President who now takes over as the head executive of the nation. The burden of well as its guidance during the peace negotiations to follow, now falls on the ex-Missouri senator's this country's war leadership, as shoulders.



HARRY S. TRUMAN

MEMORIAL CEREMONY HERE TO BE OBSERVED SATURDAY

The Post flag flies at half-mast today.

All over the nation, and in countries around the earth, the death of a great man is being mourned. Flags will fly at half-mast as the passing of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

is commemorated by civilians and soldiers the world over.

Co-incident with national memorial services being held tomorrow in Washington, D. C., Post personnel here will honor the death of their Commander-In-Chief in a special ceremony to be held tomorrow afternoon at the outdoor amphitheatre area behind the Sports Arena, weather permitting. Should inclement climatic conditions prevail, the memorial services will be held in the District Theatre. All military and civilian personnel are welcome to attend.

Meanwhile, late reports from the news fronts at home and abroad give a fuller picture of the President's death and its effect on the nation.

The president passed away at his Warm Springs cottage at 1535, Central War Time, yesterday. He was sitting in front of the fireplace when a cerebral attack occurred.

Cabinet Summoned

An emergency cabinet meeting was summoned immediately. Approximately two and one-half hours after the President's demise, Vice-President Harry Truman was sworn in as the new President of the United States by Chief Justice Stone.

In a message to the late President's wife, Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain characterized the death of his co-worker for world peace, and close personal friend, as a loss to the cause of freedom in every land.

Soviet Sympathy

Soviet Premier Marshal Stalin expressed his sorrow today in this message: "On behalf of the Soviet government and myself personally, I express our profound condolence. He continued by offering 'sincere sympathy to the American people in their great loss and their conviction that the policy of friendship between the great powers who are shouldering the main burden of war against the common enemy will continue in the future.'"

Marshall's Praise

Mr. Roosevelt's foresight in military counsel was praised in a statement by Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall. The President's 1940 running mate, Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace termed the great war leader a gallant world citizen, "who acted so unerringly to save democracy." Secretary of State Edward Stettinius compared the nation's loss to that of 1865, when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

The new President, Harry Truman, stated last night that the great objectives of the United States in this war remain unchanged. He declared that he would try to carry on as he believes President Roosevelt would have done. He has requested that the present cabinet remain unchanged.

Conference Still On

Despite previous speculation to the contrary, the new President announced that the San Francisco conference would be held on schedule, beginning April 25th.

Untimely Death of Great Leader Shocks Soldiers

But GI's Unanimously Believe Military Victory Won't be Affected

Soldiers here mourned the passing of President Roosevelt with a feeling of shock and firm resolution that the ideals for which he fought shall be carried to a successful conclusion. Silence was the reaction of many . . . the silence of a grief too great for words.

Color drained from flushed faces. The emotion was more intimate than one of national loss; it was as if a beloved friend had suddenly passed away.

Throughout the field, sentiments were slowly, hesitantly expressed. But mingled with grief was a firm conviction that the death of a great war president will not affect the inevitable victory of the United Nations.

Soldier's Reactions

Typical of most reactions was that of Pvt. Joseph W. Hunt of Squadron N: "I felt as if I had lost my father and mother. Several of the fellows in our barracks almost broke down and cried. I don't think it will prolong the war, but it will certainly have a bearing on the peace. His personal contacts with the other leaders, Churchill, and Stalin, are not easily replaced."

"I was stunned," declared Pfc. Philip P. Harris, of Squadron F. "But we will carry on his work to final victory. It is such a terribly untimely death coming at this time when the defeat of Germany is so near."

"A Great Blow"

Pvt. John W. Tillson, of Squadron L, said: "Regardless of one's political affiliation, the death of Roosevelt is a great blow to this country and to the world."

Sgt. John P. Carnivale, Squadron B: "My greatest regret was that the President did not live to see the coming peace, which he, more than anyone else, helped make possible."

Pvt. Thomas C. Woodward, Squadron M: "I don't know what to say. It came as such a shock to all of us. I think the President's counsels will be sorely missed at the coming peace conference, but I don't believe the war will be lengthened because of it."

Said WAC Cpl. Evelyn T. Julian of Squadron D: "I was stunned. I couldn't believe what I had heard. The Commander-In-Chief died like a soldier in battle, and it's just as regrettable that he couldn't live to see the peace for which he fought."

Retreat Sounds As News Is Given to Entire Post

The tragic news of President Roosevelt's death was flashed across the Post yesterday just as the last strains of "To The Colors" sounded and the national emblem was run down for retreat.

Command Gives Temporary Rest To Combat Vets

65,000 Returnees Assigned To AAF Training Command; 1,300 Here

Designed to give all qualified personnel an opportunity for overseas service and to give war weary men a necessary rest from battle, the AAF's rotation system has seen approximately 1,300 veterans assigned here as part of the total of more than 65,000 combat returnees assigned to Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount's AAF Training Command.

Flow of the combat returnees to the Training Command, which operates a nationwide system of flying and technical schools to provide individual training for virtually all AAF personnel, including pilots, bombardiers, navigators, gunners and technicians, continues at a rate of about 4,500 enlisted men and 1,500 officers per month, according to headquarters here.

Replace Permanent Party
As of January 31, 1945, there were 55,764 combat returnees in the Training Command—who by their return from combat had given a corresponding number of permanent party personnel the opportunity for combat assignments.

The majority of these returnees, Training Command Headquarters said, have been transferred from the AAF Personnel Distribution Command since Sept. 28, 1944, when it was determined by AAF Headquarters in Washington that returnee combat crew officers and enlisted men should be sent to the Training Command.

As of Jan. 31, 1945, General Yount's Headquarters reported, 31,410 returnees were on permanent party duty assignments and the remainder, 25,354, were in various types of training, either of the refresher variety or in a new combat skill, or engaged in on-the-job training. Of the total, there were 10,000 officers and 21,410 warrant officers, 36,200 enlisted men and 165 aviation cadets.

Many Facilities Available
Through a program instituted at Training Command stations, the combat returnees are provided with every available facility such as education, athletics, entertainment and other morale factors calculated to make their readjustment easy and pleasant.

Greatest operation confronting the Training Command in assimilation of the returnees has been that of duty and training assignment. Although the Training Command recognizes that assignment of combat returnees must be based upon military necessity rather than upon expediency or convenience, every effort is made to give consideration to the personal desires and aspirations of the returnees.

Overseas returnees in the Training Command fall into three main categories: aircrew officers, consisting of pilots, bombardiers, navigators, flight engineers and radar operators; combat crew enlisted men, and ground crew officers and enlisted men.

Bombardiers and navigators are sent to Training Command schools for a six-week refresher course in their specialty. Here some are selected for an additional course as bombardier and navigator instructors for assignment as permanent party instructors in the Training Command.

Others may qualify for pilot training. Those who are not selected as instructors or pilot trainees may volunteer for radar training, for assignment to administrative duties or for proficiency training. In the latter program, they are given 252 hours of military education designed to acquaint them with ground operations of the AAF and are given training in their own specialty and in an allied aircrew specialty.

Get Refresher Course
Pilot returnees are all assigned first for informal refresher training. Some are selected to be sent to instructors' schools.

Other opportunities for pilot returnees include mission pilot duties at bombardier, navigation, technical and gunnery school, very heavy bombardment pilot training, helicopter pilot training, and ground technical courses in maintenance, engineering, communications, photography, armament and gunnery.

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Art Contest Entries Displayed At Service Club



—Photo by AAF Training Command.

Winners Selected In Art Competition

Chosen Works Will Vie for Top Honors

Seven winning entries were chosen this week to represent the Post in the nation-wide Army Arts contest. Selected by a board of experts from among 49 entries submitted by Post artists and photographers, the seven works will be sent to Seventh Service Command Headquarters in Omaha for further judging.

Winners of the Service Command competition will then be exhibited this summer at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., after which winning artists will receive prizes of \$100 war bonds.

Winners Listed

Post artists judged best in the competition here include: Pfc. Warren C. Glenn, Squadron A, who won the oils division with his painting, "The City," an impression of

a heterogeneous mass of city buildings silhouetted against a brilliant sky; Pvt. Rudolf Staffel, Squadron L, who revealed fine composition and technique to win top honors in the water-color class with "Dancer," which showed two men engaged in work on an oil-line lock.

Other division winners were: Pvt. Francis W. Kenniston, Squadron B, whose excellent gouache, "Combatives," is a realistic demonstration of a rigorous PT session and Cpl. John F. Wallen, Squadron E, who headed the poster division with "A Fighter's Chance," depicting three amber-hued plasma bottles, upside down against a dark red background with white lettering.

Sgt. William C. Lyon, formerly of Squadron M and since transferred from the Post, won the highest prize in the pastel class with his portrait "Angela," remarkable for its intensity of color. T/Sgt. Joseph J. Niess, Squadron A, took top honors in the black-and-white category with "Joe Poti," portrait done in pencil.

Concluding the list of award winners was S/Sgt. Richard W. Gilmore, Squadron Q, who carried off

first honors in the photography class with "Delores." This picture of a young girl is notable for its soft tones and outstanding handling of high key technique.

No entries were submitted in the mural design, sculpture and block print classes.

Honorable Mentions

Besides awarding top prizes, honorable mention were made for other works submitted. In the water-color class, Pvt. Kenniston and Pvt. Robert P. Borja, formerly of Squadron M, received such awards. Honorable mention in the black-and-white category went to Pvt. Staffel, while T/Sgt. Niess took the same award for his dry color entry. In the photography division, honorable mentions were given Sgts. Max Yavno and Walter Gray, both of Squadron A.

Serving as judges under the national rules of the contest were: Palmer Eite, associate professor of art at Augustana College; Regina Teilton, supervisor of arts at the City Schools of Sioux Falls; and Gertrude Webster, head of the art department at the Sioux Falls College.

Pre-ROM Students to Observe Gas Warfare Demonstrations

Beginning tomorrow, and every Saturday thereafter, pre-radio students will witness three new vivid demonstrations in individual protection and first aid, decontamination and incendiaries as part of the regular chemical warfare training schedule.

The demonstrations will be held in a special training area on the site of the former Covert Training Unit, at the north end of the flight line. Here a simulated advanced fighter base has been set up comprising a mock village, runway, operational control tower and anti-aircraft emplacements. Students will watch from bleacher seats and listen to the explanatory lecture over a PA system.

During the first-aid demonstration, a "Joe Goof-Off" will graphically illustrate what happens to GI's who use their gas m.s.k.s to carry bananas, and neglectfully

ignore the training they have received in individual protection. Later, each student will be contaminated with a little spot of mustard gas, for the purpose of practicing use of the protective ointments.

The decontamination demonstration will consist of a simulated aerial gas attack on the mock base. The men will then see how trained crews decontaminate all the equipment and installations in segments until the base is fit for use again.

Similar demonstrations will be given to permanent party personnel some time in May.

TOPS IN CLASS 16-45

Sgt. John J. Higginson, of Squadron I, achieved an average grade of 4.3 and a final code speed of 18-3, to earn valedictorian honors of Class 16-45, which will be graduated at the District Theatre at 0900 tomorrow.

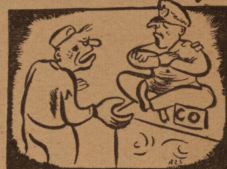
Other leaders in the class were:

	Av. Code	Grade	Speed
Becker, Kenneth E., Sq. Q	4.3	18	20
Faust, Stephen J., Sq. Q	4.2	18	20
Thompson, Robert A., Sq. P	4.2	20	20
Cleasby, Edward R., Sq. Q	4.2	20	20
Matthews, Kenneth C., Sq. H	4.2	18	20
Black, Bernard, Sq. L	4.1	20	20
Beatty, James T., Sq. I	4.1	20	20
Warakowski, Theodore, Sq. H	4.1	20	20
Schweinfurth, Fred D., Sq. O	4.1	18	20
Holt, James C., Sq. O	4.1	18	20

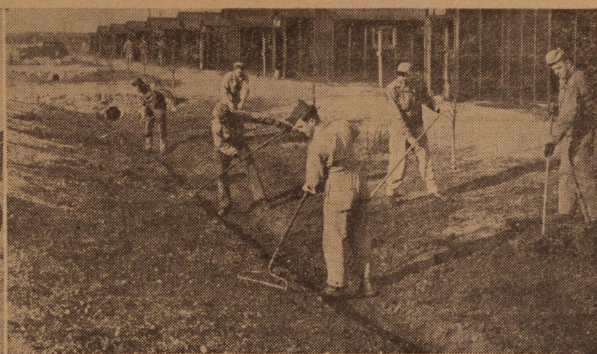
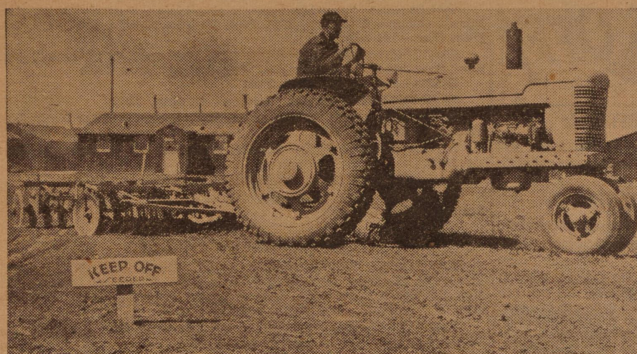
JET CABIN WARMED

The new P-80 Shooting Star, latest jet-propelled plane on the AAF's lists, features a warm pressurized cabin, reports reveal. The cabin air is heated by the jet itself.

"Aw Hell, Sir!"



Spring, Sweet Spring, Finally Arrives (We Hope)



Sure sign that winter is past and spring is well on the way can be found in the plowing and seeding operations now being carried on in vacant plots of ground about the Post. Pictured above at left is a tractor-drawn disk harrow breaking ground for subsequent grass seeding. In smaller areas, spading work is done. At the right, a crew of men rake a drainage ditch, clearing and smoothing it before fast-running spring rains arrive.

GOOD NEWS OF WARMER WEATHER MEANS TIME IS NEAR TO TEST OBSTACLE COURSE

By PFC. LES WALLER

We were all set to write this story two weeks ago. We thought, rookies that we were, that spring had come to Sioux Falls. No sooner had we saddled our notebook and sharpened a pencil or two but the clouds closed over, the north wind struck in sharp fury and snow started falling all over the place. When winter dies in South Dakota, it dies hard. But Jack Frost has been laid to rest for another year (we hope), and whatever gay sprites symbolize spring now gambol up hill and down dale to commemorate the fact that spring, honest-to-gosh spring, is finally here.

When Spring comes to a community as large as the Post, the changes are many and varied. For one thing, everybody stops wearing overcoats and fur hats. Everybody walks around in blouses and jackets or even OD shirts. In PT classes, white T-shirts blossom forth. "Long Johns" are stowed away. Windows are left wide open. Fires go untended. Then people start catching cold and wondering why.

Robins and Sergeants

Around squadron areas, lilting voices of robins mingle with the cheery growl of the duty sergeant spurring his charges to higher and more noble deeds. Lawns are spaded over and sown, storm doors and windows are taken down and area signs get new coats of paint. Meanwhile, the first of a long series of summer activities gets underway. In open plots of ground, eager sun-bathers spread their comforters to lie soaking the first warm rays of Old Sol. In a few weeks, shower rooms will echo to shouts of "Hey, look at the tan I got already!" Sometimes they do have tans at that.

Those twin summer sports, swimming and roller skating, will soon draw enthusiasts now that spring has sprung. With the first warm days, work begins to ready the Post's pool and rink for the advent of GI's and their dates.

PT Instructor Happy

But all is not sweetness and light with the advent of spring to the Post. As gentle breezes waft across PT fields, sounds of hammer and saw men can be heard from the direction of the obstacle course. Loose boards are secured, new ropes are hung and new blacksnake whips

are issued all instructors. (Note to our own PT slavedriver: We're just kidding, sarge. Ha ha.)

Surest sign that the vernal equinox has rolled around is the depleted state of coal piles throughout the Post. No more the heaping mounds of fuel outside the barracks. No longer the huge stockpiles near Gate 2. The vast store of fuel laid by for winter has served its purpose and spring has released many downtrodden hearts from the bondage of shovel and bucket, poker and broom.

But we're forgetting the final argument which clinches spring's arrival... namely, romance. Amid the leafy dells of neighboring parks, on the tree-lined streets of town and the long, curving drives of outlying highways, boy meets girl enacting an age-old story spurred on by spring's arrival.

Park Curfew

A word to the cautious here. Despite that fact that the sight of moonlight, the smell of zephyrs and the sound of fancy phrases will soften the heart of the coldest maiden, don't forget the 2230 curfew in effect throughout all parks. Get Brother Spring on your side before then and the world's your oyster.

We feel it only fair to warn you of the pitfalls found during spring. Those leafy dells and treelined streets are also traps for the unwary bachelor.

If you should hear the car's engine making funny noises and you think perhaps it's opportunity doing the knocking... beware. Many a joyful, laughing, bright and cheerful GI has been socked for the count with the assistance of spring.

Just remember that spring can be a tricky thing. It can change a chilly damsel's "no" to a sudden, sighing "yes." But what may start with a headlock can end in wed-

lock. These things have a way of getting started all of a sudden without anybody but the girl and spring knowing what the score is.

One minute you're having fun... the next minute you're propping. This gets more complicated the more girls you date during spring. Have you ever wondered why most wedding were in June? There's your answer plain and simple.

That's Another Story

And speaking of simple, did we tell you what happened to us the other night? See us after this story's written for the low-down.

But spring is definitely here. We do not doubt that fact. We look up from our red-hot Underwood and see the sun shining brightly through clouds of fleecy white. We open all the windows in the office, we inhale deep breaths of air, we listen reflectively to the rustle of leaves and the sigh of soft breezes.

Spring is here, men. Spring is definitely here. We sit pounding this story about spring while a few feet outside our office walls, spring is telling its own story far better than words and pictures can ever hope to do.

Tough Life

Ah, well, that's life. That's the way everything goes. Chained while the world makes merry... tied down while nature runs riot... handcuffed when the earth trembles anew with the first stirrings of a more glorious season.

Look at those birds out there... free as the air they fly in! Look at the grass, growing up under the blue heaven of a great outdoors! And look at us, roped lock, stock and barrel indoors on a day like this.

Excuse us... we forgot the last and most powerful proof of all. Men, we're sorry to admit it, but we've got spring fever.



Reminding us that Spring is more than a season of birds and flowers, Pvt. Robert A. Hennessey, of Squadron L, gets to work on one of the ingenious rope-climb devices at the Post obstacle course. Supporting cables must be tightened, loose or broken timbers replaced and the general structure overhauled. Then PT-happy soldiers can scramble up the strong ropes with confidence, if not in themselves, at least in the device.



Convinced that woolen "Long Johns" will not be needed any longer, Pvt. Edwin W. Nicholls Jr., of Squadron Q, packs the itchy underwear in his barracks bag and bids official farewell to winter. As squadron painters all over the Post touch up area signs and pictures, Sgt. Sam Lemons (right) re-paints the drawing of "Goofy Dog" which forms the Squadron N orderly room sign.



Beneficial rays of spring sunshine are being soaked up by the bevy of sun-worshippers shown at left. An open space, a blanket to lie on and they begin working diligently on a heavy tan. In the center picture, barracks storm windows which have insulated buildings through winter's chill months now come

down for storage, with Cpl. Ellis E. Hayes (left) and Sgt. Joe Hart, both of Squadron M, doing the honors. Shown at the right is part of the huge coal stockpile here which now shows great inroads the past season has made on it.

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There'll Be Time For Celebration

As inevitably as the arrival of Spring buds and choring birds after a bleak winter, V-E day is coming. Only the rash would dare to predict the date; we have learned from past experience that such predictions all too often are upset by last-minute frenzied resistance of the enemy.

But victory in Europe is certainly not too far off. The pincers from East and from West have driven to the heart of the Nazi homeland. In desperation, the Germans are firing many of their great cities on the Northern plain. Essen—home of the Krupp munition works—has been captured. The arsenals of the Ruhr and Silesia lie battered heaps of rubble. The little man with the ridiculous moustache, who boasted of a thousand years of Nazi hegemony in Europe, is on the run. Like a cornered rat he casts furtive eyes for an avenue of escape.

Yes, V-E day is coming. And, of course, we shall all rejoice when the shadow of reaction that has darkened the world since 1932 has finally been lifted and the sunshine of freedom appears again. We are entitled to rejoice and to celebrate, for the victory will have been achieved of our blood, sweat and tears. Our production, our sacrifice and our lives have gone into it.

But soldiers realize, perhaps more than anyone else, that V-E day represents only one-half of the global war won. The enemy in the Pacific remains. A vast deployment of troops and materiel must be put into motion from one hemisphere to the other. Sacrifices will still have to be made. Precious lives of American youth will still be lost.

It is this realization which will temper our forthcoming celebration. Soldiers on this Post and all over the United States and abroad know how great a job remains to be done after Germany has been whipped.

Their jubilation will be mingled with silent resolution for a complete victory. Many will attend churches and pray for strength. Many will spend the day quietly, happy but ever-mindful of the price that has been paid and is yet to be paid. We are certain there will be no wild, thoughtless sprees by GI's here.

Chaplain Speaks

EASTER SEQUEL

As long as we make the Holy Scriptures available for all mankind to read and to consider, as long as we have churches, meeting places, where all mankind may come to worship and meditate, need there be any question that there will always and forever be men who have witnessed the crucifixion and the Resurrection or at least heard about it?

Ah yes, you say, but does not much depend on whether the church, your church and my church gives us Christ crucified and risen from the dead, not alone on Good Friday and Easter but throughout the year? Does not the church have the tremendous responsibility and opportunity yesterday, today and forever to make it undeniably clear that with the crucifixion and the resurrection we have the clue, the key, the answer to the eternal struggle of life, the constant conflict between good and evil, right and wrong, the meaning of sacrifice and suffering, pain and persecution, life and death?

It is all part of God's plan and purpose in the development, in the growth of His Kingdom within us and around us. The crucifixion and the resurrection, Good Friday and Easter are inevitable in the creation and recreation of the Christ Life, in the higher life, in the more abundant eternal life here and now.

Will not the Christ forever be a stranger in this world, the man nobody knows, until we discover and rediscover the gospel truth concerning His death on the Cross and His life beyond the grave?

Does not God in His infinite love and wisdom want us forever to seek and to search after divine truth, love and wisdom, even as the two men, on the Road to Emmaus, were seeking and searching? Is that not part of the growing process into the Christ life, is it not essential to the building of the Christian character?

"O fools, slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken, ought not the Christ to suffer, the Christ in you and me, to have suffered these things being suffered today and enter into His glory?"

—ELIOTT V. FLECKLES,
Chaplain, (Capt.)



QUESTION:

Which teams do you think will win the major league pennants this year?

ANSWERS

S/Sgt. Frank Pierson, Pittsburgh, Pa., Camouflage Instructor, Squadron B.

"In the National League, I think the Pittsburgh Pirates will cop the pennant. They finished second last year, but Frisch will push them over the hump even though they lost Elliott to the service this year. It's the New York Yankees in the American, although I'd personally rather see the Detroit Tigers there."



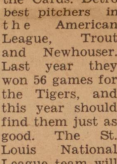
S/Sgt. Sam G. Rosenstein, Frankfurt, Ky., Personnel Services, Squadron A.

"I think it will be the Cards in the National and the Yankees in the American. Both clubs have wonderful farm systems that can and do produce. Furthermore, that Cardinal gang is a real fighting outfit. They play ball right up to the last out regardless of how the game seems to be going."



Pvt. Lyle J. Gonyea, Flint, Mich., Aircraft Maintenance, Squadron C.

"My money is on the Tigers and the Cards. Detroit has two of the best pitchers in the American League, Trout and Newhouse. Last year they won 56 games for the Tigers, and this year should find them just as good. The St. Louis National League team will get there on its pitching and hitting combination."



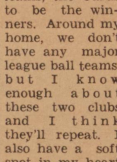
Pfc. William H. Epps, New York, N. Y., Mess Hall 2, Squadron F.

"It's time for the Yankees to get back and play in the series this year. They have some men who have been discharged from the Army and Navy who should put them on top. In the National League, I don't know, but since I'm from New York, I'll pick either the Giants or the Dodgers."



S/Sgt. Robert L. Harris, Holcomb, Miss., Butcher, Squadron A.

"I pick both of the St. Louis teams, the Cards and the Browns, to be the winners. Around my home, we don't have any major league ball teams, but I know enough about these two clubs and I think they'll repeat. I also have a soft spot in my heart for the Phillies and hope they finish high in the race."



Cpl. Otis H. Merrill, Brooklyn, N. Y., Student, Squadron O.

"In the National League, the Dodgers, of course, I'm a Dodger fan, and I'll root till the last pop bottle is thrown. Brooklyn isn't a cheap ball club, and they can buy all the talent they need. They'll win. In the American League, I'm bound to be the Yankees with all the power they have."



What To Do And Where TODAY

THEATRES: "The Horn Blows at Midnight," Alexis Smith, Jack Benny. Command theatre, 1800, 2000. District theatre, 1030, 1900. Program time—104 min.

SERVICE CLUB: Art Class, 1100. Rehearsal, "Oklahoma," 1900. Hard time dance, Techettes, 1900. Trigonometry class, 1930.

NCO CLUB: Guest night, 2000.

INSTRUCTORS' CLUB: Informal dancing, 2030.

MAIN AVE. USO: Hobby night, 1900. Record a letter home, 2000. Classical recordings, 2100.

NINTH STREET USO: Movies, "Gung-Ho," 1900. Informal dancing, 2030.

DAKOTA AVE. USO: Squadron G variety show, 2000.

CHAPELS: Sabbath Services (Jewish), 1915, Chapel 3. Choir rehearsal, 1930, Bldg. 508.

SATURDAY—APRIL 14

THEATRES: "I'll Remember April," Gloria Jean, Kirby Grant, "Escape in the Fog," Otto Kruger, Nina Foch. Command theatre, 1800, 2015. District theatre, 1030, 1900. Program time—127 min. Midnight showing, "Without Love," District theatre, 2400.

SERVICE CLUB: Jam session (all musicians invited), 1900.

NCO CLUB: Dance with orchestra, 2030.

INSTRUCTORS' CLUB: Informal dancing, 2030.

MAIN AVE. USO: Musical appreciation hour, 1900. Movies, "He Married His Wife," 2000. Sketching and drawing in craft room, 2130.

NINTH STREET USO: Dance instruction, 1900. Scavenger hunt, 1930. "Spring Frolic" dance with orchestra, 2030.

DAKOTA AVE. USO: Informal dancing, 2030.

MASONIC SERVICE CENTER: Dance, 2100-2300.

CHAPELS: Sabbath Services (Jewish), 1000, Red Cross Lounge; 1100, Chapel 3. Orientation, 1000, Red Cross Auditorium.

SUNDAY—APRIL 15

THEATRES: "Without Love," Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn. Command theatre 1315, 1800, 2010. District theatre 1515, 1900. Program time—119 min.

SERVICE CLUB: Math class, 1100. Chinese class, 1630. Melody slides, 1930. Play, "Embezzled Heaven," directed by Helen Holgate of Aberdeen, S. D., at 2000.

NCO CLUB: Dance with orchestra, 2030.

INSTRUCTORS' CLUB: Dance with orchestra, 2030.

MAIN AVE. USO: Breakfast for GI's, 1030. Bingo, prizes for all winners, long distance call home as grand prize, 1400. Squadron B Jazz Combo entertainers, 1430. Popular music hour in auditorium, 1800. Movies, 1900.

NINTH STREET USO: Java Club, 1000. Voice recordings, 1400. Movies, "Gung-Ho," 1500. Community sing, 1730. Snack served by Lincoln PTA, 1830. Quiz show, 1900. Movies, 2015. Social hour, 2030.

DAKOTA AVE. USO: Community song service, 1800.

MASONIC SERVICE CENTER: Buffet lunch, 1700-1900. Informal dancing, 2000.

HAROLD MASON POST, AMERICAN LEGION: Snack hour, 1800-1900. Bingo with long distance call home as grand prize, 1900.

ARKOTA BALLROOM: Dance, 1430.

COLISEUM: Dance with music by "Jive Divers," 2030.

CHAPELS: Protestant Services, 0900, 1000, 1100, 1900, Chapel 1; 1000, 1045, 1900, Chapel 2; 1100, 1900, Chapel 3; 1100, Chapel 4; 1100, Bldg. 303; 0900, Hospital Barracks 1; 1000, Hospital Red Cross Auditorium; 1100, 1900, Bldg. 1129; 1000, Bldg. 107; 1830, Guardhouse. Catholic Masses: 0630, Hospital Red Cross Room; 0800, Chapel 2; 1000, 1100, District theatre; 1200, Chapel 2.

MONDAY—APRIL 16

THEATRES: "Without Love," Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn. Command theatre, 1800, 2010. District theatre, 1030, 1900. Program time—119 min.

SERVICE CLUB: Art class, 1900. Rehearsal, "Oklahoma," 1900. Post dance, Khaki Pals, Military Misses, 1900.

NCO CLUB: Informal dancing, 2030.

INSTRUCTORS' CLUB: Informal dancing, 2030.

MAIN AVE. USO: Variety night, 1900. Record a letter home, 2000. GI's get together, 2100.

NINTH STREET USO: Clay modeling class, 1900. Shell-craft and jewelry class, 1930. Coffee hour, 2030.

DAKOTA AVE. USO: Wacs' Workshop, 2000.

CHAPELS: Mass, 1100, Chapel 2; 1715, Chapel 1.

TUESDAY—APRIL 17

THEATRES: "The Enchanted Cottage," Robert Young, Dorothy McGuire. Command theatre, 1800, 2000. District theatre, 1030, 1900. Program time—109 min.

SERVICE CLUB: Chinese class, 1900. Rehearsal, "Oklahoma," 1900. Post dance, Techettes, 1900. Calculus class, 1930.

NCO CLUB: Bingo party, 2030.

INSTRUCTORS' CLUB: Informal dancing, 2030.

MAIN AVE. USO: Art group, 1900. Popular recordings, 2000. Song fest, 2100.

NINTH STREET USO: Freehand lettering and poster making, 1930. Bridge instruction, 2000.

CHAPELS: Discussion group, 1800, Red Cross lounge. Christian Science Services, 1100, 1900, Bldg. 508.

WEDNESDAY—APRIL 18

THEATRES: "The Enchanted Cottage," Robert Young, Dorothy McGuire. Command theatre, 1800, 2000. District theatre, 1030, 1900. Program time—109 min.

SERVICE CLUB: Rehearsal, "Oklahoma," 1900. Melody Slides, 1900. Elementary algebra, 1930. Squadron I Contest Show, 1930.

NCO CLUB: Buffet. Dancing with orchestra, 2100.

INSTRUCTORS' CLUB: Informal dancing, 2030.

MAIN AVE. USO: Amateur hour, 1900. Sweetheart dance, 2000. Jamboree hour, 2100.

NINTH STREET USO: Bridge club, 1930. Wood carving and square knotting demonstration by the Sioux Falls College art department, 1930.

DAKOTA AVE. USO: Formal dance, music by Squadron F orchestra, 2000.

CHAPELS: Prayer Service, 1900, Chapel 1. Novena Devotions (Catholic), 1100, 1900, Chapel 2. Choir rehearsal, 1100, 1900, Chapel 3.

THURSDAY—APRIL 19

THEATRES: "Flame of Barbary Coast," John Wayne, Ann Dvorak. Command theatre, 1800, 2010. District theatre, 1030, 1900. Program time—119 min.

SERVICE CLUB: Spanish class, 1100. Rehearsal, "Oklahoma," 1900. Advanced algebra, 1930. GI movies, 2000.

NCO CLUB: Informal dancing, 2030.

INSTRUCTORS' CLUB: Bingo party, 2100.

MAIN AVE. USO: Jam session, 1900. Stunt night, 2100. Bowling contest, 2100.

NINTH STREET USO: Peanut craft, 1930. Party for all GI's with April birthdays, given by Salvation Army, 2000. Square dance, 2000.

DAKOTA AVE. USO: Bingo party, 2000.

CHAPELS: Choir rehearsal, 1830, Chapel 2; 1100, 1900, Chapel 1. Servicemen's Christian League, 1830, Chapel 2.



SQUADRON NEWS



B SQUADRON

By Pfc. HEBBY KAPLAN

I wish to apologize for not having any dirt in last week's edition. After all, Winchell takes a short vacation, too, once in a while. But now that I've been stoned and clubbed I feel it's time to return.

Today is Friday the 13th men!! Lay Low!! Don't walk on seceded areas. Don't miss any formations, today above all. This just might be a day of hard luck and besides I got the straight dope.

Sgt. Bill "Bing" Sherwood, Barracks 342, returned from his furlough with a ring on his third finger. Yep!! Der Bingle did it. Bill has an ahd married. And so another man has moved out of Barracks 342. Congratulations, Bing, from all your buddies and the Squadron.

Squadron B has a right to be very proud. If you haven't been proud, then I'm putting you in your place. Do you realize that our Squadron has distinguished themselves this last year in all sports? You don't know the hot ball clubs we've had in basketball. Or do you? OK then, let's know we have a ball club by supporting it. Baseball will soon be here again. Let's come out and yell!

S/Sgt. John Fitzgerald, Barracks 328, thinks twice now before he'll chew my gum. John was a victim of a hot gum trick. He was spouting flame for two hours before the fire alarm was sounded, and he was extinguished.

Sgt. Joe Ilowitz, Barracks 332, believes that money isn't everything. "It's the truth," says Joe, "I think that a person can live just as comfortably on six million dollars as a person with seven million dollars."

C SQUADRON

By CPL. V. A. AQUINO

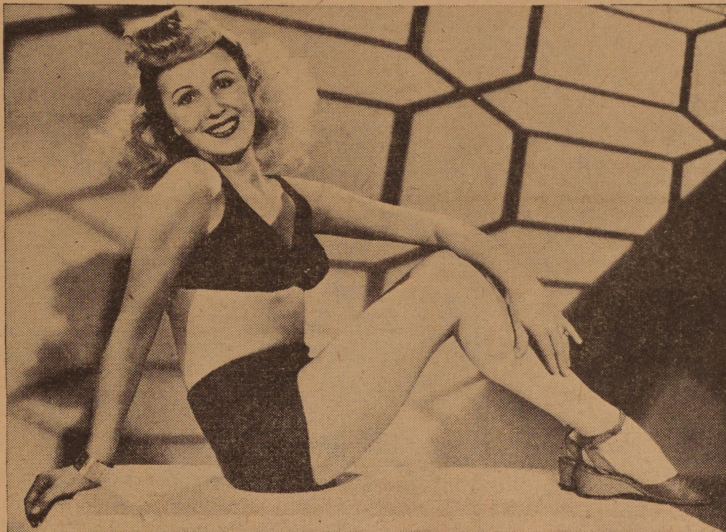
News from the old timers of the Squadron has been at a premium for a few weeks, so by "popular request" (yes, I'll do it, Cpl. Aquino) yours truly, Pvt. Philip D. (PT to You) Appleman is taking over the sheet for one column to see what can be dug up.

News is scarce, but choice. For instance, any prospective visitor to the fair city of Sioux Falls would do well to investigate the convenience offered by the Fox Cab Co., Inc. Yes, Pvt. G. George Fox is the proud owner of a "new" car, commonly known as "Fox's Folly." It is, to wit, a Willys-Knight, vintage of approximately 1929 A. D. Now whenever we feel the barracks trembling, we have an even break in guessing whether it's the blasting from the near-by stone quarry, or the back-firing from that well-known tail-pipe.

We of the Squadron offer you our deepest sympathy, George, and we do admit that we secretly admire your perseverance in being able to "keep 'em rolling." Yes, all four of 'em.

As a sidelight, we offer the remark of the "Bard of the Badlands" (Ohio), namely, Pvt. Richard Alder, who says (quote) I used to think the worst thing that could happen in an envelope was a "Dear John" letter from my girl. Now I'm getting them from my grand-

Hollywood's Newest Package Of Morale



A new personality has risen on the pin-up horizon. Her name is Claudia Drake. What can we say after we've said that she's lovely, exquisite, charming, sparkling and radiant! Nothing more except that she's also dazzling, enchanting, ornamental, magnificent, beautiful and beaming. And that she's tidy, irig, spruce, neat, smart, chic and grand. She is fairly good-looking, too.

mother (end of quote, and enough said). We leave Pvt. Alder to his silent, but anguished agony, and move on to brighter things.

The men of 717 seem to have adopted as their battle-cry the stirring phrase, "Off the Line by '49." At any rate, the brooms and mops have been flying there with a ferocity at least the equal to any honor barracks Big Spring could ever boast. On second thought, maybe that bunch of "furlough-in-the-offing" men who are its lucky inhabitants have something to do with that "something-new-has-been added" eagerness. Who knows?

Among the happy events of the week, we have the return of Pvt. Paul M. (Hot Shot) Engel to the fold of Squadron C. Hot Shot has more furloughs to his credit than any other member of the "immortal 400." He's now working on an MOS for his occupation—"Civilian—non-typist." Keep up the good work, Hot Shot.

Sq. H Opens New Show Competition

Squadron H opened the competition in the fourth of the series of Squadron Show Contests with its presentation, "Time Marches Back," on Wednesday evening in the Service Club lounge.

S/Sgt. Pete Guevara and Pvt. Jim Demly played feature roles while Pvt. Dick Enroth served as narrator. Credit for the idea of the show goes to S/Sgt. John Pikala.

Other attractions featured in the show included a tap dance specialty by Pvt. Charles Nussbaumer, acts of magic by Pvt. Garland Connor, and imitations by Pvt. Stanley Weisburg.

D SQUADRON

WAC'S

By S/SGT. ANN RICE

Pfc. Muriel Phillips, Mary T. Smith and Pvt. Wanda Black assisted in the War Bond auction held on Station KSOO last week. During the evening all three were introduced and "spoke their pieces"—much to the interest of the gals in the barracks.

Good deed story No. 1 goes to Pfc. Lucille Bell, who has become the prima donna of the ironing board! It seems that Cpl. Don Davis wanted very much to go to evening church services recently and discovered that his pants needed pressing. It was Sunday—no cleaners open! Pfc. Bell assured him of an evening of church—even though she did get razzed about the pair of pants she was harboring!

They saw a picnic on ice, with all the trimmings, and in addition enjoyed all the hospitality of Minneapolis. Such was the memorable three-day pass spent by Sgt. Rose Audine, Cpls. Gertrude Ervine, Marie Loken, and Pfc. Monty Pasching and Betty Bennett at the home of Pfc. Pasching's sister. We like to hear their ravings over the beauty of the Ice Polies, but personally, we're just a little envious of their good luck in getting to go.

PIN-UP GIRL!—This week's "Pin-up" is dedicated to S/Sgt. Ella Whitten, somewhere in India, who, during her sojourn here, was "big sister" to our "Pin-Up." It was in January 1943, that she deserted the land of Magnolias at Lancaster, S. C., and her job as textile inspector to make her "home in the Army" at Ft. Oglethorpe. Perhaps this was done because she was a little lone-

some for her husband and brother who had gone overseas.

Squadron A Orderly Room now claims her as clerk, where she cheerfully helps make the life of the first sergeant easier. She thinks the Army's not half bad, but she's keeping her fingers crossed for the day to come when a husband and brother come back from the European front, and her "buddy" gets back from India. And for Cpl. Myrtle "Honeychile" Childers, we'll second that wish.

School Honor Roll

Coming through with a flawless performance in every phase of Radio Fundamentals Branch "Quiz Kids" this week, Pvt. William A. Rose, of Squadron O, scored a perfect 5.0 to top the 50 honor roll members of Class 155.

Heading this week's honor roll in Electrical Fundamentals Branch was Sgt. Gilmor Verdery, of Squadron L, with a score of 4.8. Next highest was S/Sgt. James Harvey, also of Squadron L, with a grade of 4.5. A total of 41 students in Class 315 averaged 4.0 or better to earn places on the honor roll.

Close behind were two Squadron N men—Pvt. Gordon E. Guyer, with a 4.9; and Pfc. Gerald G. Mahnken, 4.8. Other top-notchers in this class were: Pvt. Vernon E. Bond, Squadron I, 4.6; and Pfc. John O. Kowalsky, Squadron O, and Arthur R. Gower, Squadron M, and Pvt. Ugo G. Masi and William A. Flink, both of Squadron M, who all scored 4.5.

Kit-of-the-Week winners in RFB were Sgt. John M. Thompson, Squadron L, Class 235, for best transmitter; and Pvt. Larry J. Sedlacek, Squadron N, for finest wiring job on receiver.

F SQUADRON

By SGTS. W. D. MOORE

E. M. MATTHEWS

With the dawn of another deadline stalking our footsteps, we travel, with apparent haste, into the "field of journalism," and expound those things which we hope are of interest to you.

An unusual fact is the pronounced cordiality exhibited by Sgt. Wendell Fleet, our genial mess sergeant. This soldier's manifest interest in our "chow" is appreciated.

Sgt. Charles Rowe's theme song (now that his wife has arrived) is "Embraceable You."

We wonder if Pvt. Robert H. Robinson will ever take his furlough??

The Army wives' grand dance at Dakota USO Wednesday evening past was super. Jitterbugs were prominent; music was hot and sweet; the program was very good, and all in all everything was solid like concrete.

A set of seven brights ago a wild issue cruised into port. The lend-lease pact has now anchored in our Squadron supply. The deal covered the transfer of Gray "Patton" Girl (the cat) and her wild brood of a frantic troy of lightfooted young ones from the latrine (1514) to Squadron Supply (1502). Gray "Patton" Girl and family are now pursuing that ace scoundrel, Hitler Mice.

Their efforts to date are noteworthy! Everything is progressing favorably except for the fact that Gray (Patton) Girl gets around so fast (and feeds so well) that she loses her supply, causing Supply Sgt. Quentin Reid yeoman work in conquered territory.

Pay particular attention to the Auxiliary Service Club's bulletin board. Many interesting things are being planned for your amusement. Many thanks to all participants in our recent goodwill drive for Platoon Club. Your response was wonderful and is greatly appreciated.

Daily, let us faithfully attempt to express ourselves in a dignified manner, and season our temperament with sound reasoning.

G SQUADRON

By PVT. CHARLOTTE J. PATTERSON

I wonder: If Pvt. Roberta Wilson enjoyed her birthday last Saturday. . . . If petite, shy Pvt. Ruby Perkins is still buying bonds. . . . If Cpl. Mildred K. Rhodes has been keeping up with the movies. . . . If the personnel of Barracks 1911 is still "strictly on the beam?"

If Pvt. Vera Jennings will ever join the mixed chorus. . . . If Pvt. Callie Lee knows she has a grand contralto voice. . . . If Pvt. Christine Harris sang over PBS Sunday?

If Pvt. Judetta Lester still makes daily visits at 1400. . . . If Pvs. Bernice Wilmer and Irene Jones will ever get any taller. . . . If Pvt. Leila Grant has had any more sardines and crackers missing. . . . If Pvt. Edith Lloyd has had her photo for a pass snapped yet?

Male Call



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Snappy Story



SQUADRON NEWS



H SQUADRON

By S/SGT. JOHNNY PIKALA

The date has been switched for the Squadron H shindig, which is being looked forward to enthusiastically. Originally slated for April 28, it's been pushed up one week to April 21. Same plans, however—refreshments, solid-sending music manufactured by the Squadron jazz combo, et al.

Daffynition Dept.: S/Sgt. Pete Guevara, the "Pvt. Joe Spitch" of Squadron H's variety show, "Time Marches Back" at the Post Service Club Wednesday night, passes on the following observation: "What is 'moonlight salad'? Lettuce alone!" Ho hum.

Incidentally, "Time Marches Back" scored quite a solid hit with spectators at the Service club. Dick Enroth did a bang-up job as the announcer on the mythical radio show, while the dance ork and a number of specialty featurettes went over with a big bang.

A number of lads in Barracks 906 have blossomed out with "soup-strainers." Latest is Cpl. Boscoe Odum — whose upper-lip-coverer looks much like a misplaced eyebrow.

Pvt. Stanley Weisburger, who wowed the audience with his impersonations of Peter Lorre, James Cagney and H. V. Kaltenborn in the Squadron show, is as versatile as they come. He plays a hot trumpet, to boot. His impression of actor Walter Brennan is a classic, too.

Sports Shot: Squadron H baseball and softball is coming up weekly, what with the weather getting that ol' outdoor sports tinge. Warmup sessions in both sports are in the immediate offing.

I SQUADRON

By S/SGT. R. A. DAVISON

Supply was quite surprised last week when the Post Laundry called and said they were sorry but they couldn't launder the pair of GI shoes that came in our laundry bag. Men, there must be an easier way to GI those boots.

Watch this column for more news about the next Squadron party. It should be a honey.

Barracks 112 was awarded the "Sad Sack" medal this week for serving as mess personnel last Sunday.

Squadron I men surely have plenty of friends. At the Squadron I party last week, our Squadron was well-represented.

Another Squadron "old timer" left last week. Pvt. Dick Bezark, night CQ and ex-band leader, shipped to Scott Field, Ill.

Speaking of the Band, have you noticed the number of Squadron I men who are playing with the Post Band's "Jive Divers"?

Sioux Sidelights

By Art Gates



CPL ART GATES

"I heard it rumored that when the war is over, the air field should be given back to us!"

L SQUADRON

By PVT. BUDD DUGAN

No one knows how many were there, but over 2,400 hot dogs were eaten at the Squadron party held last week at the Coliseum. Accompanying the dogs were potato salad, baked beans, soft drinks and beer.

T/Sgt. Harold Pohl, in charge of food and drink at the party vented "those guys must have come here for dinner" . . . Woman were strangely plentiful and many arrived unescorted in droves of eight . . . Youngest—and escorted—was four-month-old Cherilyn, daughter of Pfc. Jack Bartlett. Cherilyn "had to leave" early.

At the tables Miss Grace Bakke was commenting on Pvt. Charles Van Zant's new moustache and Van Zant has cast longing glances at Sgt. James K. Todd's blond handlebar job. Todd's lip is beautiful with curled tips . . . Perhaps the most petite was Pvt. George Bradley's Sioux Falls gal, Zana Johnson . . . The floor was more crowded on slow numbers indicating a possible trend in GI music wants.

First sergeant calls me in and

said the Red Cross announced the young one is here, but somebody forgot to tell them which it was. Bad enough sweating out the new baby, but gosh, don't they usually include the sex in the announcement?

P SQUADRON

By SGT. HOWARD M. OLSON

Our strolling through the barracks this week brought out the usual unprintable remarks after which the news of the week was gleaned. Your reporter is always glad to give you a chance to get it off your chest. Please be a little kind and try and think of some news I can have printed, too. Like the following:

Over in Barracks 618, Pfc. Donald Alvord has his own private war information corner. He has a war map of Europe that he keeps up to date with the aid of colored cord and pins so that his buddies can see at a glance the latest developments of the day. In the same dwelling is Pfc. Richard Earls, who is nervously anticipating the arrival of that blessed event.

Buddies of Pfc. Martin Ruane, of Barracks 624, wish that he wouldn't take the recent order of cutting down on cigaret purchases, so seriously.

Pvt. Paul MacAlester, of Barracks 617, is missed by his buddies in the noon chow formation. Junior, as they call him, has been dining with the little heart throb in S. E. when ever possible. The generosity of Cpl. Jessie A. Putman has earned him the title of "doctor." He is credited with curing the colds of several of his buddies.

Interesting backgrounds of some more of the members of our band were uncovered this week. Sgt. John Gaona, barracks leader, used to have them swooning with his electric guitar at Dalhart, Tex. He also plays baritone horn . . . Pvt. Bruce R. DeHarte and his trombone were an integral part of the Shaw Field, S. C., army band and toured with Paul Nelson before he was inducted . . . Sgt. Melville Broyles and his flute used to roam the vicinity of Indianapolis, Ind.

Honor barracks for this week are 609, 612, 629 and 630.

NEW MISSION RECORD

What is believed to be one of the highest mission records in existence was disclosed this week with the announcement that one group operating in England and Africa rolled up 127 missions without losing a single ship. Every member of the group returned safely to the United States.

M SQUADRON

By PVT. BOB PERSCHÉ

The busy stork was responsible for sending another Squadron M student home on emergency furlough this week. The good news was received by Sgt. Martin O. Johnson, and we're hoping that he finds no cigar shortage in his hometown before returning to camp.

Other emergency furloughs were granted this week on less cheering notices. Telegrams brought word of the death in the families of S/Sgt. Kenneth L. Hall and Pfc. Robert A. Chinouth.

Monday marked the beginning of the 7th War Loan Drive and Squadron M members were confronted with a quota of \$37,497.50 in cash purchases for the period. With news from the fronts looking brighter every hour, let's not fall down before the final push. The deeper you dig down into your pockets now, the sooner we'll all be able to enjoy the savings our War Bonds have accumulated for us.

Q SQUADRON

By CPL. J. JAY ROTTENBERG

After a few weeks absence of our Squadron news from the Polar Tech, we are now again on the ball. Lack of a good nose for digging up news was our excuse. Now we have all the requirements, nose and all.

With spring in the air our thoughts naturally turn to sports. All of our teams are getting in shape and we are looking forward to the inter-squadron meets. There is no doubt in my mind that we will be on top.

Loafing around Barracks 429, I noticed all smiling faces. I wonder if the barracks leader had anything to do with it. The barracks leader is S/Sgt. Earl J. Shucart. He is strictly interested in the morale of the men under him.

One of the happiest men here is Sgt. Orlando Salerno, better known as the "Wheel." When asked how he likes it, he always answers, "I love it." All kidding aside, he is one of the most outstanding dancers on the field.

On the week-ends no one can be found in camp or in town. I wonder what the nearby towns offer our boys.

A special announcement to all men interested in sports. Boxing and wrestling classes are being formed now. Work-outs are on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 0830 to 1000 in the squadron gym barracks 440.

A special. This is your column men so let's have all the news. Bring them to yours truly in Barracks 429. Let's make our column the best.

No Stuffing



When Greer Carson played the part of a music-hall dancer in "Random Harvest," some snide on-looker started the rumor that her legs had been padded with horsehair. To squelch this vile accusation, we print above a picture of Miss Carson complete with her legs. Do those gams look like they'd been stuffed with horsehair? Not on your life.

AAF BAND

By SGT. CLEM BAKER

The members of the band would like to take this opportunity to present Cpl. Bernie Tessler and Pfc. Peter Eastman with a special medal award with 48 peanut clusters for completing 6,700 missions over Soo Poo. In all seriousness, we say farewell to a couple of fine guys who really did a splendid job while serving here in Sioux Falls.

Pfc. Sid Laub just informed us of the good news that his brother, who was a master sergeant with the medical corps in France, was given a field commission for his excellent record in the performance of his duties.

The Wolf

by Sansone

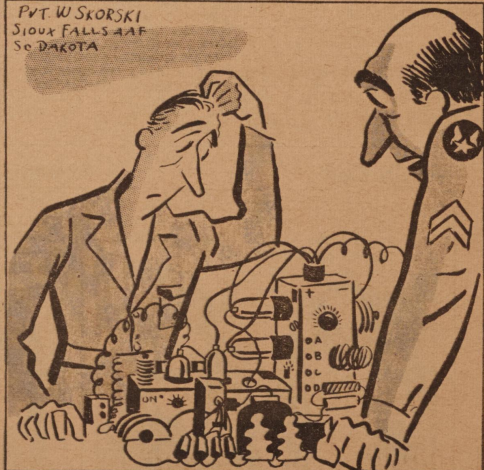
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"No! This is not Lambie-Pie!"

GI Guff

PVT. W. SKORSKI
SIoux FALLS AAF
S. DAKOTA



"Use your head, Fothergill . . . one glance should tell you whether it's series or parallel."

By Skorski

Prospects Aren't Too Bright, Bramhall Moans

Marauders Need Added Strength For Big Schedule

But Manager of Post Nine May Be Pulling Famous Crying Act

By S/SGT. JACK FLEISCHER

Cpl. Art Bramhall, manager of the Post baseball team, can make any major league pilot look like a bush leaguer when it comes to moaning about his team's prospects.

Although opening day is at least a month away, the former shortstop for the Philadelphia Phillies continues to talk of the dismal outlook as S/Sgt. Jimmy Jones, captain and third sacker of the club, stands by in the Sports Arena ready to furnish clean crying towels every 30 minutes.

No Players

"The major leagues say all the good ball players are in the Army," Bramhall declared. "Well, I sure would like to get my hands on some of them."

Wasn't the pitching department the only weak spot, we asked? "No, absolutely not!" he yelled. "We need plenty of everything—outfielders, infielders, catchers and pitchers. We're going to have a schedule twice as tough as last year's, and we're going to need the best material available."

How about the veterans back from 1944's championship club which went unbeaten in 25 games? "Oh, we've got a couple of good ones," Bramhall said, "but they had to go and ship George Gribble out just before the season started. Where am I going to get a shortstop to fill that kid's shoes?"

Couldn't Monty Basgall, the former second sacker for the Enid (Okla.) national semi-pro champs, be moved over to short? "That's what we'll probably have to do, but just think what a double play combination we could have had if Gribble hadn't shipped!"

Didn't he think he would have a strong outfield with S/Sgt. Jake Watkins, a .400 hitter last year; Cpl. Lou Morton, Basgall's team-mate with Enid, and Pfc. Ed Gittens, who finished the 1941 season with Minneapolis of the American Association league?

"Can't go on past performances. They may go into a slump. Then, where would we be without any replacements?"

Strong Infield

With only Gribble missing from last year's infield, wouldn't the Marauders have an air-tight inner-defense?

"Just think what a double play combination Gribble and Basgall would have made!"

That was enough for us. We didn't dare mention that Pfc. Gene Schlereth, the slugging catcher who won the second half batting championship of the Little Sioux League last year with a mark of .458, was back. We just asked Jimmy Jones to bring us a towel, too.



—Photos by AAF Training Command.

There's plenty of activity around the Marauder camp these days as Cpl. Art Bramhall pushes his charges through long workouts in preparation for a big season. S/Sgt. Jake Watkins (upper left), hard socking veteran outfielder who is a cinch for a starting berth in the outer gardens, gets his feel of a bat while awaiting his turn at bat. In upper center photo, Cpl. Art Bramhall (left) chats with two of his best new prospects, Cpl. Lou Morton (center) and Pvt. Monty Basgall, both former stars of the Enid (Okla.) national semi-pro champs. Basgall, who in 1941 batted

.586 in seven tourney games, is a second sacker, while Morton, a slugger in his own rights, is seeking an outfield post. S/Sgt. Jimmy Jones (extreme right) chews on a cud of tobacco with his favorite weapon in his hands. Lower left, the Marauders "take a lap" around the field to limber up. Lower right, Cpl. Don Bollweg (left) M/Sgt. Whitey Marder (center) and Pfc. Gene Schlereth, veterans of last year's unbeaten club, size up their bats. Bollweg covered first base a year ago while Schlereth and Marder handled the catching chores.

Squadron L Breaks Pin Loop Deadlock

Squadron L broke its first place tie with Squadron B in the Inter-Squadron bowling loop last week when the instructors' outfit forfeited three games to the Squadron L pinners to drop to third place in the circuit.

T/Sgt. Bill Maschner, of Squadron C, rolled a three game high series of 542, and 1st/Sgt. Tom Westlick, Squadron M, captured single laurels with 223.

Supply and Maintenance No. 1 added two more games to their win column, downing the Medical Officers, 2-1, to remain at the top of the Officers' league.

Maj. R. R. Brown paced the Thunderbolts to a 2-1 win over the Dental Officers, capturing both league honors with a high 225 single game, and a .569 three game series.

The team standings:

Inter-Squadron League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Squad L	22	8.733	Squad A 17 13.367
Squad C	21	9.700	Cadets 14 16.467
Squad B	19	11.633	Engineers 10 20.333
Squad M	19	11.633	Dispatchers 4 26.133
Squad E	16	12.600	Squad H 2 27.100
Officers' League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
S. & M.	47	31.603	Medical 41 37.526
Dental	44	31.587	Tc. and Op. 38 37.526
Thunder	43	32.373	School 2 36 36.500
S. & M.	43	32.373	Exchange 36 40.487
School 1	43	32.373	Buckaroos 26 46.361
Finance	41	34.547	Air Insp. 26 49.247

BROWNS TRAMPLE CARDS FOR FOURTH WIN IN ROW

Although it took the St. Louis Browns 43 years to win their first American League pennant, their record against the St. Louis National League club in the current city series there shows that it may take them only one year to win their second.

In the seven-game series, which will be played to its full conclusion, the Browns have already taken the first four tussles from their city-mates, the Cards, with a show of impressive power.

Their 1944 championship team almost intact, the Browns face 1945 with possibly another pennant flapping in the breeze at the end of their season.

The hard-fought series saw the Browns trailing by a score of two-nothing until the seventh frame. Suddenly opening up on their opponents, the Browns hammered in three runs in the seventh and finished off the job with five more in the eighth.

Although the Cards managed a one-run rally in the final inning, they failed to make their threat materialize and the game went down as the fourth straight win for the Browns in the city exhibition series.

But while the Browns continued to dominate American League speculation, the Brooklyn Dodgers turned up some unexpectedly good pitching and a tightly-knit defense

Nats, Yanks Open Season on Monday

The Washington Senators and New York Yankees get a head start on the other major league clubs by opening their season Monday afternoon in the nation's capitol while all the teams go into action the following day.

Despite limited rosters and restrictions in travel, the majors are expected to survive their fourth wartime season.

The two St. Louis nines, the Cardinals and Browns are the betting favorites to repeat again as champions.

The complete schedule of opening day games:

American League
Detroit at St. Louis
Boston at New York
Washington at Philadelphia
Chicago at Cleveland

National League
Philadelphia at Brooklyn
New York at Boston
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
St. Louis at Chicago

COSTLIEST WAR
Total deaths for both Army and Navy forces in this war have reached 189,541 since Pearl Harbor, exceeding the amount of lives taken during the Civil War, costliest war in American history.



Oil on the apron
rots good tires.
Besides you may
slip and break
your neck!

Susy-Q Does It Again



Yes, Squadron Q's own little mother, Susy-Q, delivered another litter of pups this week in one of the barracks. She's shown above with her children's godfather, S/Sgt. Harrell Siler, Susy gazes fondly at her brood of wriggling kiddies, but Siler seems to outdo her in pride. This was the third litter born in Barracks 404 of Squadron Q, and the sixth batch of Susy-Q's known to have arrived on the Post.

Susy-Q Presents Record Litter Of 7 Puppies to Barracks 404

Motherhood is nothing new to Susy-Q, but proxy fatherhood is driving the men of Barracks 404, Squadron Q, slightly berserk. It all happened one night about 0230 when Susy-Q, a brown-black lady dog of highly uncertain

door to Barracks 404, was found by S/Sgt. Harrell Siler, duty sergeant, and pulled down an old pair of fatigues he had scheduled for salvage anyway.

Then, smoothing the well-worn herringbone twill into a bed, Susy-Q proceeded to have some puppies . . . lots of puppies. When Siler suddenly awoke about 0245, three children were mewling about in his old fatigues. By morning, five had made their appearance. And by 1100, all seven of the offspring, a record crop even for so expert a mother as Susy-Q, had arrived.

The men of Barracks 404 took it to heart. After they had whipped up a temporary bed made of a packingbox and Siler's fatigues, they gathered round the family group and started making gitchy-goo noises.

Some bright lad then hopped up to a PX and bought a handful of stogies which were subsequently passed about among the faithful admirers of Susy-Q's brood.

What a Gal! By this time word had gotten around the Squadron that Susy-Q had done it again. This latest session marked her third litter delivered in Barracks 404 and her sixth on the Post within the memory of old-timers there. Her strange affinity for the spartan surroundings of Barracks 404 was unexplained, but she headed for Siler's fatigues as though she knew her business.

Meanwhile, the gigantic brood of puppies have been given names. One of the six black ones with small white markings has been named Hanna, for S/Sgt. William H. Hanna. Another was titled Cain, for Cpl. Alfred of the same name. A third was christened Simon after T/Sgt. Sam Simon, while a fourth received the surname of S/Sgt. John S. Schultz.

'Hubba' Gets Eager One black-and-white dog remains untitled, as does the "ugly pupling," a brown-and-white freak who somehow got mixed up in the proceedings. But the sixth black-and-white offspring bears the noble title of "Hubba." He was named for Lt. Sid (Hubba-Hubba) Gerber, Squadron Q PT officer, after being caught doing extra PT during chow time.

At last report, Susy-Q was taking things rather calmly. She reports into Barracks 404 at feeding time, but roams far and wide over the Post at other times. It's the proxy poppas who're excited. They're busy building a dog house now.

Recent Modifications in 'Flying Classrooms' Provide Additional Training for ROM Students

By PFC. SIDNEY ALEXANDER

"There's the watertower not far from my home!" exclaimed Pfc. Albert P. Hechtman, eagerly peering through the window as the C-47 roared over the sparkling lake country near Minneapolis. "Okay, fellows, we rotate on the sets now. Cain, you take the Collins . . . Thompson, that compass. . . ."

The instructor, Cpl. Robert E. Mauseth, was also from Minneapolis but he was too busy at the moment for a bird's eye view. Besides, this was old stuff to him.

Your reporter was watching a crew operate on one of the first student training missions since recent modifications were made in the radio equipment of the C-47's. Two extra BC 348's and a radio compass have been added to give every one of the eight students a chance to operate.

From the moment the big olive-drab Skytrain took off, the students were busy at their assigned tasks.

Both instructors, of Squadron B, and the eight Squadron P students of Class 16-45 were unanimous in their praise of the new installations.

"Previously," explained Pfc. Earl V. Garrett, the other instructor, "two of the men simply monitored via jackbox. Now with the extra AN/ARN 7 and the two BC 348's, every student on the crew has something to do all the time. They get valuable tuning practice on the Liaison receiver and another team can shoot bearings on the additional Compass."

We questioned Pfc. James C. Hunt as he was engrossed in plotting a fix on his DF chart. "This is my fourth mission at this Post," he replied. "The first was under the old set-up. This is a much better deal. You learn to 'ride' with a signal . . . something you can't learn on the ground."

At the other compass, Pvt. Charles A. Micek took off his headset in despair. "Look at this damned needle!" he complained. The needle on the compass indicator was trembling uncertainly back and forth. The instructor came over and explained: "It's

pretty hard to shoot accurate bearings on this run. Lots of iron ore deposits around here. But keep at it. You'll get it."

As the ship plowed through puffy white clouds over Duluth and then banked for home, the men rotated positions again. Each hour of the four-hour mission, the students—including Pfc. Ernest C. Cain, Leroy W. Allen, Robert A. Carle, Robert A. Thompson and Vernon W. Hanes—were given the opportunity to work at the sets vacated by their companions.

Those on the Collins and BC 375 transmitters were busy putting to airborne practice the "Q" signals they learned in long weeks of tac pro. Some were sending position messages to base or contacting Army Airways Communications Stations. Meanwhile, the two teams on the radio compasses were engaged in taking station and running fixes, aural null bearings and getting weather reports.

As the weather grew more ominous, the plane climbed to the sunlit world above the clouds. The instructors strode back and forth in the circular passage, checking the men at their work. It was truly a flying classroom.

The last hour was rough, through dismal low-hanging mist. We landed feeling a bit green about the gills, but convinced by what we had seen of the excellence of this flying program administered by the Air Training Division.

The new installations are typical of the efforts being constantly made here to improve training missions. Better and safer ships, more

flying time, more equipment, and skilled instructor personnel are the aim of ATD. Ever since Class 7-45, the minimum of 12 flying hours per student has been successfully accomplished.

Post Has High Bond Quota To Meet in Drive

The Seventh War Loan Drive, 1945's first bond campaign, opened here Monday as civilian and military personnel of the Post again were urged to co-operate in reaching a quota of \$599,650 set for outright cash purchases of bonds.

Discussing the start of the drive here, Post War Bond officials stressed the fact that all cash buying of bonds should be registered with the organization of the purchaser. Bonds bought by servicemen's wives or relatives in their name or with their money may also be included in the totals to count against individual squadron quotas.

A newly-instituted system for cash purchases of bonds was also revealed with the start of the Seventh War Loan Drive. Under its provisions, military personnel can signify their intention to buy a bond at any time during the month. They will then receive their bond on the pay-line. Previous to this, bonds were paid for at the pay-line, but some time elapsed before each purchaser received the actual bond.

Presents Concert



Pruth McFarlin, widely-known Negro tenor, will present a concert at the Auxiliary Service Club, Build. 843, tomorrow at 1700. All military personnel, their wives and friends are invited.

officer and enlisted personnel, covering more than 260 different occupational specialties among the enlisted personnel alone, are allotted to the Training Command by AAF Headquarters on the basis of need.

Meanwhile, the ultimate return to combat of many returnees now assigned to the Training Command was predicted by Headquarters here. It was explained:

Continuous Rotation

"Just as soon as all men who are serving in permanent party in this country have been finally sent to combat, rotation by combat returnees will have become a completed program. It is policy that the individuals who have been longest in this country following a previous combat tour will be selected first for further war service."

"It is well, however, not to interpret this too strictly since many factors must necessarily enter the rotation system—for instance, one type of skill may be more greatly in demand than another. Consequently, individuals trained in such skill will go first, regardless of their tenure in the United States, as contrasted to others who have been home the same length of time but who have a skill which is presently non-critical. Some, too, may return sooner because of their individual importance."

Returnees Given Temporary Rest

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They may return to combat in their specialty as a pilot on a voluntary basis or may be assigned to administrative duties on a permanent party status as operations officers or engineering officers, for example.

Opportunities for further flying duty for enlisted combat crew men in the Training Command are limited. All technician and career gunners, however, are given an opportunity to qualify for the flexible gunnery instructors' course. Those who become air operating gunnery instructors receive flying pay. In addition, there are some opportunities for a minor percentage to become instructors, radio operators or crew chiefs on flying status.

The enlisted combat returnees may elect to go back to combat in their own specialty or in the very heavy bombardment enlisted crew specialties. Technical training is given where desired or required and all gunners are given additional gunnery training.

Openings in B-29 Crews Career gunners may enter training in B-29 remote control turret operation, radio operation and airplane mechanics prior to being given additional gunnery training and return to combat. Armorer gunners may enter the B-29 remote control turret training course and airplane mechanics may enter a proficiency airplane mechanics course on very heavy bombardment types.

Enlisted combat returnees disqualified for return to combat, however, may enter any ground duty technical course for which they are qualified.

Those combat returnee enlisted men who are airplane mechanics or airplane maintenance technicians upgraded from airplane mechanics may apply for B-29 flight engineer training. If qualified, they will be entered as aviation students and upon successful completion be appointed flight officers or second lieutenants as flight engineers.

If combat returnees, however, do not volunteer for return to combat, they will be used in the Training Command wherever their civilian backgrounds and military training dictates.

Returnees in the ground duty

RUBBER CONSERVATION GETS HIGH PRAISE HERE

The rubber conservation program here received high praise this week from Capt. B. P. Osborne, Conservation Officer for the AAF Eastern Technical Training Command, after he made an inspection tour of the entire Post.

With the Army's rubber situation growing more serious daily, he viewed the program here as enviable and stated that it would result in enough rubber to keep vehicles and planes rolling on schedule.

Inspecting Motor Pool and flight line conservation records, Capt. Osborne said: "Sioux Falls AAF has a . . . mighty fine record on rubber conservation and we know it will continue to be a fine one."

Service Cars, Trucks The painstaking care which goes into keeping tires and other essential rubber articles in top condition was ably demonstrated by work being done in Motor Pool, which services all wheeled vehicles on the Post except aircraft.

A record of every tire is kept by serial number. This record tells at a glance where the tire is now being used, on what wheel and for how many miles it has run in that position. In addition to this running record, monthly checks are made of all tires for bruises, cuts, nail holes, foreign materials, and uneven wear. Immediate steps are taken to repair or salvage faulty tires.

Augmenting this record is the daily check made by all Motor Pool drivers of their own vehicle's tires for air pressure, a vital factor in long tire life. Drivers also take care

to avoid sudden stops and starts, sharp turns, and excessive speeds.

Because of this exhaustive safety program, virtually all tires are worn down evenly and then sent off the Post for recapping. Only a small minority of these must be completely salvaged.

Supplementing the work of Motor Pool personnel in conserving rubber is the effort being made on the flight line to keep careful check of all aircraft tires, de-icer boots and other rubber fittings and tubes. A record is kept of each landing for tires. An expert removal staff is charged with the care of all rubber accessories on planes. This staff, plus crew chiefs and flight line officers make daily checks of every rubber article on every plane.

Remove Faulty Equipment In this manner, faulty fittings and tubes can be removed and replaced with speed and dispatch. Tires are observed constantly, thus allowing them to wear down evenly and be ready for immediate recapping or retreading when the proper moment arrives.

With approximately 80,000 miles of driving time per month being amassed by vehicles on the Post, the amount of care and thought given to tire conservation can result not only in vast savings but also in increased tire life . . . a necessity with today's critical rubber situation.

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Army Enlistments Swell By 900,000 Since War's End

U. S. Now Has Largest Volunteer Army in Country's History

Over 900,000 volunteers have enlisted in the new peacetime Regular Army since hostilities ceased a year ago, Brigadier General B. M. Fitch, Acting Assistant to The Adjutant General for Military Personnel Procurement has announced.

"That figure, based on returns from domestic and overseas recruiting installations, represents the largest all-volunteer army in the history of the world," General Fitch stated.

Recent enlistment totals show a sharp rise in the number of original enlistments, that is, men who have had no previous military service of any kind. These are chiefly 18 and 19 year olds. For the week ending August 7, the percentage of original enlistments reached 65.98% of the total enlistments for that period. During the month of July the original enlistment percentage was 60.85.

General Fitch attributes this up-swing to the enlistment of high school graduates. "It is a tribute to the youth of our country that they recognize not only the Army's need for their services, but also the educational advantages available to them under the G. I. Bill of Rights after they have served their period of enlistment," he said.

The co-operation of several national civic and fraternal organizations has also contributed to the increased enlistment of this group, General Fitch believes. For several months the American Legion, the Elks Clubs and the Kiwanis Clubs have worked closely with recruiting personnel by agreeing to secure one Regular Army volunteer per month per 100 members.

Major F. F. Ferry Ends Active Duty

Major Frank F. Ferry, OD, Chief of the Inspection and Industrial Stores Divisions, has been relieved of all his duties at Picatinny Arsenal and reported Wednesday to the Separation Center at Fort Dix.

Major Ferry, who came to the Arsenal in 1941 when he was assigned to the Inspection Division as a first lieutenant, was also Chief of Transportation, Purchasing and Contract Officer, and Chairman of the Personnel Alignment Board. He also served as chairman of the Golf-Tennis Club.

Major Ferry will retain his quarters at the Arsenal for a short time.

Blue Cross Effective After September First

All Arsenal employees who submitted applications for the Blue Cross Hospitalization Plan, Picatinny Group, received their policies and paid their dues will be covered by the plan effective September 1.

In the event any employee has made a payment but has not received a policy, he should immediately contact Henry D. Loree, Arsenal representative of the plan, in Room 108, Bldg. 151, tel. 2149.

Several hundred other employees who were members of Blue Cross prior to the institution of the new group will receive interim billings either on October 1 for two months or November 1 for one month.

Maj. Ed. Bergin Comes to Arsenal As Safety Chief

Capt. Carlson Named As Ass't to Commanding Officer in Shift

Major Edward Bergin, OD, veteran of the North African, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns with the A.A.F., has been assigned to Picatinny Arsenal and has assumed the duties of Adjutant, Chief of the Safety and Security Branch, and Signal officer.

Replacing Capt. Edward H. Carlson, who has been appointed Assistant to the Commanding Officer, Major Bergin also becomes Signal Property officer; Range Officer; Commanding Officer, 9355 TSU and 4217th SCU; Recruiting Officer and Summary Officer; Chief, Military Division; Plant Guard Officer; Information and Education Officer; Public Relations Officer; and Intelligence Officer.

Major Bergin, who has made a career of the army and was an enlisted bombardier and

New Arsenal Adjutant



MAJOR EDWARD BERGIN

armor in the Air Forces, recently entered into another tour of active duty after having served for a short time with the Parole Division of the State of New Jersey, following his separation from the service in August, 1945.

A native of Boston, Mass., where he graduated from the Boston College High School in 1929 and immediately enlisted in the army, Major Bergin rose steadily through the ranks. He served

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New Budget Cuts Agency Ceilings

The Bureau of the Budget on Wednesday instructed Government agencies to drop 72,000 employees net by October 1, even though the pay roll total will be cut about 32,000 more by seasonal drop and by the return of USES offices to the States on November 15.

This means an overall cut, the Bureau stated, of 4.2 per cent, and the average agency would be able, it was expected, to meet the situation by not filling vacancies resulting from normal turnover. By the end of this week, it was expected that detailed figures on required cutbacks would be available to the individual agencies.

Meanwhile Post Office, Veterans' Administration and War Assets will hire 113,000, who presumably must come within the ceiling.

If pay act ceilings are followed strictly there will be further cuts of 27,000 on January 1, April 1, and June 30, of next year.

Picatinny Day Picnic Crowd



Employees of Picatinny Arsenal formed long lines before the special Picatinny Day booths at which free tickets for rides at Bertrand Island were given out. During the day, the gathering of Picatinny people swelled to record proportions.

Picatinny Picnic "Complete Success," Revelry Keynotes Arsenal Outing

Under clear blue skies that provided perfect weather, nearly 7500 employees of Picatinny Arsenal and their families flocked to Bertrand Island last Saturday to fun and frolic through a full day's program of thrill rides, speed boating, sports, swimming, and general camaraderie which set a near record in New Jersey for institutional outings and was pronounced a "complete success" by officials of the Civilian Welfare Council, the sponsoring organization.

W. J. Norris, president of the Welfare Council, termed the picnic the "most outstanding affair I have seen in which Arsenal people participated." There were no in-

juries reported despite the large crowd and the light-hearted humor that prevailed over the assembly.

Men, women, and children waited in the small lines before the countless amusements that are sprinkled over the area of the Island... the roller coaster, Dodgem, the Lost River, the Merry-go-round, Whip, airplanes, midjet racers, miniature golf course, outdoor bowling, and the funhouse. So popular were these attractions that there was an unprecedented demand for the reduced rate tickets which were provided for employees and their friends.

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Skelly Awarded Meritorious Civilian Service Emblem in Arsenal Ceremony

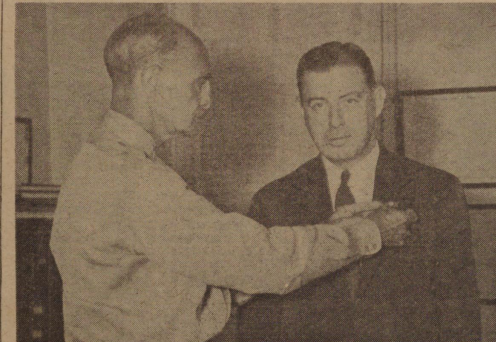
Patrick J. Skelly, administrative assistant in the Fiscal Section at Picatinny Arsenal, was presented last Friday by Col. W. E. Larned, Commanding Officer, with the Meritorious Civilian Service Emblem and Certificate, awarded by Maj. Gen. Everett S. Hughes, Chief of Ordnance.

Colonel Larned read the citation honoring Skelly's service during World War II during a brief ceremony attended by all Arsenal officers. The citation read "in recognition of outstanding services in the organization and directing of functions and the development of auditing procedures from January 13, 1942 to January 14, 1946, while serving as Assistant Project Auditor, Field Auditor, and Fiscal Officer at the Buckeye Ordnance Works, Iron-

ton, Ohio. Also for his exceptional administrative ability and his loyalty and devotion to duty, which have contributed materially to the operation of the Buckeye Ordnance Works."

Skelly was transferred to Picatinny Arsenal in June, 1946. He began his career here in January, 1931, as a clerk in the Planning Division, left a few months later to serve as assistant field auditor at the Wolf Creek Ordnance Plant, Milan, Tenn. Skelly was then moved to the Buckeye plant, where he performed the tasks for which the citation was given.

Skelly was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science by New York University in 1925, and held a position with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of New-York before entering civil service.



Patrick J. Skelly, Fiscal, accepts the Meritorious Civilian Service Emblem and Certificate awarded to him by Major General Everett S. Hughes, Chief of Ordnance, and presented by Col. W. E. Larned, Commanding Officer.

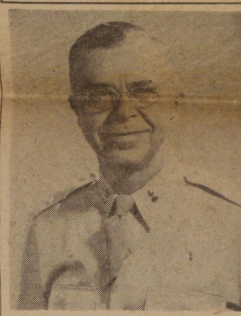
Col. H. G. Foster Is Administration Chief at Arsenal

Former Assistant Staff Chief, AAFTC, Becomes Transport Officer

Lt. Col. Hart G. Foster, O. D., who arrived at Picatinny Arsenal last week, has been named Chief, Administration Branch, and Publications Officer, relieving Col. John P. Harris, who assumed the duties of Administration Chief upon the departure of Lt. Col. O. K. Knight recently. Colonel Foster also takes over the position of Chief, Transportation Section and becomes Transportation Officer.

Colonel Foster was called to active duty February 15, 1941 and within a few months was assigned Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command at Knollwood Field, N. C. He was transferred February 20, 1943 to the AAFTTC, Atlantic City, N. J., where he became successively the commanding officer, Headquarters

Administration Chief



LT. COL. HART G. FOSTER

and Headquarters Detachment, Mo., and C. O. of the 12th training wing, AAFTTC.

During his army career, Colonel Foster was responsible for the organization, administration, training, and personal hygiene of Air Force inductees going through initial training, and aviation engineering personnel studying pre-engineering courses. He organized a school for the instruction of

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Teachers Needed By Morristown Division

Qualified teachers of college algebra are needed to work evenings at the Morristown Division of the Rutgers University Extension Service which is scheduled to open for night classes on Sept. 16. Dr. Ellis R. Ott, Chairman of the Department of Mathematics at Rutgers, revealed that classes will meet two or three evenings a week, for which the minimum teaching fee to be paid professors is \$6.00 an hour.

Any Arsenal employee who is interested in applying for the position should contact Dr. Ott, at 77 Hamilton Avenue, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, or report to the Training Office in Bldg. 151, where application blanks are available.

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 2, will be observed as a holiday at Picatinny Arsenal, honoring the observance of Labor Day. All employees will have the day off except those engaged in necessary pursuit and maintenance functions.

Arsenalites At Play During Picatinny Day



Over 7,500 employees and their relatives jammed the boardwalk at Bertrand's Island through the day, clustered in gay little groups and chattered away to their heart's content. A good time was had by all.



Is there anyone who doesn't like ice cream? All ages enjoyed the soda pop and ice cream that were provided in the strip of free tickets.

Modern Features Distinguish Veterans' Hospitals Planned for Early Erection

Army engineers have let architect-engineer contracts for twenty-three Veteran Administration hospitals. Selection of architect-engineers for the remaining 17 of the 40 projects already turned over to the engineers by Veteran Administration is still pending.

A program of requirements for each size and type of hospital has been worked out by the Army engineers and the Veterans Administration, and this is furnished for the guidance of architect-engineers. This program reflects the experience gained by the engineers in hospital construction during the war. It also represents the functional and operating characteristics desired by Veterans Administration in its hospitals and all contracts provide that the basic intent of these requirements shall be faithfully carried out in the design.

Constructive suggestions from architect-engineers toward improvement of the functional requirements are encouraged, al-

though they are not incorporated into the design until approved by the chief of engineers. Serious consideration is given to any improvement in hospital layout or other ideas developed by any architect-engineer as the engineers desire to obtain the most modern hospitals embodying the best and latest thinking in hospital design. Any outstanding idea will be disseminated to other architect-engineers in order that all hospitals may have the advantage of such ideas.

Space allocation and space relationship diagrams are to be furnished as guides and suggestions only. Suggested arrangements of functional units are not to be considered mandatory and architect-engineers will be given the widest latitude to develop their own original ideas in this regard.

Plans and specifications developed by the Office of the Chief of Engineers vary from time to time, as new problems arise and new ideas are received and incor-

Picatinny Day

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The afternoon program was featured by an all-Picatinny softball fray which matched Transportation with the challenging Loading contingent and resulted in an upset victory for "Skip" Everett's team, 5-3.

Restaurants, hot-dog stands, and refreshment booths were jammed to capacity by the hungry crowd, some of whom brought large bushel baskets brimming to capacity with sandwiches for the many children that accompanied employees for a day of fun.

"All our arrangements were made for approximately the number of people who attended the picnic," Mr. Norris said. "So the afternoon was also a success from a management standpoint."

Five prizes were awarded to the lucky holders of ticket stubs drawn from a revolving drum during the picnic proceedings. Winners were Ross A. Murphy, Inspection, \$20; Jeon M. Messier, Metal Components and Clyde H. Reilly, Machine and Tool Design, \$10; William A. Duff, Maintenance, and James B. May, Jr., Metal Components, \$5.

All employees of Picatinny were eligible to attend the outing, which was staged by the Civilian Welfare Council from profits of the Post Cafeteria. As each employee, his wife (or husband) and all children under 18 came to the special Picatinny booth, they were given a strip of tickets with a face value of \$1.00. These tickets were good for everything in the park except liquor, cigarettes and candy. They were used for food, ice cream, pop, games, rides and all other attractions. In addition, Picatinny guests purchased special tickets for eight cents each which were ordinarily good on the various attractions which cost from 12 to 20 cents.

A great many Arsenalites brought families and relatives who were not members of their immediate families. Everyone joined in to make Picatinny Day a rousing success.

However, there are some basic plans, tried and proved satisfactory that are suggested for use in every hospital.

Consideration of the use of structural glass for operating rooms is urged. It has been tried out in Army hospitals and found satisfactory. It is non-absorbent, sterile, impervious to acids or germs and is easily cleaned.

New and larger pneumatic communications systems will speed delivery service throughout the buildings and make for the more efficient use of the staff. Another innovation is the use of a central oxygen supply piped to certain rooms. This eliminates the cumbersome method of transporting oxygen to patients in heavy steel containers mounted on carts. It also expedites delivery of the oxygen to the patient, an important factor in many instances.

Selective radio programs at the bedside of each patient will be an improvement on the old radio systems where the patient listened to whatever was selected for him. The new system not only permits broader selection of programs, but is also connected with the auditorium, so that the bedridden patient can enjoy the same entertainment offered those able to go to the auditorium.

Every hospital will be provided with space for a Veterans Administration canteen service, similar to the Army Post Exchange. Congress has authorized the Veterans Administration to operate such a system and this will give every hospital in effect, a miniature department store, with sales and service. There will be a canteen, restaurant or cafeteria, general store, drugstore supplies and a barber shop and beauty shop.

There will be special rooms with filters and special air treatment for patients suffering from asthma or other allergies; special designs for kitchens; special designs for nursing quarters and innumerable other features to make each hospital as complete within itself as possible.

Machine Design

Alfred J. Taylor, Leo E. Goeger, Frank P. Kelsey, and Clyde H. Reilly are off on vacations.



Boating was one of the most popular attractions at the picnic. Col. W. E. Larned, Commanding Officer, Mrs. Larned and Mrs. H. E. Carlson joined a group of Arsenal employees who are preparing to shove off for a ride through the waters of one of New Jersey's most scenic lakes.



One of the most popular thrill rides at the outing was the roller coaster. Arsenal employees also enjoyed the whip, the merry-go-round, midjet auto racing, and many other exhilarating features of the Lake Hopatcong playground.

Alien War Vets Can Obtain Quick Citizenship Under New Procedure

The Department of Justice is appealing to all U. S. veterans of World War II who are aliens and who haven't taken advantage of their right to obtain quick American citizenship to do so as soon as possible.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark says: "I am eager that honorably discharged aliens who served in our armed forces, many of them battle-scarred and decorated, shall know that our country appreciates their loyal service and that it has been made possible by law for them to gain expeditiously the cherished badge of American citizenship and that we will welcome them into the great family of our democracy."

This right is provided under the Second War Powers Act of 1942 which expires on Dec. 31, 1946. Veterans who are not yet citizens should take advantage of that right before the right is voided.

Here is the streamlined procedure: Declaration to become a citizen is waived. Necessity to show admission to permanent residence is waived. A person who has served before.

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Maj. V.E. Woodard, Army Map Maker, Joins Engineering

New Arsenal Officer
Survivor of Three
Invasion Landings

Major Vernon E. Woodard, O.D., veteran of the North African and Sicilian invasions and service in the Pacific area, has been assigned to the Engineering Division at Picatinny and will take over the duties of Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Signal Officer.

Major Woodard, a native of Houston, Texas, was one of a small group of men at Hampton Roads, Va., who knew of the North African invasion in 1943 even before the captains of the Army transports bearing the great loads of troops to the shores of the Dark Continent. Having reported on active duty after receiving the commission of second lieutenant in the Engineer Corps during his college career at Texas A. & M., Major Woodard rapidly rose to the rank of captain at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he organized and took command of the 66th Engineering Topographic Company. It was his organization that planned and distributed the maps for the African and Sicilian invasions.

Major Woodard came to the Army after two years of service with the U. S. Geological Survey in New Mexico and a period as construction engineer with the Texas Highway Department. He led the 66th Engineering Topographic Company while it

Joins Engineering



MAJOR V. E. WOODARD

did field survey work and made maps for General Patton during his western drive on the Algerian desert.

In February, 1943, Major Woodard and his company were transferred to Allied Force Headquarters in Algeria to draw the landing diagrams and charts for the Sicilian invasion. Relieved at Allied Force Hq., the 66th and Major Woodard swept through Sicily with the Seventh Army, then joined the Fifth Army on the landing barges that took it to the jagged Italian shore near Salerno.

Major Woodard and his command stayed with the Fifth through the Italian campaign, then were redeployed to Japan, assigned to the Tenth Corps, and prepared for an intensive mapping study of the Nipponese terrain.

After five years' service, Major Woodard was returned to the Zone of Interior for discharge at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was promoted to major while on terminal leave. Upon returning to civilian life, he went back to the engineering position with the Texas State Highway Department, became reinterested in active duty, was called back into the Army, this time in Ordinance, effective July 10, 1946.

Major Woodard holds many decorations, including the Italian Cross of Military Valor, the Philippine Liberation Medal, the Japanese Occupation ribbon, EAME ribbon with four battle stars and one arrowhead, the Legion of Merit, the Victory Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and the American Theatre ribbon.

Major Woodard married Miss Mary Bernice Burrell, of Captain, N. M., has two daughters, Sylvia Gail, 9, and Judy Elizabeth, 6.

Loading Challengers Register Win in Picnic Battle



Back row, left to right: Emmett Cunningham, Stever Kitas, Clayton Jenkins, Steve Kerner, Arnold Hoffman, Joseph Pustai, and Capt. E. H. Carlson. Front row, left to right: "Skip" Everett, Joseph Graziano, Gene May, Doyle Porter, Peter Judge, and Vincent Di Bernard. Manhart Cankes was missing when the photo was taken.

Picatinny Tennis Tourney Planned

The Picatinny Arsenal Tennis Club's annual elimination tournament to determine the singles and doubles champions in the male, female, doubles, and mixed doubles divisions is currently being planned by Capt. W. J. Judson, Chairman of the Tournament Committee with the first round of eliminations scheduled to get under way by Sept. 5.

Ten matches will feature the match play of the first round in the male division, the women's classification, being slightly less active with five. The highest five players in the Ladder Tournament were seeded, the positions and byes of other players selected by draw. According to plans, Round No. one in the men's class should be completed by Sept. 5; Round Number Two by Sept. 9; the Third Round by Sept. 11, and Round Four by Sept. 13. Women should complete their matches by Sept. 6, 10, and 13 respectively. The final matches will be scheduled at a later date.

In the men's division, First Round, the following are matched: William Matilla, Dover, and George Kehoe, Landing; Murray Turetsky, Dover, and S. P. Mitchell, Walter Nordland, Stores, and Elton Holloway, Dover; Capt. Edward H. Carlson and John Hall, Dover; Charles Howe, Dover, and E. Yurko, Eugene Friedman, Dover, and Col. W. E. Larned; Major F. F. Perry and F. Dickerson; A. Saunderson and J. J. Flaherty; T. D. Dudderar, Technical,

Transportation Softball Champs Lose Outing Softball Thriller, 5-2

Before almost 1000 spectators gathered around the manicured diamond at Bertrand Island last Saturday, Loading's aggregation of hustling softballers tangled with the unbeaten, league-leading Transportation ten in a Picatinny Day tussle that was nip and tuck all the way and resulted in a thrilling upset win for the Loaders, 5-3.

There were only seven base hits in the game, three garnered by Loading off the superb pitching of the losers' William Brandon, who replaced Vince Spagnolia as starting pitcher for Transportation after the latter had broken an ankle in a Morristown game Friday night. Capt. E. H. Carlson and Doyle Porter, Planning, split the hurling chores for the victors, dished up only four bingles to the starving Transportation batmen.

The win was Loading's first over the Arsenal softball league leaders this season in a full dress game and sent the runners-up for loop honors away howling wildly for an early game with the champions.

and William Schneider, Jr., Technical; and Hyman Rutkovsky, Technical and Al Carlson, Inspection.

In the female division, players matched for the first round are as follows: Helen Vanderbilt, Planning, and Mary Gray, Technical; Rose Shaw, Engineering, and Henrietta Francis; Marion Schuttler,

Loading	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.
Carlson, p.	2	0	0	0	0
Graziano, ss.	3	0	0	0	2
Jenkins, 1b.	2	0	1	11	0
Pustai, scf.	3	0	0	2	0
Everett, c.	2	0	0	1	0
Kerner, 3b.	2	1	0	0	5
May, cf.	3	0	0	2	0
Cunningham, 2b.	2	1	0	4	2
DeBernard, lf.	3	1	0	1	0
Kitas, rf.	2	1	0	0	0
Seay, lf.	0	0	0	0	0
Porter, p.	1	1	0	0	1
Totals	25	5	3	21	9

Transportation	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.
Cleffi, 2b.	4	1	1	0	2
Generoso, 3b.	2	0	0	1	0
Jump, scf.	3	0	0	3	0
Kovacs, 1b.	2	1	1	10	0
Fillipone, ss.	3	0	1	3	0
Elling, rf.	2	0	0	1	0
Hance, cf.	3	1	1	0	0
Molinar, lf.	3	0	0	0	0
Casterline, c.	3	0	1	3	0
Brandon, p.	3	0	0	0	4
Totals	28	3	5	21	12

Score by innings:
Loading 0 0 2 0 0 2 1-5
Transportation 1 1 0 0 0 1 0-3
Errors: Graziano, Jenkins, Cunningham, Cleffi, Molinar, Stolen bases—Everett, Cleffi, Kovacs, Migdol. Doubles—Kerner, Kitas, Hance. Bases on balls, off Brandon 2, Carlson and Porter 3. Strike outs by Brandon 3, Carlson and Porter 1. Winning pitcher, Brandon. Losing pitcher, Porter.

Industrial Stores, and Gladys Danielson, Naval Depot; Iva Rogers, Planning Branch, and Mary Martin; Margaret Minervino, Metal Components, and Annabelle Rogers, Wharton.

All players desiring to enter the men's doubles tournament and mixed doubles tournament should also notify Mr. Robinson.

Funds Approved For Overtime Pay Rate Adjustments

Million Workers in Wage
Board Group Will Get
Overtime Payments

Much interest has been aroused among Government employees by the provision of funds, in the third deficiency bill, to pay back overtime to many employees, retroactive as far back as 1934.

It should be strongly emphasized that with few if any exceptions the employees who will benefit are those in the wage board group, mainly mechanical employees and laborers. It does not seem at all probable that any Classification Act salaries would be affected.

However, more than a million employees are expected to benefit, most of them working in War and Navy Department installations throughout the country, though there are considerable numbers in the Government Printing Office and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The employees will get money due them direct from their agencies, instead of being required to submit claims through the General Accounting Office. What they will get is based on calculation of overtime for night workers on the basis of the night differential, instead of the base pay rate for day work, but there is also involved some money due for overtime work on holidays.

This legislation is the outgrowth of a claim submitted by an employee of the Government Printing Office, which became the basis of an important ruling by the Comptroller General to the effect that overtime should be computed after application of the night differential instead of on the day rate. Claims more than ten years old are outlawed, but since the ruling was rendered in 1934, claims are acceptable for ten years prior to that date. Many of the persons affected have, of course, long since left the Government service, and the deficiency bill signed by President Truman which makes money available for the payments eliminates the necessity for introducing countless individual claims.

This overtime pay, however, is not applicable to employees of Picatinny Arsenal, Mr. W. J. Norris, Fiscal Officer, reveals, since they had been paid overtime during the war years as soon as it was recorded to their credit.

Efficiency Rating Retention Points Change Due Sept. 15

The Civil Service Commission's decision to change the efficiency rating regulations and the retention preference regulations insofar as they relate to point values of efficiency ratings in reductions in force becomes effective as of September 15.

Heretofore no point values were given for a "good" or for a "very good" efficiency rating, but five retention points were given for an "excellent" rating. This means that although a "very good" rating outranks a "good" rating, it had no advantage in a reduction in force, whereas an employee with an "excellent" rating enjoyed a five-point advantage over those with both "good" and "very good" ratings. One suggestion considered was that the "very good" rating should be eliminated, and another suggestion was that the retention point values for an "excellent" rating should be reduced.

The Commission ruled that the "very good" rating would be retained and that point values for retention preference purposes would be changed so that one point is given for a "good" rating, three points for a "very good" rating, and five points for an "excellent" rating. Although this represents no change in the point value for an "excellent" rating it reduces the advantage over a "good" rating from five to four points, and over a "very good" rating from five to two points.

Winning "Red" Golfers Avenge Earlier Defeat



Back row, left to right: Wilfred Hosking, Leonard Zeek, Steve Hrie, Spencer Williamson, Richard Donahue, John Ricebons, Ash Williams, Alec Kepler, Col. W. E. Larned and W. J. Norris. Front row, left to right: Sig Raymond, Maj. G. K. Buchanan, H. J. Rhead, Tom Kinney and John Gueriore.

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KNOW YOUR CAR

That same car you drive to Picatinny Arsenal every morning, the one which you have been unable to replace so long and is getting increasingly difficult to maintain in dependable condition, is actually a two-ton projectile, capable of a speed of 70 to 100 miles per hour. At the maximum speed limit of 45 miles per hour, it takes 160 feet to stop it if it is in perfect mechanical condition. Reaction time, that is the time it takes to move your foot from the accelerator to the brake, consumes from three-fourths of a second to a second and a half, during which time your car has travelled some 55 feet at 45 miles per hour. During that period, therefore, your car is completely out of control and will strike any object within 55 feet, inanimate or human—and there is nothing you can do about it.

Its power as a projectile is tremendous. Its design lends itself to battering power. Its frame is constructed of rigidly braced steel beams. The engine in its nose, usually of cast steel, is its war head. A thin sheet of steel is streamlined around it, similar to the construction of a U. S. rocket bomb. The bumper placed in front to protect its fenders is about shin height — the proper distance to break the legs of an adult even at slow speeds.

Its two tons is supported on rubber-tired wheels with an effective crushing weight on each of 1000 pounds. Impact adds greatly to this crushing weight, but no part of the human body is capable of resisting it.

This, then, is the machine which, in 1946, will kill 38,000 persons, injure a million and a quarter and cause almost three quarters of a billion dollars damage. No single weapon designed for war at Picatinny Arsenal has ever wreaked such destruction, yet this deadly weapon will be placed in the hands of irresponsible youngsters, drunks, and untrained and unskilled operators.

Our streets and highways are the best protected in the world from the viewpoint of traffic signals, signs to indicate such hazards as hills, winding roads, bridges and turns, caution indicators and warnings.

It is impossible to establish a perfect safety record without a system of protection against carelessness. This year, 38,000 people must guard against themselves as far as security from death and injury in auto accident is concerned. Be careful! For your own sake, think!

PICATINNY DAY

A new and impressive page was added to the Picatinny Family Album last Saturday at Bertrand's Island when some 7500 Arsenalites and their families gathered to illustrate what without doubt is the most closely-knit group spirit that has ever been demonstrated in New Jersey during an institutional affair.

The worth of the Bertrand Island outing needs only the testimony of the good time that was had by all to become a permanent feature on the Picatinny calendar. This splendid aspect of comradeship was shelved during the war years when the press of Arsenal production and the influx of thousands of new employees engaged in round-the-clock operations made it impossible for the workers to participate in joint recreation.

It is affairs of this kind that carry over the feelings of comradeship and pride of achievement from the picnic ground to the workshop and lend an obvious hand in perpetuating the place of Picatinny at the top of the nation's Ordnance establishments. Many months will pass before residents of New Jersey can forget the graphic proof furnished them by employees of Picatinny that Americans can get together in large gatherings, relax, and enjoy themselves without once stepping outside the bounds of decency and order.



TNT — A Health Hazard

by DONALD C. HUELSMANN,
1st Lt., M. C.
Post Surgeon

Yes, TNT—trinitrotoluene—is a health hazard. It is a poison which can cause illness and even death if proper precautions are not taken. We are justly proud of the fact that there have no deaths from TNT poisoning at Picatinny Arsenal. However, one should not be complacent about this record and relax the safeguards and procedures which have enabled thousands of workers at this arsenal to handle TNT without ill effects.

What is TNT? It is one of those "aromatic nitro compounds" most of which are toxic, i.e. poisonous. As you know, it is a high explosive and quite effective when exploding at the right time in a place

where it has been dropped in a bomb or sent in a shell by artillery. Its effect is just as destructive when exploding at the wrong time and in the wrong place. However, this article is not intended to describe safeguards against its untimely explosion, but rather to show how its equally destructive nature occurs in one's body if safeguards are not properly practiced.

TNT may enter the body by three different routes: (1) by inhalation into the lungs, (2) by ingestion into the stomach, and (3) by absorption through the skin. The last of these is the far

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Inquiring Photographer

By HOWARD NIPER

Do you believe in long engagement?

AMY H. DeLUCA, Golf-Tennis

Clubhouse: No, I don't. If two people are in love, they will already have spent some time prior to the engagement getting to know one another, so why waste time in an excessive long engagement? A man unwilling to shoulder responsibility might like the idea of postponing marriage, but if a couple doesn't have the courage to marry, they shouldn't bother.

HARRY R. HULIT, Safety and Security: No.

Why prolong an engagement unnecessarily? After all, an engagement should be just long enough to make the necessary arrangements for the marriage ceremony. It only takes a few days to do that, and both parties should have their minds made up before they get engaged. You're tied down already, so why not go ahead and marry?

GEORGE R. BALDERSON, Guard Headquarters: It depends on circumstances.

Marriage is more than a wish. If both parties think they have the means to give their marriage every chance for success, they should not hesitate. If, however, there is any doubt that they can afford it, it might be wise to extend their engagement until a more favorable time. If they love each other, though, a little hardship won't do any harm.

FILOMENA SCARNECCHIA, Inspection: Not over a year.

To an extent it depends on the chances for security. After all, marriage is the aim, not the engagement. A couple should know one another well before betrothal. Snap decisions never work out. If a person is engaged, he should be preparing himself for marriage, not postponing it indefinitely.

GENEVIEVE GROW, Personnel: Neither too short nor too long.

But a couple nowadays may not have much choice but to postpone a wedding until they can find a home and feel reasonably sure of the things they need. Veterans may have a little trouble getting settled. It's wiser to think about these things than to marry in a hurry and live an unplanned existence.

PAUL F. VERMAC, Engineering: No.

If a couple doesn't marry after a year or so, there's something wrong, and they're not ready for marriage. I believe in love at first sight. If it's the right girl, there's no reason for delay. I wouldn't want anything to interfere. Nothing could.

Grasshopper Hoax Continues With Discovery of Second Super-Insect

In the wooded area around Building 86 in the lower Arsenal area, a miracle appeared to have repeated itself last week. For in this section of the reservation, for the second time in a month, three Arsenal employees claimed to have discovered another grasshopper sealed in a tiny temperature indicator bottle which forms part of a bomb fusing . . . alive and kicking after a year sealed away from air, water, or food.

John Sparta, Alfred D. Canfield, and Reese Evans, all of Testing, hurriedly called the offices of the PICATINNY NEWS last Tuesday after discovering their second super insect locked in a small glass tube which was marked as closed in July, 1945.

Leaving the vial unbroken in order to provide proof for any Doubting Thomases, who challenged the truth of their story, they presented the bottle to the NEWS reporter for inspection.

Upon breaking of the seal and examination of the Old Man Mose of the insect world, the grasshopper was found to be alive, very brightly green, and apparently none the worse for wear after his experience.

Once again a controversy started. Is it possible for a grasshopper to live in a hermetically sealed space for over a year without food, air, or water?

To end all grasshopper stories once and for all, the considered scientific opinion on the subject is . . . definitely no.

Lieutenant Donald C. Huelsmann, Post Surgeon, dismissed the possibility of any specie of insect existing without air over even the shortest periods of time. The seal on the bottle was unbroken, yet in the light of the medical opinion, the possibility of tampering must be considered.

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Congratulations

To the Editor: I should like to offer the congratulations of the American Federation of Government Employees to Picatinny Arsenal on the splendid outing which I had the pleasure to attend at Bertrand's Island last Saturday. It is the considered opinion of everyone I have talked to that the picnic was the most outstanding affair of its kind ever staged by employees of the Arsenal. From all sides I have heard extremely favorable comment on the spirit of friendliness and comradeship that prevailed over the festivities. Particularly gratifying was the fact that such a large undertaking could be successfully managed without the slightest indication of unruliness. Picatinny Day was of incalculable value in knitting together the people of Picatinny Arsenal in one family characterized by particular problems and common interests. It is my sincere hope that it was the initial example in a whole series of annual Picatinny days which would form one of the bright pages in the calendar of every employee.

E. V. CASEY, Pres.,
A. F. G. E.

Wants Weekly Pay

To the Editor: I am writing this letter to point out a number of problems that have arisen in my family and perhaps in the families of others because of the system of bi-weekly pay checks which exists at Picatinny today.

Colonel Foster (Continued from Page 1)

base intelligence officers for the Army Air Forces Technical Training.

At Camp Atterbury, Indiana, in 1945, Colonel Foster was assigned to a study of methods of separation of army personnel and on the basis of his study made recommendations for the establishment of Personal Affairs and counseling sections at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois.

Colonel Foster was commissioned in the Field Artillery Reserve on August 15, 1917, attended the Artillery School, 155th Field Artillery Brigade, Radon, France, and returned to the United States to take command of training activities for the 28th Field Artillery Regiment. He was honorably discharged in 1919.

Commissioned as a captain in the Field Artillery Reserve in 1919, Colonel Foster entered into a period of active duty for seven two-week periods between 1928 and 1934, instructing regimental officers of the 864th Field Artillery Regiment Reserve. During this time, he received promotions to major and lieutenant colonel respectively and his name was placed on the eligibility list for the General Staff Corps. On May 3, 1946, he was raised to the rank of Colonel in the Field Artillery Reserve, placed on inactive duty, and recalled as a lieutenant colonel assigned to the Ordnance Department, U. S. A.

In the intervals between active duty assignments, Colonel Fos-

I hope enough interest is aroused by my letter to relieve the burden which a check once every two weeks puts on the average employee.

It is discouraging to see two weeks' bills piled up before you. It might be better psychology to pay these things in small doses. Under the present system, my family has one week of plenty and one week of a shoestring existence. A steady pay check every Friday would mean smaller bills, more available money, and give the average Arsenal worker a chance to get his hands on some money when he needs it.

As it is now, every time there is a sudden car bill to pay, a problem arises. Most of the pay check has already been used paying bills. If we were paid once every week, it would be only a matter of a few days before repairs could be made to the car.

In my opinion, this is a serious problem and closely allied to the morale of every Arsenal employee. Can the administration do anything about it?

EMPLOYEE

(Editor's Note: Authorization to pay Arsenal employees does not originate in any Picatinny Headquarters but is granted by the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, stating that per annum employees will be paid twice monthly beginning July 1, 1945. Ordnance Procurement Circular No. 216-45 dated October 25, 1945, provided for bi-monthly payment of hourly employees.)

ter served as assistant chief chemist with the Olympic Portland Cement Co., Bellingham, Wash., at the same time studying patents aimed at improving machine design in the cement industry. In 1922-23, he made extensive subsurface geological studies of oil and gas deposits in the Midwest.

From 1934 to 1939, the Administration Chief was Underwriting Supervisor, Underwriter Division, Federal Housing Administration, later becoming Liaison Officer with Public Utilities under the Educational Division of the F.H.A. Prior to his last entry onto active duty, Colonel Foster was contracted by the Public Buildings Administration as consultant on the selection of cities for industry, Army, and Navy housing projects.

Colonel Foster is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University in 1913. His military schools include the 1st Officer's Training Camp, Ft. Meyer, Va., 1917; and the Field Artillery School of Fire, Fort Sill, Okla., in 1925.

Active in the American Legion, Colonel Foster was chosen President of the Reserve Officer's Association of Kentucky for three consecutive years beginning in 1925. He married Mrs. Florence Jones Vining, of Washington Courthouse, Ohio, in 1936.

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Local A.F.G.E. Prepares Retirement Plan for Annual National Convention

Encouraged by its success in producing tangible benefits to government employees with the passage within the last year of two civil service pay bills that meant additional income in the hands of its members, Local Lodge 225, American Federation of Government Employees is preparing a list of nine resolutions for submittal to the regional board, where it will be sifted and sent on for action to the National Convention of the A. F. G. E. scheduled to meet Sept. 18-22 in St. Paul, Minn.

According to E. V. Casey, president of the local lodge, one of the recommendations advocates a thirty year retirement program without restrictions on retirement age.

At a meeting of the local board recently, it was decided to raise the initiation fee from \$1 to \$2. The dues of 50 cents per month or \$5 per year paid in advance will remain the same. R. H. Lee, representative of the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association, will continue to represent the A. F. G. E. on the Arsenal. Membership in the federation is open to all Arsenal employees.

"The benefits of membership in the A. F. G. E. have become increasing through the years," Mr. Casey declared. "Our immeasurable influence in securing passage of the pay increase bills will be constantly applied in attempting to secure other benefits for government workers."

"For the benefit of those who have lately linked themselves with Civil Service," Mr. Casey said, "a description of the federation and its resources might be

timely." The American Federation of Government employees has its main offices in Washington, D. C., where it employs a full-time president to direct the national activities of the organization. Field agents connected with this headquarters travel over the United States as they are needed.

Col. Charles F. Stengle, popular ex-Congressman and figure in Washington's social circles, has been retained by the federation as its representative in Congressional legislative procedures.

A national convention held annually in one of the nation's larger cities brings together the federations' regional vice presidents, the heads of local lodges, and members of the federation who attend to observe the functioning of the organization in preparing its legislative program for the year and determining the most pressing needs of the employees it represents.

Local Lodge No. 225, Picatinny Arsenal, is a member of the New York District, which is headed by Mrs. Henrietta E. Oldwig, of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Among the accomplishments of the local chapter was the increase, through the influence of the national organization, of leave time from 15 to 26 days per year and the provision of 15 days' sick leave to every Arsenal employee for the first time in Civil Service history.

New Job For Norris

W. J. Norris has been appointed Custodian of the Post Civilian Welfare Fund.

TNT Hazard

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more important, as most TNT enters the body through the skin, although it may be inhaled, and even eaten if food is contaminated with the explosive.

Ordinarily, the body can handle small amounts of TNT, and the aim of the safeguards is to prevent absorption of enough to cause poisoning.

What can a TNT worker do to prevent poisoning by TNT? The answers are evident. Do everything possible to keep TNT from remaining on the skin for any length of time. Wash hands frequently with indicator soap which turns orange or red on contact with TNT on the skin. Change uniforms daily to prevent absorption from TNT on the clothing. Take a thorough shower on finishing work, and use liquid indicator soap so that you will know when all the TNT has been removed. I know it's much easier to take a shower using bar soap, but the extra trouble it takes using liquid soap is worth it when your health is at stake. Besides, the Safety Section won't allow the use of bar soap in showers, as too many employees slipped on pieces of the soap and injured themselves.

Inhalation of TNT can be prevented by the proper exhaust ventilation, and by use of respirators where the ventilation is inadequate, as in some of the screening operations.

Ingesting TNT practically only occurs if food is eaten in a TNT building or when hands are not thoroughly washed before eating.

All workers in TNT are examined periodically at the dispensary, and if any evidence of poisoning occurs, the employee is removed

Major Bergin

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hitches as an enlisted man at Fort Devans, Mass., at Scofield Barracks, Hawaii, and with the 16th Infantry, 1st Division, at Governor's Island, New York.

Transferred to the Air Corps, Major Bergin joined the First Bomb Group in 1938 at Mitchell Field, shortly afterwards moving to Chicopee Falls, Mass., as the first enlisted man to set foot on the site of what was later to become Westover Field. Longest Army Air Base in the east.

Following intervals of training at Pendleton Field, Oregon; Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona; and Geiger Field, Spokane, Washington, Major Bergin was recommended by Major General Robin Olds, Commander of the Second Air Force, for direct commissioning on July 29, 1942.

His overseas service began with a landing at Casablanca, carried him through the North African campaign with the Twelfth Bomber Command of the North-east Desert Air Force under General Doolittle, then on to Sicily, and finally resulted in an assignment as executive of the Second Bomb Group at its base in Foggia, Italy.

It was while he was connected with the Desert Air Force that Major Bergin participated in thirty unofficial missions as bombardier, sorties for which he received no credit and in which

from contact with toxic chemicals. Amatol and Pentolite are substances containing TNT, and therefore the same precautions should be observed with these compounds.

Dinitrotoluene (DNT) has the same effects as TNT, and similar precautions should be observed.

he participated voluntarily. Previously declared unfit for flying duty, Major Bergin was forced to terminate his flights when he was ordered to stay on the ground.

He was relieved of his overseas duties in August, 1945, returned to the states for reassignment and discharged under the adjusted service rating system with 185 points.

Major Bergin holds the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, the European Theatre of Operations ribbon with 13 Battle Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation with cluster.

He married the former Miss Pauline Repas, of Trenton, New Jersey, in 1938, and is the father of two children, Edward John, 5, and Ann Margaret, 7.

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As the progressive schedule of effective dates brings ceilings to the slaughterer level on September 1, to wholesalers on September 5, and to retailers on September 9, Tarrant said, the enforcement agents will fan out along the various levels to see that meat flows along at ceiling to consumers.

The OPA agents will report all over-ceiling transactions to the enforcement attorneys, who will immediately prepare enforcement actions for civil or criminal prosecution. The agency, Tarrant emphasized, is prepared to move quickly and aggressively to quell every manifestation of black marketing.

"We realize the tremendous problems facing us in our task of rolling livestock prices back from the fantastic levels they reached in the past seven weeks," he declared, "and we will use every legal method available to accomplish our end. We mean to bring meat at ceiling prices to the retail stores by September 9, and we intend to see that consumers get the meat at ceiling."

Tarrant said that the volunteers and clerks of the State's 41 Price Control Boards will join the drive at the retail level by carrying on an intensive program of dealer and consumer education, and of frequent and thorough price surveys in the retail markets, following by prompt compliance action against violators. District office teams of investigators, he said, will work among re-

tailers reported in violation for the purpose of securing information leading to violators at pre-retail levels.

"The majority of retailers," he asserted, "want to sell meat at ceiling price, and we intend to protect them at the slaughterer and wholesale level. But to do the job properly, we will need the co-operation of retailers—they will have to tell us which suppliers are violating, and how they are violating."

Retail trade ceiling price lists will be in the hands of merchants around September 9, and these are required to be displayed where shoppers can consult them. The agency hopes also to have pocket-size meat price lists for distribution to shoppers before the end of September.

"Consumer participation in the drive to balk black markets," Tarrant declared, "is an essential part of the program. Between the pincers of consumer and retailer resistance to over-ceiling prices, and government pressure

Lt. D. E. Benton, Post Finance Officer, in an effort to eliminate the confusion which has existed in the minds of most veterans who sought information from his office last week on their eligibility for terminal leave pay recently authorized by Congress, reminded ex-G.I.'s of the requirements of Circular 251, which officially defines the types of leave for which the veteran can claim compensation.

"For officers," Lt. Benton declared, "only ordinary leave, delays enroute, and emergency leave can be charged against leave or furlough credit. In the case of enlisted men, ordinary furlough, emergency furlough, prebarkation furlough, delays enroute, and reenlistment furloughs can be charged against leave or furlough credit."

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Alien War Vets

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Season's Greetings



The Commanding Officer and the commissioned staff of Picatinny Arsenal extend to their civilian and enlisted co-workers the most cordial greetings for the Holiday season. It is our sincere wish that Christmas of 1947 will be a merry one for you all and that 1948 will bring the greatest measure of happiness, well-being

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A message from the Chief of Ordnance brings to you his congratulations and thanks for your help which he credits with contributing much toward making 1947 a year of solid accomplishments for the Ordnance Department.

I join General Hughes in these thanks and

congratulations. It is a real pleasure to greet you. Both as a group of loyal employees and as individuals, I wish for you the best.

W. E. LARNED
Col., Ord. Dept., U.S.A.,
Commanding.

Rossell Discusses Civil Service Retirement Laws

Comments on Pending Legislation of Interest To Federal Workers

James E. Rossell, regional director of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, discussed retirement regulations and pending legislation before the last meeting of the Picatinny Arsenal 20-Year Club. His talk is of such great interest to so many Arsenal employees that it is published for information and reference. It follows:

"It is quite fitting for Government employees who in their civilian capacities carry the brunt of the Government's obligation to its citizens and taxpayers to think not only of their obligations but concerning some of the perquisites that go with being in Government service. Were we to think only in terms of hourly wages, of annual salaries, and not of the necessary tasks we perform we might not be so enthusiastic about our jobs. But when we know the work must be done and that we can and do do it better than others, we have every right to be extremely proud not only of Government but of our jobs.

"The advantage which we have as Government employees about which we want to talk for a few minutes this evening is the right of retirement which we have accorded to us by Law. Under the present law, as you know, anyone may retire at age 62, after 15 years of service, under one of three plans for buying an annuity. The annuity is figured under the plan which will give the retired employee the largest net income, years of service and salary level considered. Employees may also retire after 30 years of service at age 60, using the same formulas. Using this formula it is also possible under existing law to retire when totally disabled for further efficient service.

"In the first session of the 80th Congress the House considered a fairly liberal bill, HR-3232, while the Senate considered S-637. Finally another bill, HR-4127 was introduced in the House and after considerable amendment came out after eliminating all survivor benefits except to the widows of employees dying in the service and then only if they had minor children or had reached the age 60. Another provision in this pending Steenson Bill as it finally passed House permits an annuitant upon retirement to provide a 50 percent annuity for his widow. That privilege is now in our present law and perhaps in more preferable form. As a matter of record in the Retirement Division at Washington very few annuitants take advantage of the joint survivorship plan. Hence if it is passed in the present law on an optional basis the chances are no more use will be made of it than heretofore. Most students who have followed the vicissitudes of the present bill feel that it will pass the Senate. In fact, some of the employee organizations and other well-wishers of good retirement legislation hope that the Senate will pass the bill which passed the House just about in its present form. The proponents of the bill argue that it is a step in the right direction, that if we can get

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Barton Summarizes Picatinny's "Good Neighbor" Policy In Wartime Relations with All Local Towns

Lt. Col. R. A. Barton, M.I. Res., the wartime Intelligence and Public Relations officer at Picatinny Arsenal, who was on the speakers' program at the Testimonial Dinner given to Col. W. E. Larned by citizens of the Dover area early this month, was unable to attend due to a sudden serious illness. The address which he prepared is published herewith as a notable summary of the "Good Neighbor" policy followed by Picatinny during the War Years.

BY R. A. BARTON

There were several reasons for close working and personal relationships between Picatinny Arsenal and the communities of Northern New Jersey during World War II. These reasons may be classified as follows:

1. Many thousands of persons were employed at the Arsenal during the war.

Some 40,000 persons were employed from time to time at the Arsenal, with as many as 18,000 working there at one time. These persons came from approximately 155 communities in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. From some communities, those nearer the Arsenal, the number of Arsenal workers was a high proportion. From Dover, for instance, there were at one time as many as 2,500 out of a population of some 14,000, and from Wharton there were at one time 1,200 persons working at the Arsenal, out of a population of hardly more than twice that number. There were great numbers of persons coming to the Arsenal from the principal cities and towns in Morris, Sussex and surrounding counties. Paterson contributed many, and so did the communities in Essex County, particularly Newark and the Oranges. The communities in lower New York State, from as far away as Port Jervis to the west and Mount Vernon to the east supplied citizens who commuted daily to work at the Arsenal. New York City was largely represented and at one time there were approximately 2,200 persons coming daily from New York City. The nearer communities of Pennsylvania, Easton for example, contributed their daily quotas of men and women.

2. Help to the communities.

These relationships took many forms. The merchants in these communities were affected by the increased buying power of so many of their fellow townsmen. Hence the increased purchasing power that the Arsenal's pay roll meant to so many communities was an important factor. The hours of work at the Arsenal were of concern to the merchants, because the incidence of work shifts had an effect on the buying habits of the workers. Likewise, the pay day at the Arsenal affected shopping days; this was apparent during the late stages of the war when the pay day was changed. The general effect on shopping days in Dover, for instance, was to change the main shopping night from Saturday to Friday. There were many relationships between law enforcement authorities at the Arsenal and the law enforcement authorities in the municipalities and counties and with those of the State and Federal Governments. The Arsenal helped these agencies to apprehend criminals or to solve criminal cases; especially was this true in the case of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the State Police. In turn these agencies were of great help to the Arsenal in such matters, especially in the investigation of persons suspected of criminal or subversive records. This cooperation helped to insure that there were no cases of sabotage at the Arsenal during the war nor any serious criminal case or disturbance. There were also many cases of cooperation between the Arsenal and such agencies as the Dover Chamber of Commerce and the United

Service Organizations. During the years when there was great shortage of rooms and housing for war workers, these agencies were diligent to serve as a clearing house for whatever facilities became available. The USO provided need recreation for men and women who were far from their own homes and without contacts or friends; it also offered instruction in arts and skills.

3. There was the necessity for mutual aid and security.

Following the Hercules Powder Company disaster in September 1940, the communities in the North Jersey area were eager to cooperate with the Arsenal in developing a disaster plan which would be effective in case of a similar disaster at Picatinny. With the municipal, county and state authorities, police and fire officials, and others concerned, a plan was effected whereby in the event of a disaster at the Arsenal aid could be mobilized from the surrounding area with the maximum of efficiency and minimum of confusion between the Arsenal and civilian defense activities. With the background of the disaster at Lake Denmark Naval Ammunition Depot in 1926, when not only that depot but the Arsenal also were practically destroyed, and with the more recent experience of the Hercules explosion, where some 50 persons lost their lives and another 200 or so were injured, the communities in the immediate area of the Arsenal were especially vigilant to aid in every way to help prevent such disasters or help lessen their effect should they unhappily occur. The security of a great many citizens of these communities was obviously involved.

4. There were contacts based upon good neighborliness.

The policy of being good neighbors has come naturally to the Arsenal and the communities in its area, and there were many contacts during the war based upon this happy relationship. Organizations frequently invited officers of the Arsenal to address them, generally upon events at Picatinny that were of interest to these communities. One of the Arsenal's officers made 85 such public talks during the war. The Arsenal reciprocated this interest by inviting representatives of governing bodies and civic organizations to join with it in many of the celebrations it conducted, such as the program when it received the Army-Navy "E" award for the first time, that attendant upon the opening of the new road and entrance to the Arsenal, the ceremony at which the Chief of Ordnance awarded emblems for exceptional and meritorious service to Arsenal civilian employees, and other functions.

5. There were contacts based upon necessity for mutual approach to problems of the war-time emergency.

One of the problems faced early in the war by the Arsenal that entailed cooperation from surrounding communities was transportation. The Arsenal early in 1942 installed a system of buses to transport its employees to and from their work and their residences in the 155 communities previously mentioned. Necessity for this bus network was the shortage of gasoline and tires. From a situation early in 1942 when only three buses served the Arsenal, bringing in only a few scores of persons each day from Dover and Wharton, there was evolved a system whereby some 200 buses brought in some 6,000 persons a day from areas over North Jersey and New York City. Perhaps the most interesting phenomenon of this kind was the transportation of employees for mHarlem to the Arsenal over four bus lines. The traffic problems involved, the matters of license and inspection were handled expeditiously by the authorities concerned, from borough boards to the State Public Utilities and the Inter-

in profitable cooperation.

6. One measure of good relationships.

One measure of the effective relationships developed between the Arsenal and the communities in its area during the war was the support they gave it in the fall of 1945 when it became apparent that the effectiveness of the Arsenal might be seriously impaired by the reduction in its personnel and operations then being directed from Washington.

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Plans Xmas Programs For Hospitals, Camps At Home and Abroad

Christmas is the magic word which means it's time again to gather family and friends around the hearth. These days "hearth" may be a steam radiator or a pit in a cabin floor. Or the day room of a veterans' hospital. Or perhaps a real old-fashioned fireplace with a Yule log.

To bring the Christmas spirit to Americans in the armed services away from home and country, Red Cross workers will extend activities into far corners of the world. The Junior Red Cross will see that children still suffering from the aftermath of war will have holiday remembrances from American boys and girls. In this country the Red Cross is doing everything to make sure that for those in hospitals, December 25 will also hold special meaning.

With approximately 100,000 former servicemen now in Veterans Administration hospitals, Red Cross workers are sparing no efforts to make sure they have a holiday season to remember. Plans include Christmas parties as well as entertainment in brightly decorated wards with Red Cross volunteers in attendance. St. Nick himself will be present to distribute gifts and add to the merriment.

Hundreds of bushels of fruit, hard candies, nuts, popcorn, fruit cakes, and other Christmas refreshments will be distributed and thousands of Christmas stockings, filled with refreshments and parties will be provided for all patients in service hospitals at home and overseas, as well as in clubs and recreation rooms at bases abroad.

Not forgotten, either, by Red Cross are the residents of homes for the aged, orphanages, mental institutions, and hospitals for blind or crippled children. Many will share in the gifts, sweets, and entertainments provided by Red Cross chapter workers.

One of the most appreciated Red Cross services in hospitals prior to the holiday period is the so-called "Christmas Clutter Corner"—a space set aside for gift wrapping. Here, chapter volunteers wrap thousands of packages for service personnel, nearly 60,000 of whom will be confined in hospitals during the holidays.

This year as last, the Red Cross will distribute to hospitalized servicemen and veterans enough Christmas cards, donated by manufacturers, for each patient to receive five for his own use. Again too, the Christmas On-The-High-Seas project of Red Cross Volunteer Services has provided 155,000 gifts for members of the armed forces who will do their celebrating at sea. Artificial trees as well as decorations for use on shipboard have also been supplied by the Red Cross.

For the men who must remain on post at military and naval installations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Red Cross brings festive decorations to messhalls, provides hostesses for dinners, parties, and dances, and small gifts for all.

Junior Red Cross gift boxes will brighten the holiday of children in war-devastated lands who would not otherwise have a reminder of Saint Nicholas. Toys made in the schools of America will recreate the spirit of the season for many a child in a displaced persons' camp, an unheated schoolroom, or a children's shelter—to bring at least some measure of "Merry Christmas!"

Iowa Farm Income

Farm income for Iowa last year exceeded all estimates, totaling \$1,640,286,000. This amount is \$100,000,000 more than previous estimates and represents six times the total farm income for Iowa farmers in 1932.

Efficiency Rating Change Are Due For U. S. Workers

Civil Service Announces New Procedures Before Washington Conference

The Fifth Annual Conference on Efficiency Ratings Administration held in Washington last week, heard some important changes in the rating program outlined by John A. Overholt, chief of the Civil Service Commission's efficiency ratings section.

Special and probational ratings will be discontinued.

Entrance ratings will be assigned all new employees—"good" for those who have not been in the service before, and the grades last received if they have been in Government service, except that where the last rating was "unsatisfactory" it will be changed to "fair."

Periodic salary advancements may be held up if current service is not satisfactory, even though the last rating may have been all right.

Ratings may be scheduled for any time in the year if agencies wish to experiment on rating employees throughout the year, not as of March 31.

Employees should be given ample warning if they face the prospect of low ratings.

"Administrative-unofficial" ratings will be regarded as only temporary and must not be made the basis of official action or given out to other agencies.

The text of Mr. Overholt's speech outlining the changes follows:

Important changes in the efficiency rating regulations will be published in the Federal Personnel Manual. We believe these changes will aid in making ratings more valuable for administrators, for employees, and for the general public.

First we discontinue the use of special efficiency ratings. We also discontinue probational ratings. There will be only two kinds of efficiency ratings—entrance ratings and regular ratings.

Every employee will be given an entrance efficiency rating at the moment he goes to a new job. If he had a current efficiency rating in a previous job, this becomes his entrance rating. The only exception is that if his previous current rating was "unsatisfactory," his entrance rating becomes "fair." No one can start in a position with an "unsatisfactory" efficiency rating. If he had no previous current efficiency rating, his entrance rating is "good." For example, an employee with an "excellent" rating who is separated from X Department in a reduction in force, and is placed in Y Department through the displaced career employee program, will receive an entrance rating of "excellent" regardless of the type of position to which appointed. An employee who transfers from one agency to another will take his current rating to the new agency as his entrance rating unless it is "unsatisfactory," in which case he would start with a "fair" entrance rating. An employee entering the Government service for the first time will receive an entrance rating of "good." An employee who is demoted as a result of an "unsatisfactory" rating would have a "fair" entrance rating after demotion. An employee who resigned five years ago, and who had a "good" rating at that time, if reinstated now would receive an entrance rating of "good."

No Short-Term Ratings

This means that no employee will be subjected to the risk of a rating on the basis of a short period of service. An official rating provided for all official purposes during a six-month period following entrance on a new job, whether by transfer, reassignment, reinstatement, or new appointment.

A minor change in assignment which does not involve any change in

service, grade, or class of a position, is not considered as a change in position.

Regular ratings are made after six months of service in a new position, and annually thereafter. Instead of a probational rating after ten months of service, probationers will be rated the same as other employees, after six months of service in positions and annually thereafter. No rating can be based on less than three months of service, and it cannot be as short a period as three months except when the rating for the first six months of service was made just three months before the annual rating is due.

Our previous definition that a current rating had to be within the past 15 months is out. A current rating will now be the entrance rating, if service in the current job is less than six months, or the latest regular rating. To take an extreme example, suppose an employee had a regular rating of "very good" as of March 31, 1947, and transferred to a new department on December 15, 1947. He would receive an entrance rating of "very good." If he is promoted to a higher grade on May 15, 1948, he starts with an entrance rating of "very good." He may be shifted time after time to positions of dif-

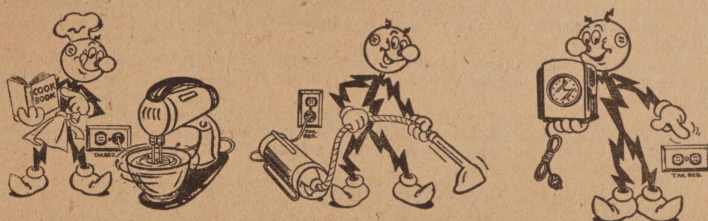
ferent service, grade or class, before completing six months in any position, and would retain his entrance rating of "very good," in each change.

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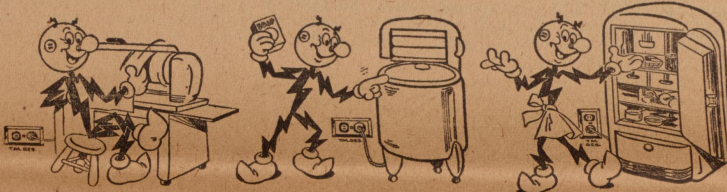
Attention is invited to another provision that must be observed in connection with all efficiency ratings, and particularly entrance ratings. A periodic salary advancement must be supported by a sufficient time period, a proper efficiency rating, and a certificate of satisfactory service and conduct. Suppose an employee has served the time period, and has a "good" or better efficiency rating, but his current service is not satisfactory.

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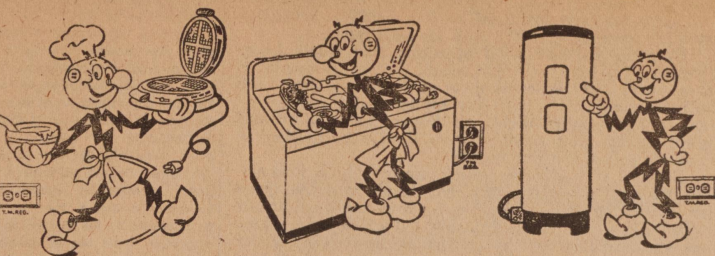
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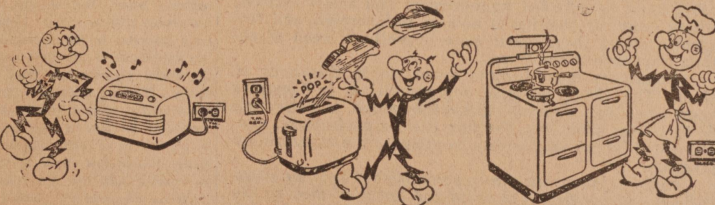
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RISING PRICES POSE REAL CRISIS

By JAMES B. BURNS

President, American Federation of Government Employees

If there is one tremendous, overall problem facing the country today it is the problem of prices.

It may not be a problem to those who are profiting from them, and who seem to have become completely irresponsible in their behavior toward the rest of the community. But it is a problem to every wage-earner and every housewife, and wage-earners, housewives and those who are dependent on them make up a great deal more than a majority of the population. If this country is to continue a nation where the "greatest good to the greatest number" is to be the guiding principle of policy, it cannot permit this vast majority to become the helpless victims of the greedy few.

The plain, simple fact is that profits, in their various manifestations, are out of balance in the national economy. Too great a proportion of the national income is being drawn off by those who are in the most favored economic positions.

The price problem is more serious for Government employees than for most working people, and for many reasons.

In the first place, their salaries are not susceptible of prompt adjustment to changing conditions. They require legislative action for amendment and that is a long and arduous process.

Second, Government employees are always in the limelight. Whenever a move is made for their benefit, it is known the length and breadth of the nation, and those who oppose any improvement in their lot are quick to close ranks against them.

Third, they cannot utilize the normal weapons of unionism — they cannot, for example, have the union shop. Whatever they gain through organization benefits those who do not organize, and the tendency therefore is, to hamper organization.

Fourth, they are not organized as they should be. For organization is effective for Government employees — that has been demonstrated over and over again, incontrovertibly, by our own organization and by our affiliates. In times like these, EVERY Government employee should realize the NECESSITY for uniting with his fellows for self-protection — and if he doesn't realize it of his own accord, the importance of organization should be brought home to him by others who DO realize it.

The special short session of Congress did not afford relief for Government employees, although polls of congressional committees have shown, among those members of Congress who are most familiar with employee problems, a striking recognition of the need for such relief.

Even the indirect relief of action that would lower prices, or a tax bill that would benefit the low-income bracket taxpayers, will not come about at this time. Meanwhile the inflationary tide rises ever higher and there are no signs that it is going to ebb. On the contrary, all present indications are that retail prices will advance further as wholesale prices continue to rise.

Because of this delay, which presumably is unavoidable, it is all the more essential that the all-important question of bringing prices and pay into a reasonable and proper relationship — something that has not existed for a long time, with the disproportion greatly aggravated in the last year and a half — should be answered at the earliest possible moment in the regular session which opens in January.

Inflation must be attacked by every possible means; relief must be afforded wage-earners and salary-earners, whose economic position is now so unfavorable, and few groups among these stand more urgently in need of aid than Government employees.

Americans must become articulate in this hour of crisis. They must let their representatives in Congress know what they want and where they stand, and they can do this most effectively through their organizations, supplemented by personal efforts to promote the organization program.

Nothing important can be accomplished in these times without organization. The scope and tempo of modern life are too great. Government employees need organization most, perhaps, of any group. But organizations such as the AFGE are ready and willing to serve them. It is up to Government employees to give the AFGE and its AFL affiliates the opportunity to serve them with maximum efficiency — by building their memberships to the maximum.

Committees Meeting To Prepare Measures For January Session

(Special to The Barrage)

Washington, Dec. 22—The recent special session of Congress confined its attention to European aid for the most part, but committee activity got well under way for the regular session in January.

Budget hearings were started before the House appropriations Committee and a special Senate Civil Service subcommittee was scheduled to meet to discuss legislation to raise the executive salary ceiling above \$10,000. Observers at the Capitol expect a favorable report from the subcommittee but are less optimistic about the full committee when it meets.

The bill has added interest because one proposal has been made to increase its scope by making it a general pay raise bill.

Representative St. George of New York has introduced a cost-of-living bonus bill for Government employees, which would give \$500 increases to under \$10,000 and comparable increases to the per diem group, and Senator Langer is working on a bill for a \$1,000 bonus.

Meanwhile another House committee has been holding hearings for some time now on plans to repeal, for all practical purposes, the wage and hour law, by eliminating the provision for premium pay after 40 hours. This is important to Government employees, for if the 40-hour week goes by the board in industry it is pretty certain to go in the Government service as well.

On still another front certain forces are moving in to break down the existing leave standards in Government employment, with the specific idea of cutting annual leave from 26 to 20 days.

There will be plenty of work to do in the next session in behalf of Government employees, to save the working conditions they now enjoy and to improve them if possible.

Russell Discusses

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some of these basic features on the statute books we may be able to obtain more liberal amendments at some Congress which will be in session subsequent to the 80th.

"Everyone knows that throughout all of the hearings that have been held on pending retirement legislation there has been one question which has been continuously asked by various members of both Houses of Congress in Committee. The question is: How much more will the new legislation cost than the old legislation? Also pretty generally an opinion would be expressed that if the cost would be increased to the Government the committee would not be disposed to report such a bill favorably. That is the reason that the bill which passed the House got thru, namely, by cutting down the benefits except as I indicated before. Undoubtedly, it does not appear that we will get legislation more favorable to the dependants of our annuitants at this time even though the Social Security Law goes much further. The bill under consideration provides that present annuitants will receive an increase in their annuities of 25 percent or \$300, whichever is lesser. Should this clause in the bill be enacted into law annuitants already on the rolls will receive more money than you who will retire henceforth. A former employee with 30 years' service with an average annual salary of \$2,000 will get his annuity increased to \$1,500, whereas an employee retired under the same conditions subsequent to the bill's passage would receive but \$1,350. Likewise an employee at the \$5,000 level with 30 years' service would get \$2,443 as against \$2,250.

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Budget Bureau Sets First Quarter 1948 Ceilings on U. S. Jobs

James E. Webb, Director of the Budget, announced last week that the ceiling for Federal civilian job-holders would be reduced by the equivalent of 106,148 full-time jobs for the three-month period beginning January 1, 1948.

The announcement explained that the 106,148 figure does not mean the removal of that many persons from the payroll. In fact, it is expected that few cuts will be made since most agencies are already below ceilings.

The total ceiling for the quarter thus was set at 1,914,814; the maximum ceiling prevailing during the present quarter was 2,020,962. The ceilings excluded practically all Federal employees abroad.

Several agencies were permitted increases in their ceilings, the principal ones being the Panama Canal Administration, with an increase of 604 for additional seasonal (dry weather) employees, and the Tennessee Valley Administration, allowed an increase of 286.

Principle ceiling decreases follow: Post Office, 43,716, largely due to cost-holiday cuts of part-time employment; National Military Establishment, 19,266; Agriculture, seasonal,

13,468; Maritime Commission, 5,961; Interior, seasonal, 5,400; War Assets Administration, 4,820; and Veterans Administration, 4,758.

Also Department of Commerce, 1,517; Federal Works Agency, 1,362; Treasury, 1,307; Housing and Home Finance Agency, 1,243; Justice, 973;

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Where burial in a private cemetery is requested, the Government will provide transportation for the serviceman's body to the place designated by next of kin and will allow up to \$75 to cover the actual interment expenses. The latter may include, but is not limited to, payment for hearse hire, church services, obituary notices, services of a funeral director and transportation to and from the cemetery.

Officials explained that where the body is moved by motor hearse (in the metropolitan area, within a 40-mile radius of Distribution Center No. 1) delivery will be made at Government expense direct to the home or to the designated funeral director. Where the body is moved by rail transportation, however, hearse hire from the station is part of the interment expense borne by the family, but these expense may be defrayed from the Government allowance.

When next of kin request burial in a national or post cemetery the Government arranges for transportation direct to the cemetery and for burial services which will consist of military honors, religious services, and actual interment of remains. No additional allowance to the family is authorized in the case of burials in a national or post cemetery.

When next of kin of their own volition request the body delivered to the home first prior to burial in a national cemetery, the Government will assume all expenses for transporting the body to the home, but subsequent transportation and all other expenses must be borne by the family.

In such cases, the family may claim reimbursement for transportation only. The Government has agreed to deliver the remains from Distribution Center No. 1 to the national or post cemetery and these expenses are included in the original planning. If the expenses to the Government of transporting remains from Distribution Center No. 1 to the national or post cemetery are greater than the costs for transporting the body to the home, then the family is entitled to this difference in costs.

44 Out of Every 100 Have Veteran Status

In September, for the second consecutive month, 770,027 out of 1,766,650 or about 44 out of every 100 Government employees had seen military service or were entitled to veteran preference, according to the Civil Service Commission.

In September, 1946, persons with

veteran status accounted for 38 out of every 100 employees, and in September, 1945, only 18 out of every 100 had veteran status.

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An amendment to the Civil Service Commission's personnel manual prohibits use of "any mark, symbol or other device" on Government job ap-

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In Washington, D. C., the total at the beginning of November was 195,400, practically unchanged from one month ago.

In the entire executive branch of the Government, including persons outside the continental United States, the number of civilian employees totaled 2,024,000, approximately the same as reported last month, comparing with 2,435,000 a year ago and the peak of 3,770,000 just before V-J Day.

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With the 1947 Christmas Seal wider than it is deep, each sheet of 100 Seals this year presents a horizontal rather than vertical appearance. This is the first time Seals have been arranged in a horizontal position since 1937 and the sixth time since the first Seal sale in 1907. Previous horizontal Seals were issued in 1933, 1931, 1927, and 1913, as well as 1937.

The 1947 Seals were designed by Raymond H. Lufkin of Tenafly. They depict a typical New England scene of a yoke of oxen drawing a sled loaded with freshly cut Christmas trees. Walking beside the sled is a man with a prod. In the background are a range of mountains and a small farm house, with a blue skyline.

Dark red is used for the horizontal and vertical gutters of the sheet framing the Seals. Across the bottom of each Seal are the words, "Merry Christmas" in white Gothic type against a red background.

Approximately five billion seals were run off by lithographers. Printer's identification letters are in the lower left-hand corner of the 56th Seal of each sheet. The perforated and imperforated negative sheets have wide outside margins and show crossed guide lines next to each of the marginal Seals on all four sides of the sheet. In addition, a color chart appears beneath each Seal in the bottom row.

Yes, the Tree Was Trimmed!

With the help of the Red Cross recreation worker, GI patients in the 20th General Hospital in Osaka, Japan, were trimming a Christmas tree in the recreation hall. They had just started placing lights and colored ornaments when the dinner bell rang. Leaving the room the Red Cross girl noticed a Japanese janitor looking at the tree. "We will finish trimming the tree right after dinner," she said by way of explanation.

Returning to the recreation hall an hour later patients discovered the tree had been trimmed and pruned to the nub. Only short stems and branches remained. Grinning proudly, the Japanese stood alongside. "You ask I trim tree yefore finish dinner," he said. "Okay, tree is trim. I hubba hubba."

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Veterans Offered Helpful Advice On Home Buying

Many veterans while negotiating for the purchase of a home are entering into unwise agreements which bar them from Veterans Administration loan guaranty benefits under the GI Bill. Charles I. Engard, VA Director of Finance for Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, said today.

Pointing out that the buying of a home involves both legal and technical questions which are complicated and confusing to most laymen, Engard urged veterans to seek competent advice before starting any such transaction.

Enumerating the benefits of a Government guaranteed loan, Engard stressed the 4 per cent interest rate without any additional charges, the gift to the veteran of money equal to 4 per cent of the guaranteed portion of the loan which can be applied to the loan, and the right to reduce the amount at any time without penalty.

To protect their interest, veterans should seek competent advice and follow these suggestions, Engard said.

1. Sign no agreement that requires acceptance of financing that is not required, or desired by the veteran.
2. Be sure that the agreement provides financing giving maximum benefits to the veteran as authorized by the VA Act.
3. Agreement should include the right of the veteran to cancel the contract and get return of his deposit money if financing through a VA guaranteed loan is not obtainable.
4. Agreement should include the requirement that title be insured at regular rates by a responsible title company for the full amount of the purchase price.
5. Agreement should specify a purchase price and should not contain an escalator clause which permits increase in the purchase price.
6. Purchaser should retain the right to assign agreement to another party in the event that he would, for any reason, not wish to go through with the deal.
7. Seller's right to supervise or regulate use of property after settlement should be limited to his rights under law, based on recorded agreements.
8. Deposits should be held by the real estate broker or finance company, until settlement and not turned over to the seller before that time.
9. Agreements should be complete and require a signature of seller within three days, or else return of deposit money.
10. Agreements on occupied properties should clearly outline who is responsible for obtaining possession and when.
11. Any equipment to be included in the sale should be listed in the agreement.
12. Agreement should provide for adequate notice of settlement date.
13. All payments, whether for the property or equipment, that are a part of the sale, should be clearly defined in the Agreement of Sale.
14. If purchase is made in advance of construction, or prior to completion of the property, the agreement should require that it be completed in accordance with plans and specifications certified to by both the veteran and the seller, and that no changes be made without prior approval of the veteran purchaser.
15. The date for completion should be specified in the agreement.
16. In new construction, the purchaser should have the right of inspection prior to final settlement of the property.
17. Purchaser should have carefully outlined in the agreement any obligations he is assuming for present or future costs for utilities or street

improvements.

18. Under no circumstances should an agreement be signed in blank.

19. Purchaser should not accept possession of the property prior to settlement unless under a lease that provides that purchaser retain all

rights under his Agreement of Sale.

20. Release of seller from further obligations on new construction should not be signed by the purchaser until a qualified, thorough inspection of the property has been made, and it should be specified that the release does not

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Election Day Holiday Is Endorsed by AFL Resolutions Group

The American Federation of Labor is on record in favor of making Election Day in every state a legal holiday in order that its members may have every opportunity to vote.

The AFGE has found in its own experience that in general two hours are permitted Government employees to vote, and that it is sometimes difficult for employees who cannot vote by absentee ballot to get time to return to their homes on election day, though they can draw up to one day leave under the regulation.

The Committee on Resolutions at the AFL convention pointed out that primaries are often as important as final elections, and that in some Southern states the primary practically is the election. The committee's report which was adopted by the convention, reads as follows:

"To secure legislation making either primaries, or election day or both, legal holidays presents difficulties which may not be immediately overcome. Your committee recommends that the American Federation of Labor and state federations of labor apply all practical means possible to establish election day as a legal holiday, and in states where the primaries are the determining factor that primary day be made a legal holiday.

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1948 Food Budget Can Be Kept Down

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But what are prospects for meals in 1948? Even now, because of the sharp rise in cost of foods, some families are having less adequate meals. From predictions thus far, there is little hope that food costs will go down much during the first half of the year. A number of families will be eating less meat, fresh milk and fresh fruits and vegetables out of season. This may mean a lowering of the nutritive quality of the family meals, but it does not have to.

Less expensive foods can be used which will help keep up the value of meals yet keep the food budget in balance, says Helen Mahrie, Morris County Home Agent.

Of course, these foods do not always have the same appeal as the steaks and roasts commonly eaten during the peak years. The homemaker has the problem of making legumes—dried peas, beans, etc. take the place of meat several times a week. She must feture potatoes, yellow turnips, squash, loose carrots, onions, cabbage and kale. This winter, instead of some of the higher priced fresh or frozen vegetables, she must frequently call upon the plentiful supplies of canned vegetables. These have the same food value as the top quality and cost much less. She will watch for seasonal fresh fruits and vegetable from N. J. farms, that are reasonably priced. Dried fruits, canned apple sauce and canned citrus juices will be good buys in fruit. So will many N. J. fruits in season.

The wheat conservation program for European countries will also have an effect on meals for 1948. There will be incentives to use more oatmeal as a breakfast food, in meat loaf, muffins and cookies. Cornmeal can be used in spoon bread, muffins, and pancakes to save flour. Rye bread will be used more frequently.

Mrs. Homemaker, who has a knowledge of food values, prepares meals that look and taste good, and has a cooperative family that will agree to eat less expensive foods, can keep the 1948 food budget about the same as this year and still have the meals of equal food value.

State Legion Planning Child Welfare Confab

Dr. Samuel A. Loveman, state chairman of the Child Welfare Committee of The American Legion, has called a statewide conference of Child Welfare officials of Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units, to be held in the President Hotel, Atlantic City, Jan. 23 and 24.

Arrangements for the conference which opens Jan. 23, with sessions that

evening, and the morning and afternoon of the next day were made at a joint meeting of committee members of both organizations and representatives of the 40 & 8 and 8 & 40 Societies, held in the Memorial Building, Trenton, Tuesday.

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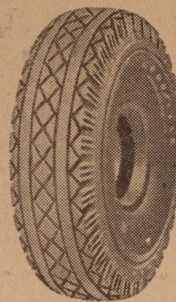
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Career employees granted preference prior to June 27, 1944, because of peacetime military service, who are separated by reduction in force instead of being placed on furlough, will retain their preference if they enter on active duty in Government service again within one year of separation, the Civil Service Commission announces.

Under the Veteran's Preference Act, veterans with only peacetime service are not eligible for preference after June 27, 1944. Employees who had been granted preference under a prior law because of their peacetime service were, however, entitled to retain their preference for reduction-in-force purposes as long as they have no break in service.

The purpose of the new ruling by the Civil Service Commission is to retain the preference of career employees in agencies that separate the employees by reduction in force instead of placing them on furlough. Employees who stay on agencies' rolls on furlough retain their preference during the period because they are considered to be employed while on furlough. Had the new ruling not been made, however, those who were separated outright would have lost their preference.

The Commission requires agencies to place career employees on furlough at the expiration of their active duty and annual leave status for the length of time necessary to complete a one-year period from the date of their separation notices. An exception may be made, however, if an agency finds that, because of its fiscal condition, it is impossible to keep its career employees on furlough. Before such an exception is granted, however, the agency must agree to give the career employees being separated the same rights they would have if they were placed on furlough.

LIBRARY MEETING

Miss Alice G. Owen, Librarian, attended the Morris County Library Association meeting at the Turnpike Inn, Morristown, this month. Carl J. Bostleman, formerly of the Special Planning Branch, and vice-president of the association, introduced the speakers. Frederick Melcher, editor of Publishers' Weekly gave the main address. Arthur Springer, author, read a poetic tribute to Miss Edith L. Smith, Morris County Librarian, who is celebrating her twenty-fifth anniversary with the county library.

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Russell Discusses

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will cost the Government about twenty-five million dollars for the first year and then taper off as the annuitants become fewer. Going back to the question which the committee members were asking, you will observe that higher deductions cover the cost of the increased retirement benefits to former employees as well as future annuitants.

"The Retirement Division of our Commission has prepared a chart showing the comparative annuity returns received under the present law and under the proposed legislation. I have had this chart reproduced and I am now providing each of you with a copy.

"You will note from the chart that future annuities will be increased considerably between the salary grades ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,000. The percentage of average salary decreases until the \$5,000 level is reached. Thus, taking three 30-year employees with salary levels of \$2,000, \$4,000 and \$5,000, they will receive 67 percent, 49 percent, and 45 percent of their salary, respectively. As you will note from the example, the \$5,000 mark is where the employee begins to receive a flat 1 1/2 percent of his salary times the number of years of his service. He cannot get more under the proposed legislation. For you who are mathematically inclined, you will observe that there is not much in the new legislation for the higher salaried employee, especially if he has several years to go. One thing he can be certain of is that he will pay 6 percent instead of the present 5 percent. The employee will also receive a reduction in the interest received on deposits of from 4 percent to 3 percent per annum.

"In a recent talk President Harry B. Mitchell of the United States Civil Service Commission said regarding those employees in the higher salary brackets. I quote Mr. Mitchell:

"Those *** (in higher brackets) starting in the government service now and paying 6 percent for 30 years cannot get back in annuities—not to mention the interest—an amount to equal the additional deductions made from their salaries meantime. To take an extreme case, the \$10,000 man would have \$3,000 more deducted from his salary during the 30 years because of the increase. For this \$3,000, which with compound interest would about double during the 30 years, he would get an increased annuity of \$214. His expectation of life if he retired at 65 would be a little over 13 years so that he would only get back about \$2,700 for his \$6,000, if he lived that long. Perhaps we should not be concerned about these higher salaried persons, but I am trying to give an understanding of the proposed act's provisions; and it may be argued that if he died in the service there would be an annuity to his widow if he left dependent children, or when she was 60 years of age."

"The bill is not quite as bad even for the higher bracket employees as the above quotation would indicate if they came in early and stayed in the service 40 years or more.

"To get a clearer look at this bill let's make some quick comparisons. Most of you are familiar with Plans I, II, III, of the present law. Under Plan III the best any annuitant can get today is half of his best average salary for five years provided he has had 35 years' service. If he has had less than 35 years' service his annuity retirement will be decreased by 1/35th for every year under that. Under the new plan persons receiving \$5,000 and over may take one and a half percent of their average annual basic salary for any five consecutive years and multiply by the number of years' service.

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Strategically situated on the busy main floor, the Red Cross booth serves as rendezvous for romance, a message center and a hitching post for stray offspring and dogs. It also fulfills its legitimate mission—that of dispensing general information. In order to qualify for the job, Red Cross girls say one should be "a combined John Kieran, crystal gazer and Philadelphia lawyer."

Toyko's unnamed sidestreets and complicated bus system pose many problems to the uninitiated. Normally

the problem is easily solved. However, special treatment was required in the case of the overnight visitor who couldn't remember the name or location of his hotel. After considerable thought he recalled a "fairly large puddle of water" in the neighborhood. A hasty canvass of water-filled

bomb craters finally reunited the visitor and his baggage.

The girls are asked to find, in haste, Greek interpreters, railway stations and baby formulas. However, the prize question of them all was the wholly-serious inquiry: "Where is the PX?"

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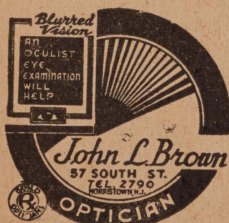
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MAIN STREET



Local Red Cross Campaign Opens Today, Seeking \$8,500 Quota; No House-To-House Canvass

The annual campaign of the Red Cross opens today, with Bertman M. Beria, local attorney, chairman of the local drive, which will endeavor to raise a quota of \$8,500 in Dover area. The operating plan of the campaign, here, will depart from its usual custom and eliminate the house-to-house solicitation this year, Chairman Beria has announced.

"I will not," said Mr. Beria, "we can avoid unnecessary duplication by concentrating the appeal among our industries and the business district. By making a thorough canvass in places of employment and business, we should contact every family."

"Some families," continued Mr. Beria, "will be missed of course. To them, we suggest forwarding individual contributions at once to my office, 16 West Blackwell street."

Bernard Stutz of McGraw-Hill, named chairman of the industrial division of the drive and Police Officer Fred Grossman will direct the campaign of the business district.

Chairman of the drive for funds, Chairman Beria made public a review of services rendered Dover residents by the Red Cross during 1947.

A number of the report follows: "West Morris Chapter's home service gave financial assistance in the form of outright grants to 17 Dover patients, totaling \$589.25 during the last five months, according to Mrs. E. R. Spier, executive secretary. Four cases of civilians amounted to \$44.25."

"Homes for 15 Dover veterans were secured in Victory Gardens and 44 other Dover veterans were housed on the emergency housing list."

"The water supply division is instructing six Dover High School students in a senior life-saving course. James McGraw, Chapter chairman, is instructor."

"Motor Serv Corps Chapter scheduled 52 trips for eight Dover patients this year. Mrs. Spier revealed. Two patients are being transported to Morrisstown Hospital, Newark, once a week."

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Freeholders Plan Viaduct Removal At Nolan's Point

MORRISTOWN—The long-discussed project of removing the Central Railroad viaduct near Nolan's Point at Peace Hospital moved closer to fruition at Wednesday's meeting of the Board of Freeholders.

Freeholder John Roach, Jr., said the bridge will be taken down by summer and a new road without the dangerous curve will be constructed. The railroad will pay part of the cost, he reported.

Dover Area Chamber of Commerce requested improvement of South Morris Avenue from Route 10, and Millbrook Avenue from Morris street to Route 10. Roach said plans for the work have been approved and repairs will be undertaken as soon as possible.

Did Ruzicka Include Eaton As Member Of "Trio Of Oldsters"?

MORRISTOWN—Whether Francis Ruzicka, Republican State Committee member of Morris County and a Madison rose grower, when he told the Westchester Club Thursday "New Jersey has a trio of oldsters in Washington" had political critics guessing today.

Ruzicka was talking about a crystal ball, the critics charged. He said that he did not know whether or not it was true that the three oldsters in Washington were Ruzicka, Eaton and Morris. He said that he did not know whether or not it was true that the three oldsters in Washington were Ruzicka, Eaton and Morris.

Preparedness Plan Given Approval By Morris Officials

EAST HANOVER—Morris County Officials Association formally endorsed the "Preparedness Plan" at a meeting held at the NEWS Thursday night and authorized President W. Howard Roach, Jr. of Dover and the County Board of Education to begin administrative organization of the plan.

G. L. Harris, NEWS editor, said the plan is to coordinate municipal, county, state and federal resources to cope with the emergency. The plan is to coordinate municipal, county, state and federal resources to cope with the emergency.

Vote Of Confidence Given Twp. Police To Dispel Rumors

MT. HOPE—The Rockaway Township Committee held a brief executive session, Wednesday night, and emerged with the report it had extended a vote of confidence to the township police department in relation to "unfounded rumors, which may have a tendency to reflect discredit" on Chief Ernest Powers and other members of the department.

Police Chief Ernest Powers was present at the closed chamber of commerce meeting and was merely stated to the attention of the governing body concerning the police department.

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County Officials Hear Of Problems Faced By School

EAST HANOVER—Municipal government officials were given a graphic picture of problems confronting public schools Thursday afternoon by a forum conducted for Morris County Officials Association, Supervising Principal Clarence Boyer of Bonton presented.

Public school registration in Morris has jumped from 20,822 in 1945 to 23,569 in 1947, according to County Supt. William Mason, Jr., who declared the peak increase will not occur until 1952. Of this increase, 700 are pre-primary and kindergarten children.

Feuds, Friendships Behind Four-Way GOP Primary Race In Rockaway Twp.

By HOSSE R. KINNEY

MT. HOPE—If we could read a man's mind, we would know a fortune telling he or she is a fortune teller by the way he or she looks. We would know a fortune teller by the way he or she looks.

Col. Larned Given Farewell Dinner By Employees

Col. Wm. E. Larned, who retired yesterday from the Army after 40 years' service, the last seven as commander of Pleistocene Arsenal, was given a farewell dinner by his employees at a banquet given at the Susex Restaurant Saturday night.

More than 300 attended. Clarence J. Bain was toastmaster. Speeches were made by P. Harris, acting Col. C. R. D. Overmire, and others.

Lt. Col. Hart Foster Of Arsenal, In Address To Dover Kiwanis Club

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Washington's advice in 1776 on "foreign relations" applies today, he said. He said that the United States should maintain a policy of neutrality and avoid entangling alliances.

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Weirich Given Life, At Hard Labor For DiGiovanna Murder

MORRISTOWN—Paul S. Weirich stood before the jury of just this morning and heard Common Pleas Judge Albert H. Holland sentence him to spend his life behind prison bars for the murder of James DiGiovanna. He is 19 years old.

Weirich took the sentence calmly, maintaining the factiousness which he manifested since his arrest Nov. 13 last. He was charged with the murder of James DiGiovanna and Mrs. Eleanor Dixon Tulp, with whom he boarded in Trenton. The killings occurred Nov. 1.

Officials Seeking To Retard Spread Of Scarlet Fever

Acting to check spread of scarlet fever, the Academy Street School, Dr. George L. Nicoll, medical inspector, and Health Officer Sidney Wolfson, conducted a screening examination of the entire student body Friday.

Four cases had already been reported from the school and were under quarantine. The screening located two more active cases among children in classes and 18 additional suspected cases. All were sent home at once.

Brotherhood Topic Of Kiwanis Forum Held In Dover High

The three principal faiths of the Western world have in common the central idea of brotherhood, which is the basis of all civilization, was the theme of a forum held at the Dover High School Wednesday night.

The forum was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Rev. John Deheimer of Grace Methodist Church, who presided, said that brotherhood is the basis of all civilization.

Dover Woman's Club Holds Colonial Tea

Dover Woman's Club conducted the annual Colonial Tea on Wednesday with Mrs. J. L. Day, Mrs. David Pichter, Mrs. Edwin Lee, Mrs. James Simpson, and Mrs. George Crater as hostesses.

Mrs. William A. Lord, Jr., of Maplewood showed her lovely collection of Colonial china and glassware. Mrs. Stanley A. Wilcox, president, presented a series of appointments obviously approved by Decker. In fact, Decker expressed himself as "stunned" by Copeland's action but he was convinced Copeland had handled him the old doubler.

March 11, Deadline For Registration Of Voters In Primary

MORRISTOWN—Thursday, March 11, is the final day of permanent registration for voters, who would participate in the Primary Election, April 20, states a bulletin issued by the Morris County Board of Elections, signed by Thomas Koclas, chairman and commissioner; Henry B. Moller and William A. Gardner, members of the Board.

Prospective Morris County voters, not permanently registered, can do so by calling at the office of the Clerk, in the County Board of Elections, or at the Morris County Board of Elections, Room 6, Hall of Records, in the County Building, before March 11, advises the bulletin.

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ONE MORE MILESTONE

The abortive putsch by Communist forces, which overthrew the democratic government of Czechoslovakia last week, becomes one more milestone on the relentless march of Soviet Russia towards the conquest of all Europe. While Hitler Wallace and the other soft-minded folk supporting his candidacy ramble on about "reaching an understanding with Stalin" the Russians are on the march—and devil take the hindmost.

We saw all this happen before, as if in a bad dream. Remember when Hitler moved into the bordering states, and we spewed for peace "in our time"? We talked then of the Nazi fifth column softening up resistance in countries slated for German conquest. We heard today the same kind of stories—except that now we're dealing with the Communist Internationale. Is there any difference? First, the victim is weakened internally. Second, a ruthless minority seizes the means to power. Third, the overthrow (by force, if necessary) occurs. What do the people have to say about all this? Just what they had to say under Hitler's kind heel—nothing.

While Mr. Wallace mouths Communist propaganda against the Marshall Plan in Washington, dyed-in-the-wool Communists move to overthrow another state. France and Italy alone among the larger European countries retain governments not yet dominated absolutely by Russia. How much longer can they prevail?

We talk of dollars, as if dollars had any meaning when the thing which faces us is even more freighted with ominous significance than the Nazi State. We face the third World War, just as surely as the sun. We tried to temporize with Hitler. It cost us untold billions in money, and thousands of American lives. How much longer do we temporize with Russia? And at what cost?

SILVER WEDDING

BUDD LAKE—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Diller were given a surprise miscellaneous shower Saturday night at their home in Route 31 in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Fifty-five guests attended. Mrs. Diller was Miss Mabel Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amie Smith of this place.

SPEAKS ON COUNTY

MORRISTOWN—Dr. Charles Philhower of Westfield will speak on "Morris County—Folklore and Indian Lore" at a meeting of the Historical Society tomorrow at 8:15 p.m. in Morrisown Library.

PASTY SALE, SUPPER

DENVILLE—WSCS Circle 1 of Denville Church will hold a pasty sale March 12 at the church, with Mrs. Herbert Beam as general chairman. Circle 6 will hold a chow mein supper April 27. Mrs. G. G. Driesbach and Mrs. Paul Driesbach will be co-chairmen.

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Town Talk

Robert Holley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Holley of Guy Street, played the leading role in the Judge in George M. Cohen's play, "Common Clay" at the Experimental Theatre of Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., on February 20. Robert is a freshman at Maryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Okun moved today from 120 Pequannock street to Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Okun was formerly proprietor of Beck's Stationery and Sportsgood Store here and has now purchased a home and business at Bridgeport.

Carl Walbrecht of Bassett Park is recuperating at his home following hospitalization at Dover General Hospital.

Lt. Raoul G. Reher, U. S. Army Air Corps has concluded a fifteen day leave spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reher of 24 Hillcrest avenue, L. Reher will report to Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, where he will be stationed for eight months.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jones and family have moved from South Street to Michigan avenue, Wharton.

Mrs. William James has returned to her home in Tebo road, having recovered from pneumonia at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Reiko of Oakhurst lane, Wharton.

George Harry Reed, student at Rider's College spent the weekend with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abbott of Clarence street, Wharton.

Schools

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in school longer than was the custom some years ago, and embarks upon his life work at a more advanced age.

Complications of modern life call for more varied curriculum. Mr. Kuntzman said, plus many educational aids unknown to former students.

Public Schools are not neglecting the "three R's" as he declared. He has seen the plan now placed upon suiting the individual's ability and interest.

Paul Muller, superintendent of Hanover Township, stressed the need for more State aid in school financing. He said the neighboring states, he reported. Under the plan now being considered by the Legislature, State aid would be increasing \$45 per pupil. It is now \$23.

Students declared the \$1,800 minimum salary for New Jersey teachers is too low to interest high caliber men. As a result, there has been a decline in the number of prospective teachers enrolled in college.

\$2,500 minimum does not interest the kind of graduate who could make a satisfactory teacher, he was said.

Answering a query about regional schools, Supt. Mason said it was a fallacy to assume these projects meant cheaper education.

Whether Bokash will run as strong again in Hibernia with Dekker, who claims the same place as his home district. It is a fact, however, that the two Hibernia candidates are bound to extend the war in that district for each other, which will make it just that much longer for either of them to stay in the running in Mt. Hope and the Mt. Hope Avenue districts.

Schiffner should make a good showing on the Avenue, his home district, and there is no reason to believe he will not. In the latter place Copeland will also probably make a strong run, but neither Schiffner or Copeland can expect too much from Hibernia whose support, as previously stated, will naturally fall for the greater part to its two native sons. However, Mt. Hope is the largest voting district and the Avenue actually the Southern District which includes the Crater Tract, DeHart avenue, Route 6, etc., is second largest.

You pick the winner, Bub.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stager of Stanhope will entertain J. H. Club Wednesday night.

Port Morris Notes Queen Esther Circle meets tomorrow night at the home of Mrs. Paul Stephens.

Faith quarterly conference of Methodist Church will be held tomorrow in the parsonage.

Mrs. William West of Columbia, S. C. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sherer of Center street.

WCS MEETS The WCS of First Methodist Church will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday. The afternoon program will include a panel discussion on the subject of "The Future of the Church," with Mrs. Lawrence C. Miller, Mrs. Carl Seating and Mr. Edward Callender participating. Rev. R. H. Rhinagren, president, will display a collection of Japanese articles.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN Center services will be held 7:45 p.m. Wednesday in the church. Rev. Beyer will take as his sermon "The Woman Who Drained of Jesus." The Ladies Aid Society will meet after the services in the church basement. Mrs. Emma Schwartz and Mrs. Bruno Storck will be hostesses.

Who's Who?

We mention these things just to give you an inkling of how right you can be one minute and how wrong the next in trying to decide who's with who and for how long among these crafty Rockaway Township politicians.

The most bitter and arch political rivalry in Rockaway Township have come to become the warmest pals and vice versa. Of course there's a reason for everything but to enumerate the reasons of the many right-about-face gestures of the township politics, even if they had the patience and vivid imagination, would require a special edition. Suffice to say that such seasonal headlines as court hearings, investigations, arrests and accusations have found prominent mention in the history of the official family during the past few years. But, and this should be added in credit to all the solons and ex-solons, none of them were ever convicted of any wrong doing. Reason that all these things failed to get to first base with magistrates and juries was the general opinion that they were all too political relationship with money in the first place. At least this was the defense cry that accused in all cases and it never missed in having the cases thrown out.

Now let's give a little attention to the primary race, Dekker, who has his years in politics proven vote-getting record for others as well and himself, and the political relationship with money in the so-called county Republican Party. Harry Reed, who would appear to have an edge on the field, He has friends and supporters and many of them, who insist he will win the primary and go on to victory at the General Election where he is assured of the support of community leaders. Harry Reed and other high-ranking township politicians.

The surprise entrance of Copeland into the race is seen as a definite result of pressure brought upon the former Committee Chairman by influential township politicians, including a number of those who at one time fought his candidacy. Copeland, who is not a candidate, is a shrewd and so that if he was not convinced that victory was the nearest thing to a safe bet that he would not have consented to throw his hat in the ring.

As for Stephen Bokash, garage owner and former chief of the Hibernia Fire Department, his victory over three candidates at the GCP Primary last year, including Osborne Schiffner, one of his present opponents, is sufficient to convince him that he is worth another try. Like any other politician, as was the case with Bokash last year, he probably learned considerable about the ways and means of township politics and will benefit accordingly.

Bokash carried Hibernia by a majority at the Primary Election although defeated by the incumbent James Kelly, 333 to 335, at the General Election, he carried Kelly under a 216 to 110 vote in Hibernia, his home district.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stager of Stanhope will entertain J. H. Club Wednesday night.

Port Morris Notes Queen Esther Circle meets tomorrow night at the home of Mrs. Paul Stephens.

Faith quarterly conference of Methodist Church will be held tomorrow in the parsonage.

Mrs. William West of Columbia, S. C. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sherer of Center street.

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EAGLES NEST NEWS

By Joe Dick

There comes a time in everyone's life when he or she has a "nest" of his own. You know when you are a kid, your mother takes you out and when you come back, enter your home your friends all about SURPRISE, SURPRISE. Its the thrill of a life time.

Well now officers and a few of his closer friends did just that for Mr. Bradford, the very efficient Mr. Worthy President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His wife says she is an "Eagle's widow" Saturday night, Feb. 21st was the big day. It seems that Brad was frustrated in his younger days (not as you and I, so the boys decided to remedy that condition. Inside Guard Willard Gates and Mrs. Gates took a long chance and permitted Brad to be held at their beautiful home on Madison St. To tell the truth, it takes an Alpine climber to reach there, but all Eagles are rugged.

Reactions during the evening were varied, but all came from some of things said and done during the course of the evening.

While discussing the Ray Foster families 13th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. Bradford said, "Ray got into his first accident in 13 years and his car is a mess. Which brought me back from the dead, I thought that on the 13th of anything everything should be at a standstill because the 13th is unlucky for everyone. There is a superstition man. Wonder if he was married on the 13th?"

To hear something more? Second man on Madison St. "Curly Berthold Milton" Oh, No, it's nearly 2 below zero.

Of course there was our Treasurer Paul "Midas" Konyak and Edna and Elizabeth "Krowbridge" just minding their own business. Elizabeth smiles after all these years living with Art. What a girl.

Pete Kepler was quite sedate all evening but the Mrs. and secretary tripped the light and was a few times, if you know what I mean.

Don Keeler and Mrs. assisted in the plot in setting the Worthy President to the safe but that who says the women can't keep a secret. I mean from Mr. Bradford knew all about this for at least six weeks ago?

Mac T. Schroeder Jr. gave one of his inimitable performance of Turkey in the Straw (his own management) on the mouth of the sea (Harmonica to you). Just about this time Jack Hon sneaked in, Horned in on a few numbers. The singing wasn't good, but it was better than the last.

Party broke up about 3 a.m. and the next day Mrs. Gates tells me the new look in the home resembled the Wreck of the Old 37.

The attention is invited (according to Bert Dyer, shuffleboard chairman) that the Wharton American Legion will visit us on Tuesday evening March 2nd for a fund raising for the new fireworks, brothers.

Once again let me remind you of the Veterans' Memorial Foundation Class on March 18th and the St. Pat's Dance and Party on the 19th.

The bowlers are doing right smart. Standing to date is 17 won and 13 lost and that's with a very bad start. The boys need support. How about coming up to the club March 7th and watch Bayonne get their lumps?

Hi-Y Council Will Plan Work

The Hi-Y Council of the Morris County Y.M.C.A. met at the Dover "Y" building for their bi-monthly meeting Tuesday. The topic was "Men of Tomorrow" the showing of a motion picture "Men of Tomorrow" depicting activities of the Y.M.C.A. throughout the world.

Charles Pelosi of Dover, president of the council, presided over the meeting which was attended by representatives from the Mountain Lakes Y, Mountain Lakes Y, and Dover Y.

A portion of the evening was given over to a discussion of Hi-Y problems and announcement of activities of interest to Hi-Y clubs, such as Swim Night on February 28 at the Madison Y.M.C.A., the Group Efficiency Contest for all County "Y" Groups and the Baseball League.

A recent meeting of the Morris County Y.M.C.A. Group Leaders' Association held at the Dover "Y" building, the leaders also enjoyed a showing of the film "Men of Tomorrow" and heard reports of the group activities throughout the county. Several members of the Dover Y.M.C.A. were in charge of preparation of the supper, and M. G. Gwynn, G.L.A. President, presided throughout the meeting.

Fire Ruins Home In Chester Boro

CHESTER—The large Colonial home of Marshall M. Thomas in North road was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Passersby discovered the blaze at 9:30 p.m. There was no one in the home.

Fire companies from Chester, Long Valley and Brookside battled the flames throughout the night, using water from a pond on the Kiosk Farm.

FIDELIS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Lausling Fidelis Class of the First Methodist Church will be held in the church, Wednesday, March 3, at 8 p.m.

The hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Edward D. Callender, Mrs. Meta Flatter, Mrs. Anna Koster, Mrs. William E. Mrs. J. E. Gilbert and Mrs. Robert Slack.

Non-Profit Group For Recreation Is Under Study

STANTHOPE—Ten local organizations took part in a conference last week at which plans were advanced for a non-profit group to sponsor recreational facilities.

Mrs. William W. Finkel, recreation chairman of the Board of Trade, presided.

Paul Delling, athletic director of Netcong High School, described a suitable playground and equipment. Principal Christian Stager of Stanhope school, who is chairman of child welfare for Musconetcong Legion Post, will head a survey committee.

Mrs. Dennis J. McConnell, president of Legion Auxiliary, is serving as secretary. A meeting will be held March 8, and a report will be submitted to the sponsoring groups March 23. Taking part are Borough Council, Fire Department and Auxiliary, Legion and Auxiliary, Board of Education, Board of Trade, Presbyterian Church, Netcong-Stanhope Rotary and the Red Cross.

TO ENTER CEDARCREST

Miss Patty Stringer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Stringer of Stanhope, a senior in Dover High School, will enter Cedarcrest College at Allentown, Pa. in September as a liberal arts student.

PLAN CHILD CRUSADE

DENVILLE—Mrs. M. Merwin Ellis of Lake Arrowhead, general chairman for the Crusade for Children in Denville Township to assist overseas refugees, has appointed a committee of 32 members. Stephen Neville will be treasurer.

Young people will make a house-to-house canvass.

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PAINTS—WALLPAPER

— Coming Events —

- Mar. 16—Fourth annual tournament of the Morris County Women's Bowling Association at Arcanum Alices, Dover.
- Apr. 16, 17—"Scout-O-Rama" by Morris-Sussex Area Council, Boy Scouts, at the National Guard Armory, Morristown. Charles Barby of Andover, chairman of camping and activities, is in charge. All steps of scouting from cub work on will be depicted.
- Apr. 16—Finals and awarding of prizes in the square dance contest being held Friday nights in Flinders Community Hall by Flinders Grange.
- Apr. 20—Annual Ladies' Night of Morris County Forest No. 2, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.
- May 15—Reunion dinner and entertainment of former Navy Seabees. Reservation should be sent or phoned to J. C. Bell, 71 Berry Street, Dover 6-2986.
- May 16—Tea in honor of Gold Star Mothers by Muskegon Post, American Legion, of Stanhope at the Muskegon County Club.
- May 29—Food sale as closing event of Poppy Week drive by Muskegon Post, American Legion Auxiliary, of Stanhope.

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TEACHERS ELECT

NETCONG—Netcong Teachers' Association has elected the following: President, Mrs. Robert White; vice president, Miss Estelle Turackiewicz; secretary, Mrs. Jessie Campbell; and treasurer, Miss Theima Kisz. A luncheon meeting will be held the third Friday monthly.

POLIO REPORT

NETCONG—Mrs. Edmund Kearns, chairman of the borough's annual infantile paralysis campaign, has reported a total of \$392.99 collected.

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County Fair May Become State Event

MORRISTOWN—State Secretary of Agriculture Willard H. Allen has broached the prospect of transforming Morris County Fair into the official state fair, Minister Alex Clark revealed today.

Mr. Allen has urged additional state brooding for the fair, declaring that the fair, declared livestock and farm products because of increased costs.

TAXPAYERS MEETING

BUDD LAKE—Mr. Olive Taxpayers Association will meet in the Municipal Building Wednesday night.

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Rockaway Rebekah's Plan Three Events

ROCKAWAY—A "brush demonstration" will follow the business meeting of Rebekah Lodge 86 in IOOF Hall Main street, Friday night.

Mrs. Marguerite Berner is general chairman of the committee in charge of the public card party to be held March 17 in IOOF Hall. Tickets will be awarded and refreshments served.

The Lodge will sponsor a concert by Sue's Key Club, Rond March 31, in IOOF Hall. Tickets will be available to the public on and after March 17.

Key Clubs Attend Kiwanis Luncheon

Edward Gillen and Don Varga represented Wharton High School's Key Club at the Kiwanis luncheon Thursday in the La-Salle Restaurant. Donald Ackerman of Dover High's Key Club was also a guest.

Other guests were: Fred Davis, Roxbury Kiwanis; W. J. Richards, Rockaway Rotary Club; Alfred Mackin, Morristown Lions Club; Richard Miller, of Livingston and William "Firestone" son of Ben Faristown, Dover Kiwanian.

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One look at the little Queen will convince you that she is truly deserving of this title. Though only 5½ years of age, Eileen is accomplished in dancing and singing. She is a credit to all who cast their votes in her favor.

Robert Rogers, the elected King, is 10 years of age. He is interested in his school work and is active in many sports. Robert is an example of a real Catholic boy.

The winners and those who received honorable mention will be rewarded at a party given in their honor in the near future.

Sisters and pupils of Sacred Heart School wish to thank the Rev. Father Delaney and all our friends for their interest and wholehearted support in all our activities since the opening of school last September.

Announce Winners In Essay Contest

ROCKAWAY—Winning essays in the MacGregor Spottswear Essay Contest were submitted by these Rockaway High students:

Senior Class, Joan Stokes, Junior Class, Shirley Guzik, Helen Hoffman, Freshman Class, Gerard Naisiere, James Sullivan, Patricia Wolf.

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List Many Topics For Farm Meeting At Hightstown

NEW BRUNSWICK—Farm in conservation, practical school lunch and other consumer subjects as well as similar topics bearing on the welfare of New Jersey farmers are listed for the meeting of farmer representatives scheduled for Wednesday at Old Hightown, Hightstown.

Further plans for the meeting were made Tuesday at a meeting of the state committee of the Production and Marketing Administration in its office at the College of Agriculture. Also up for discussion will be a report showing that there has been a general continuing loss of soil fertility in New Jersey, calling for an expanded program for soil conservation.

Selected members of county Agricultural Conservation Association committees, county assistants in conservation, and county agricultural agents will attend. Jacob A. Blakeslee, chairman of the state PMA committee, and that plans for the meeting call for discussions to be led by members of the state committee.

Two new members of the state committee who were seated Tuesday will be introduced. They are William R. Dwyer, Allentown, and Kenneth S. Roberts of Colts Neck. In the reorganization of administrative details at the state PMA office, Donald C. Tyson has been appointed administrative assistant under H. Earl Probst, executive assistant to the state committee. Tyson formerly was affiliated with the Pennsylvania PMA office.

LAFAYETTE COUNCIL INITIATES MEMBERS

Fifteen newly elected members of Lafayette Council, No. 1, will be initiated into the first degree tonight at 8:30 p. m. The initiation will take place during the business meeting.

The Council's degree team under leadership of Joseph S. Nazare, and their donations will be presented in the state ceremonial contest. Judges will attend. Refreshments will be served.

REHEARSE FOR SHOW

Members of the cast of the K. of C. Sacred Heart Parish minstrel show will rehearse tonight at 8:30 in Sacred Heart Hall. The affair will be held April 1 and 2. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the cast or the Knights of Columbus.

HELD IN \$1000 BAIL

Charged with armed assault and battery, Charles Corley of 21 East Dickerson street was released in \$1,000 bail by Police Justice Grossman for hearing Saturday. Alex Hadd, of 38 W. Pleasant avenue, Wharton, charged Corley with beating him on Dickerson street Thursday night.

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Frank (Riverside Shoppe) Arico is a year older today and probably feels the same. Irene (Mill Lane) Grivakis' birthday was Wednesday. Mrs. Ida (Beach street) Pelloso a Dover General patient. Back in November, 1946, or thereabouts, the borough unanimously adopted a recommendation to revise the present police rules and regulations. In other words, being the obsolete police ordinance up-to-date. Even the bluecoats themselves will tell you it's so ancient that it just isn't funny.

Next Wednesday night, March 4, that is, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lake Telemark Country Club, will sponsor a public meeting at the Hibernia School to organize a Girl Scout troop. Girls from Lake Telemark, Hibernia and Marcella will comprise the memorial fund for adult leaders. Any woman in the area interested in becoming an adult leader is urged to attend this meeting. For a long time now there has been much sentiment expressed in this section of Rock, Twp. (Northern) in favor of forming a Girl Scout troop and now that the Telemark ladies have shown initiative towards the project it is hoped that support will come from all sections of the district.

Mrs. Margaret (Mt. Hope road) Holleran is birthdaying right now, first time in four years, Feb. 29. School board members in Atlantic City Thursday studying manual training and domestic setups at state teacher's convention. It can happen here, according to Horace (member) Hiller. Rockaway women keep to Dover women keepers at Dover last week and latter will come here for return match. Rev. Robert (Methodist Church) Goodwin and Leon (Laverham) Candall inducted in Rockaway Rotary Club last week by Herman Moritz who always (Rock Twp.) Copeland, Jr. reported ill last week. Huch (the Force man) McWilliams turned down pleas of friends to seek nomination to Rock Twp. Comm. at GOP Primaries. A highly capable and upright man, Huch has everything to make a fine public official, he says. "Not for me, brother, not for me!" The Ralph (East Main street) Fords in Newton Monday night.

Mrs. J. Smith (Mt. Rd. Far View) entertained the following members of the Friendly (Far View) Circle, Feb. 18: Mrs. A. Perillo, Mrs. C. Murray, Mrs. V. Mosher, Mrs. S. Mazurk and Mrs. D. Bell, Jr. The circle engages in sewing, knitting and crocheting. A discussion took place at the meeting on collecting for the Red Cross. The circle meets every Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. A. (14 Far View Road) Perillo.

A teen age group of Far View girls, popularly known as the Rockettes, held their first meeting last Sunday night at the home of Virginia (Valley View road) Herring. Officers were: Virginia Herring, president, Alice Glecker, vice-president, Betty Lindley, secretary, Virginia Herring and treasurer, Kathleen Bell. Next meeting scheduled for tonight at the home of Betty (Two Mountain Road) Lindley.

Rockaway Students Honor Washington

ROCKAWAY—The assembly at Rockaway High School Friday, was sponsored by the eleventh grade. The assembly was held at the joint sponsorship of Miss Elsie Hadd and Miss Bertha Canon. Freshman students from Miss Canon's home room provided the musical entertainment. The assembly was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Spore on the corner of Washington and Scientific Park. A radio play, entitled, "George Washington, Scientific Farmer," showed Washington's great love for farming, his experimentation with fertilizers, seeds, and methods of planting, and his constant observation of results of good farming on his own plantation at Mount Vernon or on farms near Valley Forge or in New Jersey as well as in the mountains of the countryside. Participants included: Fred Garman, Ruth Lewis, Edwin Makarevic, Donald Dickerson, Fred Wagner, Frank Bobin, Robert Hadd, Lillian Hansen, Lois Bott. At the conclusion of the formal program, Mrs. Hadd, Principal, addressed the students on the subject of scholastic achievement and read the Honor and Merit Roll. She also read the plan proposed by Mrs. Mary Jensen of Lake Telemark for aid to European students. The assembly was followed by the United Nations Crusade for Children.

Lincoln School's Assembly Program

ROCKAWAY—The Elementary Grades of Lincoln School had their February Assembly program on Thursday. The Sixth Grade was in charge of the program. The program opened with the Flag Salute and the singing of America by the entire group. Then the members of the Sixth Grade presented a skit entitled "A Valentine for Herby." This is the story of a school club which decides to give up its valentine party and other plans in order to help one of its members who needed the money very badly.

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A State Trooper visited the fifth and sixth grades Wednesday. He summed up all of the different safety items he had mentioned during the year. He also suggested that the two groups make safety posters illustrating the different items of safety he mentioned. The sixth grade was made posters illustrating safety ideas as: safety on the streets, don't play with firearms, safety from forest fires, don't skate on thin ice.

Local Recruiting Staff Moves To New Offices In Bergen Building

U. S. Army and Air Force Recruiting Service, branch at the Morristown office, has moved from the Dover Post Office to new quarters in the Bergen Building. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Mr. Sgt. Riverbush is in charge.

Available at the local office is a supply of medals to be attached to Victory and American Defense ribbons for eligible veterans, who must bring their discharges. Army nurses and WAG's are also eligible.

WILL SPEAK HERE

Dover Men's Club will hear Supt. Del Nelson of the weights and measures department discuss his work at 8 p.m. Tuesday in First Memorial Presbyterian Church.

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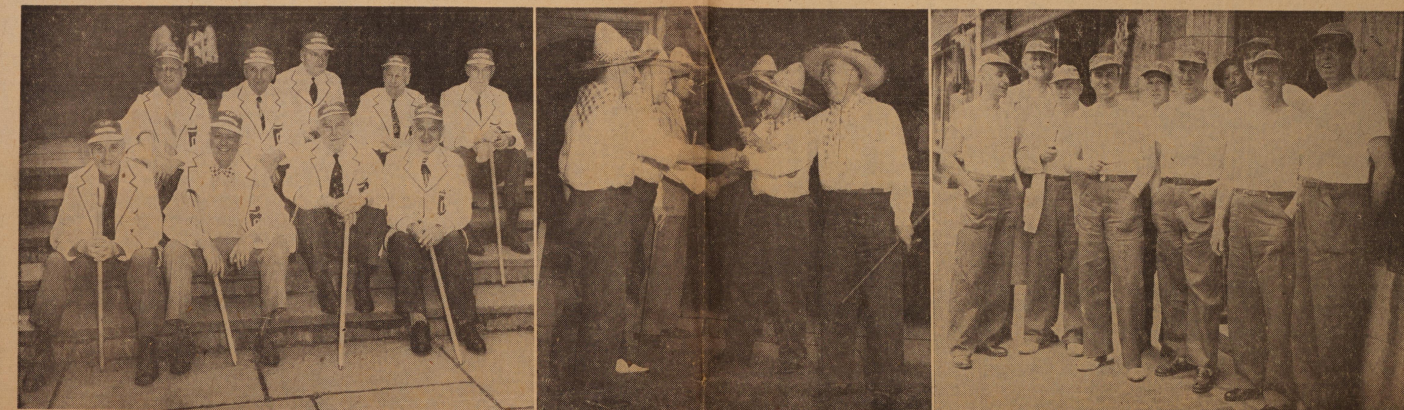
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Yale Graduates Don Festive Garb For Reunion Activities Marking Opening Of Commencement



These groups of Yale grads arrived here yesterday for four days of reunion activities, to relive "those happy golden college days" and to renew old friendships. Nine members of the Class of 1908 (above, left) are shown in their jaunty white jackets and Mitchell caps as they posed on the steps of a terrace in the court of Silliman College. From left to right they are: (front row) W. Vincent Barry, New Haven; E. B. Taylor, Binghamton, N. Y.; T. A. D. Jones, New Haven; H. T. Pritchard, Indianapolis, Ind.; and (back row) H. L. Wittstein, New Haven; C. H. Jones, Salt Lake City, Utah; C. J. Peck, Cleveland, Ohio; and Stanley Lyon, Sewickley, Pa. Members of the Class of 1913 (above, center) give each other a royal welcome in this handshaking scene in the Calhoun College courtyard. Left to right: Nathaniel Bloom, Louisville, Ky.; "Christy" Mathewson, New York City; Henry Behre, New Haven; William Hamann, Elizabeth, N. J.; George Caesar, Staten Island, N. Y.; and Col. Hart (Skinny) Foster, of the U. S. Army's Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. J. The corner of York and Elm Streets evokes fond memories of "the shortest, gladiest years of life" for members of the Class of 1928 (above right). They are, from left to right: Frank Ragagnini, New Haven; William Dickerman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry Lyman, Hartford; "Swede" Larson, Boston; "Doc" North, Bloomfield, Conn.; "Tye" Tyler, Boston; Richard Knight, Boston; Marc Cunningham, Detroit, Mich.; Nicholas Taylor, Woonsocket, R. I.

YALE REUNIONS—

(Continued From Page One)

James D. Gold, class reunion chairman.

Shortly after noon today the class of 1908 will present to President Seymour at his home the original catalogue of the Estate of Elihu Yale for the sale in 1721. The historic volume will be presented as a memorial to the class by Samuel Scoville Jr.

The Baccalaureate Service will be followed, at 3 P. M., by senior class day exercises in the courtyard off Branford College. Immediately after, President and Mrs. Seymour will hold a reception on the old campus for members of the graduating classes, their families and visiting alumni.

The Class Day program will begin with the assembly, just outside Branford Court, of the graduating seniors in caps and gowns. Programs and the traditional clay pipes will be distributed as the procession moves through the courtyard to form a semi-circle on the Branford terrace.

John L. Tenth of New Haven, will deliver the "Ivy Ode" in Latin. Allen M. Black, of Hingham, Mass., will present the class history and Donald H. Rivkin, of Davenport, Iowa, will deliver the annual oration. William C. DeVane, Dean of Yale College, and Samuel W. Taylor, Dean of the School of Engineering, will also speak briefly.

Walter S. Collins, of West Hartford, will conclude the program by leading the class in the singing of "Bright College Years." Daniel O. Wazner, of Kelso, Wash., will be in charge of the ceremonies, assisted by William J. Clark, of Londonderry, N. Y., as vice chairman.

The evening's annual program will include the 46th annual meeting of the Yale-in-China Association at 8 in Surinam Memorial Hall; and at 8:30, the annual Commencement Concert of the Yale Old Club in Woolsey Hall.

The Rev. Kenneth S. Latourrette, D. Willis James, Professor of Missions and Oriental History at Yale, will speak on "China Today" at the Yale-in-China meeting. Other speakers will include W. Reginald Wheeler, executive secretary of the association, and C. C. Lao, principal of the Yale-in-China Middle School.

The Rev. Luther A. Weigle, Dean of the Yale Divinity School, will preside. The invocation will be delivered by Francis S. Hutchins, president of Berea College and vice president of the Yale-in-China Association; and the Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, one of the founders of the association and an honorary trustee, will give the benediction.

Graduation exercises for the over 900 members of the Senior Class in Yale College and the School of Engineering will take place in Woolsey Hall on Monday morning at 10.

The graduating seniors, just prior to the exercises, will gather by col-



Ten Thousand Dimes Posted As Bail In Motor Vehicle Case

Thompsonville, June 19.—(P)—Ten thousand dimes were posted as bail here today for Victor Baker of Swanton Avenue, Springfield, Mass.

The \$1,000 bond was furnished by a relative who is employed by a coin machine company. Baker was arrested today on a technical charge of reckless driving after an accident on Edfield Street, near Alden Avenue.

Police said Baker's car struck John G. King, 41, of 19 Warner Street, Springfield, who was crossing the street. King was taken to Springfield Hospital with a fractured leg, arm and possible head injuries.

Legs on the Old Campus. Led by a band, they will march across Elm Street through the North Porter Gateway and about Mount Avenue into Woolsey Hall for the ceremony.

At noon, the annual luncheon of the Yale Law School Association will be held in the Law School Dining Hall. William Dean Embree, president of the association, will preside; and the speakers will be Dean Wesley A. Sturges and Prof. Arthur Lehman Goodhart, B. A. 1912, M. A. 1914 K.B.E. (Knight of the British Empire), K. C. (King's Counsel), Professor of Jurisprudence and Fellow of University College, Oxford University, England.

The annual commencement, with gaily-garbed reunion classes to

Yale Field will get under way on Monday at 12:45 P. M. in Tower Parkway.

George D. Vail, in charge of the Class Reunion Bureau of the University, said today that 12 classes will participate in the march to the Yale-Harvard baseball game, while the older classes would make the trip in buses.

The parade will be led by the Classes of 1888 and 1888 and riding at the head of the procession will be two of Yale's famous sons who will represent these classes. They are Henry L. Stimson, former secretary of war, and Amos Alonzo Stagg, the "grand old man of football," who is presently coaching at Saguashanna College.

The line of march will be from Tower Parkway, to Howe Street, to Elm Street, to Withthrop Avenue, to Derby Avenue, to Yale Field.

Pre-game ceremonies will get under way at 1:30 when the classes will enter and each unit will be greeted as it passes in front of the first base box to be occupied by President Seymour.

The day's program will conclude with the third and final performance of "The Fireman's Flame" by the Yale Dramatic Association in the University Theatre.

Commencement exercises, at which professional and honorary degrees are conferred, will be held in Woolsey Hall on Tuesday morning at 10:30. President Seymour will confer the degrees and Clarence Whitteley Mendell, Sterling professor of Latin Language and Literature, will be Public Orator. The annual Alumni Luncheon will take

place in the University Dining Hall at 12:30 P. M., with President Seymour presiding.

Following the Commencement exercises, members of the Yale Corporation and the recipients of honorary degrees will leave Woodbridge Hall and march to the Old Campus, where they will be joined by the faculty, alumni, and the candidates for degrees in the Graduate and Professional Schools.

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Two Transports Due Soon With European War Dead

New York, June 19.—(P)—Two Army transports will arrive here within two days of each other with bodies of American war dead from the European theatre.

On June 26, the transport Greenville Victory will bring the remains of 3,700 American soldiers from military cemeteries in France. On June 28 the Lawrence Victory will dock with the 5,400 bodies. These include the first of the war dead from cemeteries in the British Isles.

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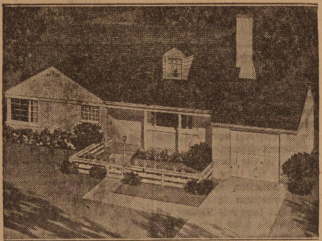
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87 SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE AT BOARDMAN

Graduation exercises for the 1948 Class of Boardman Trade School will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of New Haven High School. Of the 87 students graduating 14 will receive honorary diplomas.

William P. Lyons, principal of Boardman, will present the candidates for diplomas to Joseph A. Fitzgerald, superintendent of schools, who in turn will request Mayor William C. O'Connell to award the scrolls.

Laws to Speak
Principal speaker at the ceremonies will be Henry M. Laws, vice president of the New Haven Malleable Iron Co., who is active in the New Haven Boy's Club and other civic undertakings.

Student speakers include Beatrice Taraskevich, who will talk on "In Appreciation" and George Maffeo whose subject will be "The Artistic Journey of Aristotle." Maria Mascola will sing "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise," accompanied by Irene Cole. Other musical selections include the "March" from Aida, the recessional, "Pomp and Circumstance" and "America, the Beautiful" and "Land of Home and Glory," sung by the class.

Anthony Mirto of the Drafting Department will be awarded the Frank R. Lawrence prize for outstanding achievement in the mechanical skills of his trade by Mrs. George T. Johnson. The award is given annually in memory of the late Mr. Lawrence who was director of the school from 1918 to 1924.

Maria Cecere will receive a prize for outstanding scholarship in academic studies from Emmet O'Brien, state director of vocational education, who was director of Boardman from 1934 to 1946.

Ralph Wentworth, retired assistant superintendent of New Haven schools, will present an award to Joseph Palmisano of the Electrical Department for his outstanding interest in school activities.

A \$25 Government Savings Bond and a copy of the "Documentary Life of Nathan Hale" will be given to Alfred Zopf for good citizenship by C. C. Seymour.

To Get Record Player

Mrs. John Day Jackson, Mrs. William E. Parsons and Mrs. James R. Angel of the New Haven Metropolitan Opera Guild will present an electric record player to Consorcio Giletti of the Machine Department for his exceptional composition on "My Impressions of Tanhauser."

The students who will receive honor diplomas are: Marie C. Cecere, Catherine A. DeMa, Leslie J. Johnson, Beatrice Taraskevich, Alfred Bianchi, James R. Connolly, William T. Barry, Joseph C. LeClerc, Anthony Mirto, Frank Portolese, Edwin B. Reynolds, Frederick V. Stancik, Frederick C. Walker Jr. and Alfred Zopf.

Other members of the graduating class are: Automobile: Salvatore Amato, Walter Kucinski, Frank Malin, Raymond O'Connor, Anthony Frodo, Corbin Pressey, Leroy Rodman and Walter Wilson.

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Drafting: James Fitzgerald, John Hindinger, Joseph Marino, Noble Salerno and Thaddeus Skarynadi.

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Warren Andrews, Louis Bernadini and James Lyons of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., and Walter Moriarty of the A. C. Gilbert Co., who have been attending Boardman under a part-time trade extension program, will receive certificates.

Officers, Speakers At State Convention Of Exchange Club



Officials and speakers at the 24th annual convention of the Connecticut State Exchange Club now in session at the Montevue House, Indian Neck, Branford, are shown above. Left to right, front row, Dr. Albert N. Jorgensen, president of the University of Connecticut; Ivan F. Hall, of Middletown, vice president of the club; Dr. Newell R. Kelley, of Wethersfield, club president; and M. Allen Barth, of Miami Beach, Fla., national vice president of the Exchange Club. Back row, Ernest G. Nepp, of New Britain, secretary of the Connecticut Club; Clayton W. Johnson, of West Hartford, immediate past president; Alfred MacKrell, of New Haven, treasurer; and William P. Spear, of Middletown, past national president. The convention began yesterday morning and will end tonight with a banquet when the new state of officers will be announced.

Truman's Coal Board Includes Yale Professor, 2 Other Experts

Washington, June 19.—President Truman's Board of Inquiry into the soft coal dispute is made up of a lawyer and two college professors.

Chairman David L. Cole, a Pa. attorney, N. J., is a public member of the War Labor Board and chairman of its panel handling the 1944 disputes between the CIO United Steel Workers and the iron and steel industries.

He is a Republican and has been counsel for the Silk and Rayon Manufacturers Association for 15 years. He also is lawyer for two banks and for the Paterson Retail Merchants Association.

Prominent in civic affairs, he has been president of the Paterson Rent Commission, director of the Community Chest, the Boy Scouts of America, the Chamber of Commerce, and a trustee of the American Red Cross. He has been an impartial chairman in numerous labor cases.

E. Wight Bakke, Yale University economics professor, also saw wartime service on the National War Labor Board. He was chairman of its Appeals Committee.

Since 1944 Professor Bakke has been director of Yale's Labor and Management Center. He has written eight books, most of them on problems of labor and unemployment. His home is in New Haven.

The third member of Mr. Truman's fact-finding team, Waldo Emswiler Fisher, is an expert on coal both from the technical and the labor viewpoints. He is professor of industrial relations at University of Pennsylvania.

Fisher's public service in connection with coal began in 1922 when he became a member of the United States Coal Commission. He was coal advisor to the National Recovery Administration, chairman of

President Kills 8-Hour Day For Alaskan R. R.

Washington, June 19.—President Truman today suspended the eight-hour day on the Alaska Railroad, declaring an "extraordinary emergency" exists because of needed construction and repairs.

For five months, Mr. Truman's executive order decreed, mechanics and laborers may be employed at more than 40 hours a week.

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The order noted that the railroad is the sole channel for supplies to the interior of Alaska.

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