

# Workplace Culture

## On the World War II Home Front in Mississippi

### Resource Packet

**Materials:** Workplace Culture Resource Packet (contains *Analyzing Primary Sources* worksheet, *Teacher’s Discussion Guide*, and four newspapers).

**Directions:**

1. Use the Workplace Culture Resource Packet to help students understand the lives of different Mississippi wartime workers.
2. Divide the class into four groups. Print on legal paper and distribute one newspaper to each group along with an *Analyzing Primary Sources* worksheet. Give students time to analyze their newspapers and answer the worksheet questions.
3. Upon completion, give students time to share their findings. As a class, compare the different types of Mississippi wartime workers.
4. Use the *Teacher’s Discussion Guide* to help discuss with students how workplace culture was changing in the United State during the early 1940s.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Analyzing Primary Sources*

*Use the questions below to help analyze and interpret your newspaper.*

1. Name of Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where was the paper published? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who were the primary readers of this paper? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Choose one national news story from the paper and summarize it in 4-6 sentences. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Choose one local news story from the paper and summarize it in 4-6 sentences. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Why would this story be of interest to readers? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Choose one cartoon from the newspaper and describe its message. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How do the readers of this newspaper support the war effort? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What sort of entertainment was available to the readers of this newspaper? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Teacher's Discussion Guide

*Use the suggestions below to help students analyze the newspapers and identify examples of how workplace culture was changing in the United States during the early 1940s.*

*Ingalls News*, front page: “Ingalls Employees Remember Pearl Harbor.” The shipyard is commemorating the one-year anniversary of Pearl Harbor. How common are commemorations like this in the workplace today?

*Ingalls News*, page 2: “Remember Pearl Harbor.” What is the message of this article and why is it important at a company such as Ingalls?

*Ingalls News*, page 4: “OPA Officials to Enforce Registration and Eviction Rules.” Why would rent control be an important issue in the Pascagoula area during World War II?

*Ingalls News*, page 5: “Nursery Schools for Working Mothers Planned.” How did employers adapt to the influx of women in the workforce?

*Ingalls News*, page 5: “Buses for Office Workers to Start...Rides.” Why was public transportation and carpooling important during World War II?

*The Ordnance Observer*, page 2: “Post Theater Program.” The film *Holiday Inn*, which debuts Irving Berlin’s famous song “White Christmas” is shown at the base theater. What impact did this song have on GIs serving far from home during World War II?

*The Ordnance Observer*, page 3: “Year’s Most Attractive Visitor.” How did visits from film stars and other celebrities impact the moral of American troops?

*The Ordnance Observer*, page 6: “November.” Why would fathers be especially excited about the prospect of higher allotments?

*The Greenwood Gremlin*, page 2: “Compromise GI Bill Assuring Education.” Why would this topic be of interest to servicemen and women in early 1944?

*The Greenwood Gremlin*, page 3: “Cash War Bond Purchases Hit All Time High of \$20,000.” How does the new GI War Bond differ from previous war bonds?

*The Greenwood Gremlin*, page 5: “A Bomber’s Eye View of Europe’s Invasion Coast.” What major invasion does this map illustrate?

*The POW WOW*, page 9: “The Bars and Stripes.” The biography of S/Sgt Max Eichhorn states that he received his “Greetings” on February 14, 1941. What are the “Greetings?”

*The POW WOW*, page 12: “Enlistedmen’s Dance...Officer’s Dance.” Why would these two groups have separate dances?

Religion plays a prominent role in many of the newspapers. Sports results are also prominently featured. Why do you think this is so?

Many of the newspapers offer brief snippets about the personal lives of locals, such as who is getting married, who is going on leave, where former colleagues are stationed now, etc. Why would this news be of interest to readers?

Jokes and cartoons appear throughout the newspapers. How was humor used to maintain the moral of American troops?



# INGALLS NEWS

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## Ingalls Employees Remember Pearl Harbor

### Ingalls Employees Wire President

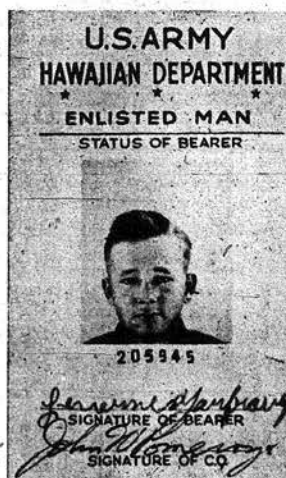
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HONORABLE FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C. WE THE EMPLOYEES OF THE INGALLS SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION AT PASCAGOULA MISSISSIPPI, ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF JAPAN'S TREACHEROUS ATTACK AT PEARL HARBOR DO HEREBY PLEDGE OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO-----WORK-----FIGHT----- --AND SACRIFICE, TOWARD THE GREATEST VICTORY IN AMERICA'S HISTORY. WAR PRODUCTION COMMITTEE THE INGALLS SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE					

On the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Ingalls employees, through their Labor-Management

Committee, are sending the above wire to President Roosevelt, emphasizing their determination to

work — fight — sacrifice, until the battle of the production front is definitely won.

### At Pearl Harbor



### LEVERAGE YARBROUGH

In his barracks at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, when the Japs made their sneak attack, Leverage Yarbrough, Ingalls tacker, was in the midst of the fighting on that memorable day. Yarbrough was

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### Former A F of L Official to Speak Here Dec. 7

At its last meeting the War Production Committee instructed E. L. Mancil, W. H. Stone, and Tony Shifalo to wire James F. Barrett, former A. F. of L. leader, now drafted by the Treasury Department in connection with War Bond drives, to speak at the December 7 program in the plant. The following telegram was received in reply:

Atlanta, Ga.  
Nov. 27, 12 P. M.,  
E. L. Mancil,  
W. H. Stone,  
Tony Shifalo.

I shall be most grateful for the opportunity of meeting with you and your fellow workers on Dec. 7 and aid you in my humble way in forming a concrete answer to the sneaking Japs for their hellish inhuman and uncivilized crime against all free people on Dec. 7, 1941. I know of no other group of people more willing and anxious to avenge that outrage than

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### QUICKIES!

Those of you interested in legends about Pascagoula, take a look in the December issue of the "Readers Digest." It's a story called "Bond of Reunion," by Carl Carmer, writer and former professor at the University of Alabama. All about a mystery concerning a catboat in Pascagoula known as the "Sparrow" that disappears and reappears in ghostly fashion.

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Word has been received here that a Locomotive had a narrow escape at a Pascagoula crossing the other day. Seems that Duke ("Up or Off") Aegerter decided to cross the track at the precise moment the locomotive came along, and this is where the irresistible force hit the immovable object. Unfortunately, Mr. Aegerter came off second best but happily not too badly. He's a bit patched up but on the job. The locomotive is reported in bad shape. Ask Duke to show you the piece of cow-catcher he's got.

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### Service in Yard On December 7

Stealthily a Japanese carrier force steamed within range of peaceful Honolulu. At the first crack of dawn, squadrons of deadly Zeros, and fleet bombers were launched from their broad flight decks. In the ruddy dawn of a quiet Hawaiian Sunday morning they swept over Pearl Harbor. In a cruel, cunning attack, wave after wave of planes, blasted tons of bombs on vital defense and civilian areas turned Pearl Harbor into a veritable volcano of fire and death. The American forces, although caught off guard fought stubbornly, and their heroism, even in defeat, will live on into history. From 7:55 until 9:15 A. M., the Japanese reaped destruction, and death stalked thousands of Americans and innocent civilians.

The cry, "Remember Pearl Harbor", reverberated 'round the world to become a battle cry that will never be forgotten!

Next Monday, December 7, 1942, marks the anniversary of this ghastly attack. As more and more details have been released by the authorities, Americans have come to realize the unprecedented treachery of the Japanese attack, and now 365 days later we commemorate this first anniversary with the determination by every American that, "We will avenge Pearl Harbor."

The men and women of Ingalls have not been idle. A shipbuilding program far more vast than can be revealed has been undertaken. In a telegram to the President of the United States the War Production Committee, representing the thousands of Ingalls employees, have renewed their pledge to Work—Fight—and Sacrifice.

In addition a movement has been started among the employees to raise funds for a "Pearl Harbor Memorial Flag Pole," to be located in the yard. It is hoped to dedicate this pole on Monday, December 7, at appropriate services, and complete details for the program will be announced later in the week.

Professor: Define the first person.

Pupil: Adam.

SHIPS ARE NOT BUILT BY THE LITTLE MAN THAT ISN'T HERE.



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If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too.

—Somerset Maugham.

## Remember Pearl Harbor

Going A. W. O. L. is a serious offense in wartime. And the armed services have an ever stronger word for quitting a job under fire.

They call it desertion.

Maybe it's time we stop talking about "absenteesim" under such a harmless title—and use a harsher label.

This industrial "Desertion" is a more critical problem in shipyards than anywhere else on the industrial front.

The significant fact is this: 1 man in every 12 is absent from American shipyards every day.

Compare that to 1 man in 50 in the Navy—or 1 in 40 in other civilian occupations.

Add it up—and it means that shipyard desertion is costing this country over 1,000,000 man hours per week.

On a yearly basis the time lost would be enough to build 31 destroyers or 50 submarines.

When you see the phrase "Don't Slow Up the Ship" on posters going up all over your yard, stop and think what it means. It's an appeal to help lick a number one headache throughout the shipyard industry. It's something to consider the next time you're tempted to take a day off. It's something to talk about if one of the men in your gang is frequently away from his work.

The men in the fleet stick to their ships through thick and thin—and you should stick to yours!

## Ships Haul the Ammunition

The vital need for ships to "haul the ammunition" is shown in two news items from the daily papers in connection with the victories in North Africa. One, dated London, Nov. 9, revealed that "some of the American forces now ashore in North Africa sailed directly from the United States to join others from Great Britain in what was probably the greatest sea-borne troop movement of history. Measured in armor and weapons, parachute troops and armored forces, it certainly was the most formidable of all time."

The second item was from the President's report on total lend-lease shipments to the Egyptian fighting zone in the last nine months, during which this country shipped to Egypt more than 1,000 planes, "many hundreds of tanks," 20,000 trucks and hundreds of pieces of artillery. "We have a right to be proud," said the President, "that so much and such excellent equipment from American factories and shipyards contributed to the victory."

"It is not generally realized how much time these great operations take," said Churchill, in his report to Parliament. "Between taking the decision for reinforcing the Middle East for the great operation and the reinforcements coming into action, a period of five months or more had been required."

But for the supply line of ships bringing the men and the equipment there could have been no offensive in North Africa, for ships are the backbone of global war.

Him: "Say, whatever became of those old fashioned girls who fainted when a boy kissed them?"

Her: "Huh! Whatever became of the old fashioned boys who made them faint?"

Then there was the little moron who moved to the city because he heard the country was at war.

Nell: Have you had much experience with sailors?  
Bell: Yes, gobs and gobs.

## Wild Geese

Here on the Coast, as our winter comes on,  
And the leaves all turn brown and red,  
The nights get foggy, the mornings are brisk,  
And the geese fly south overhead.

Sometimes they're low down, sometimes they're high,  
Always they fly in formation.  
When the leaders get tired they drop in behind,  
And another moves up to their station.

Their flying seems endless far in the night.  
We hear their hoarse cries from the blue.  
But, never a straggler do we see  
They all fly as one, straight and true.

We who are destined to stay on the ground  
And make our great effort of war,  
Can take many lessons from our feathered friends  
As southward and westward they soar.

As one of us tires, let another take hold.  
Let's make our war effort increase.  
And when this war's over, we'll all still be free,  
Like the high flying, roaming, wild geese.

## At Pearl Harbor . . .

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a member of Battery A, 5th Coast Artillery, stationed at Hickman Field, which was one of the chief targets of the Jap attack as the little brown men made their surprise effort to cripple our army, navy, and air forces.

Like most persons at Pearl Harbor that day, Yarbrough thought the first noise of the attack was practice firing, but when bullets started spraying through the barrack's walls, he knew better. He hurried outside to see Jap planes swarming in the air and coming down to tree top level to drop bombs and strafe buildings and personnel.

Yarbrough and two companions manned a 50-cal. machine gun and blazed away for some time. They or somebody else brought down a Jap plane which crashed so close by that they had to drop to the ground to avoid being hit. Eight other Americans were killed when the plane crashed.

When the gunners on ships in the Harbor began to run low on ammunition, Yarbrough and his companions were sent to drive a truck loaded with ammunition to the docks. They did this successfully, firing tommy guns at any plane in range on the way.

Yarbrough says the attack was very carefully planned and exe-

## TRADING POST

FOR TRADE: 22-long rifle (automatic) for salt water fishing tackle. Tom Dawson, 24 428 906 Buena Vista.

LOST: Brown Wallet, Chester F. Noble, 7 798; somewhere in the yard. Papers needed. Contact "Ingalls News."

cuted, and caused considerable damage to the military establishment, but that Pearl Harbor is infinitely stronger today than it ever has been before.

As a result of the attack, Yarbrough was hospitalized, and eventually honorably discharged. Returning to his home at Laurel, he enrolled in the Laurel War Production Training School, learned to weld, and was recently hired here as a tacker. He liked the Army fine, though, and is ready to go back if called. Meanwhile, he'll do his fighting on the production front. He has a brother, W. D. Yarbrough, also a tacker at Ingalls.

Professor: What is a martyr?

Pupil: A martyr is a pile of wood set on fire with a man on top.

Policeman: "How did the accident happen?"

Driver: "My wife fell asleep in the back seat."

## THE SUGGESTION COMMITTEE AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING AWARDS

- D 660145—\$25.00 Bond
- D 661081—\$10.00 Stamps
- D 666387—\$10.00 Stamps
- D 660168—\$10.00 Stamps
- D 660954—\$10.00 Stamps
- D 660129—\$10.00 Stamps
- D 660442—\$10.00 Stamps
- D 660909—\$ 5.00 Stamps
- D 660790—\$ 5.00 Stamps

These have been listed on the Suggestion Cabinets, but not all of the Suggestors have called at Room 3, Annex Office Bldg., to claim their awards. If you are holding stubs of the above numbers please call at the above office at once.



# War Production Committee Heads New Bond Drive

## Everybody Urged to Buy 10 Percent As New Campaign Is Launched

The Bond sub Committee of the War Production Committee, headed by Harry Steube, Painter Foreman, has announced a new all out drive for Bond sales in the plant with the goal of winning a Treasury Dept. pennant.

According to the War Production Committee every employee in the plant is expected to subscribe to the payroll deduction plan for at least 10 per cent of his wages, and as much over 10 per cent as possible.

Timed to coincide with the anniversary of Pearl Harbor complete plans will be announced and the drive started on Monday, December 7. Especially helpful in the new campaign officials point out is the fact that the shipyard has recently been made an issuing agent, and bonds can now be delivered approximately ten days after purchase.

Although full details of the campaign have not yet been announced it is expected that each department head will be in charge of Bond sales for his department, with each Leader responsible for his own men.

Treasury authorities have pointed out that occasional bond purchases are not enough and that they prefer a regular payroll deduction committing a certain definite amount to the purchase of War Bonds each week.

Buy War Bonds—10 per cent every Payday.

### MACHINERY



A. H. RABENECK

The State of Arkansas is represented in the Machinery Dept., by A. H. Rabeneck, of Stuttgart, Ark., who has been here at Ingalls since June. Rabeneck was born and raised in Arkansas, and has been a farmer as well as a machinist. His hobby is fishing, when he can find time. He is married, and the father of a 14-year-old boy Rabeneck says he has never worked at any nicer place than the Ingalls Yard.

## Program To Orientate New Workers Is Begun

An induction program designed to orientate the new employee has been undertaken by the Training Dept., of the Industrial Relations Division.

The program includes a thirty-minute talk to every employee hired before he starts work. This talk covers company rules, safety measures, services, and facilities, and follows their physical examinations. The talk is given to a group of new employees in the Conference Room of the Annex Office Bldg., by B. A. Granger, of the Training Dept., and Maude Ladner, Women's Coordinator. At this time employees are invited to ask questions.

Following the talk the new workers are escorted through the yard by a plant guard in order that they may quickly familiarize themselves with their work locations.

It is hoped that the new induction program will aid in getting the new employee "off on the right foot" and eliminate much time formerly wasted in questions and confusion the first few days.

### MATERIAL

Sporting new white helmets in the Material Dept., are, Joe H. Cain, Jr., and Joe J. Baker. They are both real proud of them, and they look quite snappy.

## Ingalls Orchestra Being Planned

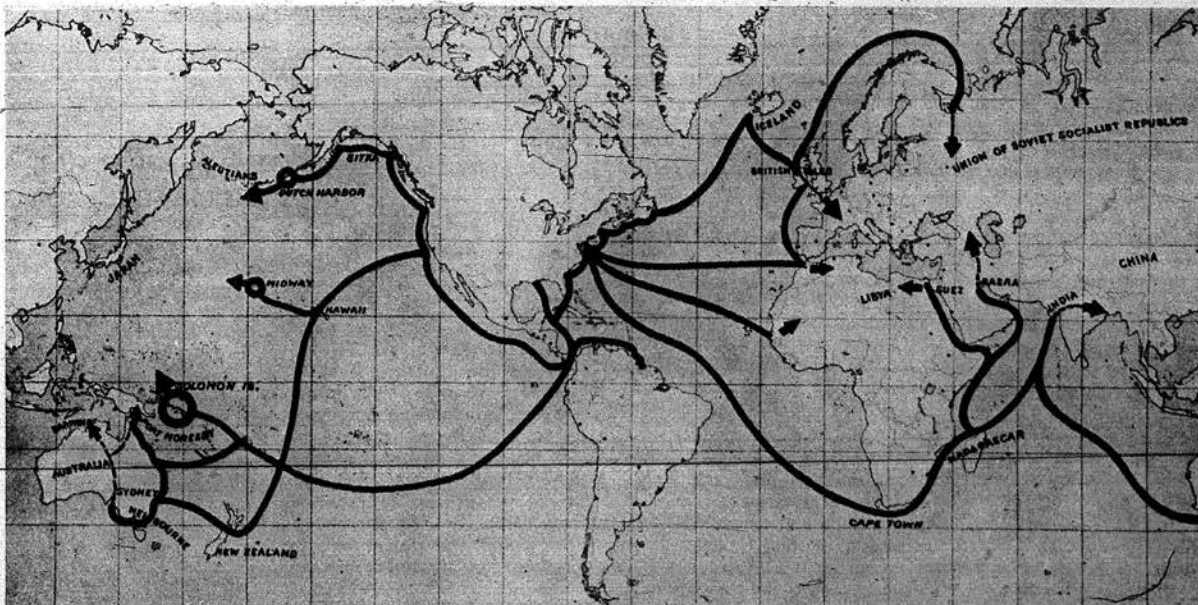
Considerable interest has been expressed among the employees for the formation of an Ingalls Band and Orchestra. Many musicians are working in all parts of the plant and as a result a survey is being made to determine how many would be interested in forming a band.

A number have already agreed to play and among these is R. G. Cossey of the Hull Planning Dept., who has had considerable musical experience, playing for some months with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra.

Accordingly everyone interested and with even limited experience are urged to fill out the coupon below. It may be sent to the "Ingalls News", deposited in one of the suggestion boxes located conveniently around the yard. For further information see P. H. Grassick, Room 7, Annex Office Bldg.

You don't have to be a first-class musician. Everyone is welcome to participate. All types of musical instruments will be considered. Editor, "Ingalls News," Room 7, Annex Office Bldg. I am interested in joining the Ingalls Band.

Name .....  
Department No. ....  
I play .....



It has only been a year, 365 days. But in that short time, a vast American fleet of fighting ships, transports, and cargo vessels, has been built, to girdle the

globe and draw a tight net about the aggressor nations, a net that will grow tighter and tighter as the days roll by. Some idea of the vast supply lines put in op-

eration since Pearl Harbor are shown on the above map. Those supply lines are based on ships, some of which have gone out from here and others which are soon

—Adapted from "Firepower"  
to go. The sooner they go the sooner victory will be ours. Let's keep 'em sliding.



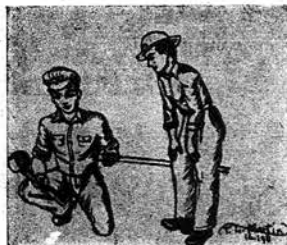
## ENGINE PLAN.

You wouldn't recognize the office of the Planning Dept., these days since the Cost Dept. has moved its location to the accounting room. It wasn't that we weren't all good friends but that the Planning Dept.'s force just outgrew the space that it had to work in. It might be of interest to know that the Planning Dept. has doubled within the last year.

If any of you girls are looking for a man who can really cook, just mail in your application to Richard Davis, 'cause he sho' can broil up a good steak, to say nothing of his French fried potatoes. Please don't request a picture before mailing application.

There's a good story going around that's really too good to keep but since it involves certain people I won't mention any names. It seems that a certain party of Ingalls workers were motoring through Camp Shelby a few Sunday nights ago and had the pleasure of seeing the inside of the Military Police Headquarters. A word to the wise, it's an hour and a half on a wooden bench for each traffic law disobeyed while in the camp confines. They won't even allow you to pay a fine and go. Figure it out for yourself—two offenses. Further details by applying to Gordon K.

## COPPER



Copper Dept.'s Leaderman J. F. Day inspects work being done by Coper-Smith-Mechanic L. F. Burroughs, the oldest Telemotor man, in point of service, at Ingalls

Leo Burroughs: Absent Thanksgiving—To eat turkey? No, a new baby. Just one.

Mrs. Vera Sinquefield's (Time Keeper) worries are over now, so far as over-crowding the time clock. You should see her new time clock booth.

Is it the cool spell, or other attractions that draw so many men to different yard offices?

Did you know T. L. Martin is an artist of note? See for yourself—"Ingalls News."

Some of the boys "Got their wings" for Thanksgiving and did they make the gobblers fly. Many of us were satisfied with ordinary chicken.

## ACCOUNTING

New worker is Mrs. Juanita Duncan Feehan, who will be connected with the Work Order Dept. Mrs. Feehan is a native of Moss Point, but has lived for some time in Washington, D. C., where she was employed by the War Dept. She expects to make her home here while her husband is in Uncle Sam's Navy.

Voncile Moffett and Frances Hunter spent a recent week end at their respective homes at Lucedale.

Margaret Colmer was in New Orleans recently visiting friends. While there she toured the French Quarter and other places of interest.

Elizabeth Harris, of Moss Point, is a newcomer in the accounting office. She will work on Distribution. She has been connected with the Pascagoula National Bank of Moss Point.

## FAB SHOP

E. Miller gave out cigars recently. He has a new baby girl.

R. A. Hart, vacationed at his home in Alabama last week.

Jimmy Tull has been sad all week. He missed his week end visit home.

## O P A Rent Officials To Enforce Registration and Eviction Rules

Mr. Nick S. Duncan, OPA Area Rent Office Supervising Inspector, has released the following statement regarding rent control in this area.

"The Area Rent Office governing the Biloxi-Pascagoula Area has now reached the point where violations of Maximum Rent Control will be handled promptly. An enforcement division, staffed with inspectors and attorneys, has been set up in Atlanta to handle all violations found in this Area. Although the Area Rent Office in Gulfport has shown a tendency to be tolerant of minor infractions, because of the newness of the program, we now feel that the public has had ample time to become familiar with the Regulations. Accordingly, sterner measures will now be put into effect. Regardless of how the individual landlord feels toward this measure, he must abide by the provisions thereof.

"I should like to point out the two most common violations that we have at present. The first is the failure of some landlords to register promptly after renting properties. All rental dwelling units must be registered. If they are being rented for the first time, they must be registered as soon after renting as possible. Second is the wholesale evictions of tenants without first complying with the Regula-

## HULL PLANNING

This reporter is still trying to discover who the young couple was from Hull Planning who went riding via McComb, last week end. And did you see what they brought back? We are forced to refer you to Hook Davis for further information. How about it, Hook?

The Hull Planning Dept. welcomes two newcomers, Helen Brulard and Robert Cossey.

Pat Kinch suggests that taxi drivers have some system of letting her know when they are coming so that they can stop. It is awful to have a good tire torn up in this day and time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Vaughn accompanied Hook and Evelyn to McComb. Hazel, are you guilty of having encouraged the young couple and giving Hook Ideas?

We notice where one of our associates is in the midst of various beautiful girls together with Messrs. Evans, Finley and Kellogg. How about it, Mr. Crum?

By going without new garden hose this year, Americans made rubber available for 8,000 77-mm. gun carriages and more than 300 10-ton pontoon bridges.

## SHEET METAL



Dear Editor:

Here is the dope from Dept. 22.

We are thankful for our FREEDOM, and our good health which enables us to work to preserve it.

Also we are thankful for the new material hoist, and a new stairway, both of which are well under construction. These two improvements add much to the safety and efficiency of the shop.

The feminine invasion is progressing according to schedule, and fresh reinforcements are arriving daily. The Good House Keeping bears evidence of their presence. Who will chip on on some window curtains and throw rugs?

Edith Barnes of Gulfport is new Sheet Metal Pusher for the girls. Keep 'em Going!!!

Cpl. George Elliot Tootle, now stationed at Keesler Field, was the first man to come to work with Mr. Van Lier, now foreman of the Sheet Metal and Copper Depts. Cpl. Tootle stated that if every man employed in shipyards had one month on training at Keesler Field he would work twice as hard for defense.

Cecil Freeman has been keen lately on his off-springs, but not so hot on his off-sets—it is a 7-pound boy.

We have two girls up stairs who claim they can out "Pittsburgh" any of the men. The contest is open.

## Former A. F. of L. Official to Speak . . .

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the workers in Ingalls Shipyard and certainly no other group outside the armed forces is doing any greater service to America than the men and women who are building the ships for America and her allies to plunge through the seven seas until the hiding place of every Jap has been found and their carcasses left to bleach under the tropical sun, or become petrified in the snow and ice of the Frigid Zone. You have made me most happy in permitting me to have a part in your program on this historic day. Regards.

JAMES F. BARRETT,  
Atlanta, Ga., Staff Assistant  
War Savings Staff.

er burden, and to suffer more hardships."



## School Officials Will Arrange Busses for Office Program According To Demand Workers to Start

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# For what GOD has given America... Let us be truly Thankful

HERE IS A PRAYER we would utter now—as Thanksgiving comes again to America. A prayer we live and feel and know—but cannot find the words—the million tongues and voices to repeat.

IT COMES FROM THE CENTURIES that have molded this nation—and made her great & strong. It comes from the canyons of towering cities... from the echoing quiet of countless village streets... from the roaring tumult of industry... and a fisherman hauling his nets.

IT IS THE HEART OF A NATION—giving humble thanks. For blessings we cannot measure. For gifts we cannot appraise. It is a people—saying in one reverent voice: "Thank God I live in America."

IT IS A PEOPLE AWARE, as never before, of the greatness of their nation. The wealth of her resources. The riches in her lands. The strength & courage and unity of her people. A people giving thanks for a nation built from a wilderness to limitless power. To stand firm against those who would plunder & steal & enslave. And thanking a benevolent God for His gifts.

IN A WORLD, LONG SUFFERING from the barbarism & cruelty of war—we have lived in a land of peaceful sky & earth. There has been no ceaseless

horror in the heavens above us. No endless devastation to lay our lands and homes in waste. No despot rules that our children shall starve & die.

WE ARE FREE. Free, in a world of prejudice and intolerance. Free to live and speak and act and work and worship as we choose. Free to elect our own leaders. Free to live by the laws of our own making. Free to decide our own destinies. For this we give thanks—and pray that God may guide and the exercise of this freedom—that others at this earth may share it. Just in the end—they may again be free.

AMERICA GIVES THANKS, for the men who saw with deep understanding that the nation to be. Who fought as together in the cause of freedom & humanity and brotherhood. And for those who tonight—knowing that liberty has given few men the privilege of fighting for so great a cause.

THIS, THEN IS THE GREATNESS OF AMERICA. And in our prayer of thanks—there would be the voices of all who shape this nation's glory. All who now work & save & fight as one—that the power, however great, may ever be allowed to assault or plunder this freedom that is our life.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

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## SAFETY

### Helping the New Employee

Do you remember the first time you went into a shop to work?

Even today if you went to another shipyard, you would feel much the same, only hardened by years of experience, but you would still feel as though everyone were watching you. With new surroundings, new people, tools, class of work, and everything, you would be one of the few if you did not commit some act whereby you would be injured. Maybe you only nick your finger. But what prevented you from cutting it off? Certainly not you. Maybe it was only luck. We are in a war today and fingers can not be spared, so why not help the new man along by giving him a hand. Show him the way to do his work safely, and make him forget that he is a new man. Also show him everything you can that he should know, just like someone did you when you were a green man. If you do, you feel just a little proud when he goes out the gate at the end of your shift, rather than in an ambulance during the day.

HELP THE NEW MAN!

HELP WIN THE WAR!

## OUTFITTING

Vic DeBree claims that on his last hunting trip he shot a goose. However, the bird was flying so fast and so high that after being hit he plunged straight downward striking the water and continuing on in the mud. He says that any day you may go out by Grand Mature Spit Island you can find the goose stuck in the mud four feet from the surface. For verification see War-

## Is Religion Important to the Citizen?

When the founding Fathers drew up that memorable and unique document—the Declaration of Independence—they postulated the existence of God and the creation of man as self evident truths. They further recognized that man was the possessor of certain rights which no State had given to him and which no State could take from him, for these rights were the endowments of the Creator. They further laid down that, while the State is natural to man, its primary purpose is to protect man in the exercise of his God-given rights. The methods and procedures for attaining this objective of preserving inherent rights was on the principle of majority rule. This is the essence of American Democracy.

If God made man free, then God intends that man should have an opportunity to exercise this freedom and thus carry out the purpose of his creation. In the exercise of his freedom man must not trespass on the similar freedom of his fellow-man. This is accomplished by the observance of the moral law, the law of justice and righteousness, the law of doing, not what I want to do, but what I ought to do.

Today this way of life is challenged in many places. We are fighting, not for territorial expansion nor greater economic advantages, but to preserve our way of living and to destroy a philosophy of life that aims to deprive men of their God-given rights and freedom and make them the pawns of capricious and wilful rulers.

Religion, which recognizes God, is the stronghold of our democracy for it preserves the basis of our freedom; and religion which teaches the supremacy of honesty, justice, and righteousness in the relationship of man to man is building up a defence without which our democracy cannot survive.

(Editor's Note: The above article was especially prepared for the "Ingalls News", by the Rev. P. J. Carey, pastor of Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic church, Pascagoula.)

ren of the Sheet Metal Dept., who was in the party.

Mr. A. H. Alderton of New York is now employed in the Outfitting Dept., as a leaderman. So far he likes his work fine.

Fred Cook is considering buying a sailboat after his delightful trip Sunday a week ago.

## FAB-SHOP

Bob Knight, who for some six months, was over in the Employ-

ment Office taking identification pictures and finger-prints, has gone to work in the Fab Shop. He says he gave up his office job for a yard job, so a woman could be used in the office, but he has found about as many women in the yard as in the office, so maybe it didn't matter. He likes the Fab Shop fine, anyway. Bob is a son of Salvage Supervisor Bartow Knight. Both are from Birmingham.

Several new tackers have

## MACHINIST

William Kroll wants all his friends in the yard to know how much he appreciated the help given him after he was burned out of his home lately. He lost everything he had when a fire destroyed the house where he was living on the Delmas Dairy property. Friends made up a purse of around \$150 and even gave him an outfit of clothes. Kroll is a long time shipworker and sailor and has worked all over the world, but says he has been better treated here at all times than anywhere he ever worked.

Nellie Hegan has been hobbling around with a hurt foot and taking it easy by acting as clerk in the office until the foot gets well.

New machinist helper is Mae Breazeale, of Lumberton, sister-in-law of Rigger Scott Salter. Although new to machinist's work, Joe Bounds, with whom she is working says she is "Doing mighty good!"

moved into the Fab Shop to work on the pre-fabrication. Among these are Mary Hart, Gulfport, and Mary Cox, Kreole.

## NOTICE

Employment Office Officials state that they have a number of positions open for secretaries and typists and very few applicants. If you can do this type of work or know someone who can and might be interested, get in touch with the Ingalls Employment Office.

Kissing a girl is like opening a bottle of olives—the first may come hard, but the rest are easy.



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## St. Nick Makes Personal Visit To Xmas Party

Santa Claus, in the person of Sgt. Harold J. Mann, 3409th Ord Co., descended upon the patients attending the merry party at the Red Cross Recreation Hall in the Station Hospital, giving out gifts and favors and in general, adding to the merriment of a gala Christmas Eve affair Friday night.

His appearance came in a dramatic fashion, for Pvt. Howard Martin, 1587th Ord Co., was convincing his listeners that there was no "Santa Claus," when the red-costumed gentleman walked in and promptly squelched him.

Under the leadership of Miss Cox, the guests played various games and feasted on refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Simultaneous with the party in the Rec. Hall, two Red Cross workers were making the rounds of the wards, passing out gifts to bed-ridden patients.

On Christmas day morning, every patient received a large stocking filled with candy, fruit and favors, the gift of the Capitol Camp and Hospital Council in cooperation with the local Red Cross office.

The Jr. Red Cross of Jackson, Sartartia, Canton and Yazoo City helped by making table favors and room decorations; the Camp and Council Chapters donated the stocking gifts; the Jackson Chapter sent the Santa Claus outfit, and the Capitol Floral Shop of Jackson sent a beautiful floral piece.

Patients were loud in praise of the efforts of the Red Cross hospital staff headed by Miss Gladys Collier, and including the Misses Annabelle Cox, Isabelle Miller and Marian Miller, for the success of the party.

### NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM OUTC COMMANDING OFFICER

The road ahead is an unknown route but our greatest hope is that it will be an immediately victorious one. There is much hard work ahead for us all but I am sure that through our earnest application to the immediate job, the victory of which we are certain will be hastened. To all of you I would like to add my hope that each will have a happy New Year.

G. C. CARLSON,  
Lt. Col. Ord. Dept.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

The following greeting from the Chief of Ordnance to the Commanding Officer, this station, is extended to all personnel of this command:

"On behalf of all Army Ordnance personnel, I send heartiest Christmas greetings to you and all members of your organization. May the spirit of Christmas fortify the heroism of our armed forces. May they and their superior armament soon bring complete victory and peace.

L. H. CAMPBELL, JR. /s/  
Major General, Chief of Ordnance  
United States Army

### Post Headquarters MISSISSIPPI ORDNANCE PLANT Jackson, Miss.

December 29th, 1943

To all members of this Command:

I desire to extend my best wishes for a Happy, Victorious New Year.

The advent of the new year gives evidence that America is now ready to loose the onslaught that will result in the total defeat of the Axis Armies.

Thousands of Ordnance Troops from this station have joined the field Armies; many thousands more are in training here for the great offensive. This splendid contribution to the war effort is due to the cooperation of all activities of this command. May we re-double our efforts in the critical days ahead so that 1944 will be in truth a victorious New Year.

H. A. WILLIS,  
Colonel, Ord. Dept.  
Commanding.

## Post Exchange Does \$1,100,000.00 Business During Busy 'Forty-three

Over one million dollars—nearly \$1,100,000.00 iron men, to be exact—jingled into PX cash registers during 1943. Ordnance customers smoked up 2,405,342 packages of cigarettes, put the bite on 1,555,393 candy bars, guzzled 1,191,132 beers and 1,722,973 bottles of soft drinks.

### Special Holiday Section

Of particular interest to readers in this final 1943 issue of the OBSERVER should be the history of outstanding events of the past year, page 3, and pictures of our holiday activities on the Post and in Jackson, on pages 4 and 5. Send this copy home to the folks—they'll like it.

Authority for the above statements is PX Officer Lt. Richard H. Bird, who sat down with an adding machine this week to figure up the year's business, which was nothing if not good. Other interesting facts from 1943:

The PX employs 73 men and women; distributed \$46,141.88 in dividends during the year to Participating Organizations, Recreation, Band and Chaplain Funds.

Starting with only one PX and Cafeteria last December, the GI department stores here now have expanded to include three thriving Branch PXes. The Main PX has been moved to a more ample location in the Cafeteria Building next to Post Headquarters, and facilities throughout increased and improved.

The amount of business done during the year, says Lt. Bird, is particularly impressive when it is considered that the Exchange now has had sales restrictions placed on numerous items, receives other goods in very limited quantities.

The outlook for '44, he continues, is for further restrictions plus tighter inventory control, which will necessitate reduced stocks particularly in regard to clothing and gift items. However there is little or no danger of PXes running short of beer, soft drinks, candy, cigarettes or tobacco, which will help considerably in making the GI customer's new year a happy one.

### New Year's Eve Dance At Edwards

Servicemen are welcome to the New Year's Eve dance to be held at the Hotel Edwards, sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel, Jackson, it was announced this week.

## Post Personnel Celebrates Xmas, Prepares Big Welcome For 1944

No White Christmas but a very merry one arrived at this Post in style last Saturday, preceded by a multitude of dances, parties and special religious services for Ordnancemen here. Despite inclement weather, old Saint Nick got a warm welcome from local GIs.

## Red Cross Goes To Bat For GIs

Put the Red Cross under that "friend in need is a friend indeed" heading, soldier. According to figures released this week by the local branch office, that organization extended a helping hand of cash to 13,739 Ordnance GIs in need to a hurry-up loan, totaling \$63,476.29 during the year.

During the first nine months of the year, according to Mr. K. E. Clark, Field Director here, the Red Cross office handled 6,131 cases or an average of 681 cases per month. During the same period they loaned soldiers standing in the need of cash \$19,871.31.

From Oct. 1 to Dec. 20, the average monthly case loan zoomed to over 2500 applications per month, or 7,608 cases altogether. Amount of \$8888 loaned out skyrocketed accordingly, \$45,604.98 being loaned during the period, on an average of \$14,543.29 monthly.

Altho well equipped to handle most emergencies, the Red Cross office found itself swamped just prior to Christmas, when a number of units suddenly went furlough-happy on very short notice. Loan forms and funds considered adequate for months ran out unexpectedly, altho a good percentage of applicants got some degree of assistance.

Throughout 1944, the Red Cross office will continue as the friend a soldier can always count on for a loan if his need is real and his assets low, meanwhile helping the enlisted man and his family in a thousand and one different ways including family and personal problems.

Hundreds of soldiers journeyed to Jackson last Wednesday evening as guests of the Defense Council at a super-party and dance at the Auditorium for servicemen stationed in this area. Beneath a ceiling of simulated 'snow', with a huge Christmas tree sparkling in the corner, soldiers, sailors and marines danced to the alternating rhythms of the OUTC Band and Air Base orchestra. Refreshments galore and beys of Jackson's most attractive 'dancers' as partners made the evening complete.

A brass quartet from the OUTC Band opened Thursday evening festivities with carols played before Service Club No. 1. Later a group of girl employees here joined soldier songsters in touring the Post singing Christmas classics. Meanwhile at Service Club No. 2 a merry holiday party and dance was in full swing.

Friday night saw a glittering formal dance at Service Club No. 1, with music by the GUTY! dance orchestra while special Christmas Eve religious services were attended at the other Service Club. Santa Claus himself appeared in person at the Station Hospital to distribute gifts to patients.

At Post Chapel No. 3, Midnight Mass was celebrated with Chaplain Speer Strahan officiating. A capacity throng of servicemen attended the service.

Following additional religious services in the morning, all companies and post personnel enjoyed the Army's traditional delicious turkey dinner, many units also distributing such gifts as theatre coupon books to their members.

Many members of the Post enjoyed the home hospitality of (Continued on Page Eight)



### JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, BROTHER!

It's every man for himself and heaven help the turkey as this tableful of hungry KPs attempts to harpoon some white meat. This scene at H&S Det. Sta. Comp., was the story in mess halls all over camp as their staffs grabbed a hasty Christmas Dinner prior to the main event. "Whose fork is that in the back of my hand?"



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### SOLUTION TO RESOLUTIONS

The fire is burning low in old man 1943's space heater, there's no more coal in the calendar bin and the ancient character is about to surrender his upper bunk to a brand-new yardbird known as Happy New Year. All of which leads us to present some prefabricated Resolutions which you probably won't keep any way. For instance:

#### RESOLVED:

1. That I will keep my bunk, footlocker, & barracks bag in such splendid shape that nothing on earth could persuade the top-kick to gig me at any time whatsoever.
2. That during 1944 I will sharpen up my salutes, missing no officer who passes within 250 feet, especially on Capitol Street in Jackson, Saturday nights.
3. That I will accept KP, Interior Guard or CQ detail with joyful heart and no griping, buying off under no circumstances.
4. That I will neither cat-call, hoot or whistle in Post Theatres when the hero takes the beautiful blonde in his arms for a tender kiss.
5. That I will be the first man out for all formations including reveille during the new year.

There they are—try and keep 'em!

In just two minutes, 50 fighter planes can fire one million Army Ordnance cartridges. This means 28,000 pounds of copper—enough to keep a copper miner busy for 90 days.

Going into battle for the first time in Italy, one tank buster crew in an 3-inch gun motor carriage destroyed five German tanks and blew up an ammunition carrier in seven tries. The only shot the crew missed was the first one. The next six were direct hits.

## POST THEATRE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1943

"HOLIDAY INN" Appropriately timed to come back again during the holiday season, this merry picture features grand tunes by Irving Berlin and Bing Crosby doing the warbling. Fred Astaire shines in his several dance routines in the film. Worth seeing all over again to hear "White Christmas."

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30-31

"THE GANG'S ALL HERE" Alice Faye returns in another lavishly produced Technicolor film. This time she has a swell team to support her in the long running time of the production. Benny Goodman appears with his orchestra, Carmen Miranda gives out with Latin rhythms and James Ellison is cast as the heart-throb for la Faye. You'll like it.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1—Double Feature

"SHE'S FOR ME" Grace McDonald portrays a singer in a night club who is hired to break up a romance between a junior partner in a film and the boss' daughter. She succeeds but in so doing, complicates the story. Shoddy plot, but has some good musical numbers.

"WHISPERING FOOTSTEPS" A very short murder mystery with Rita Quigley and John Hubbard in the leading roles.

SUNDAY-MONDAY, JANUARY 2-3

"LOST ANGEL" A foundling baby, Margaret O'Brien, is selected by a group of professors to be reared scientifically. Years later, young Margaret finds herself well versed in all things scientific, but knowing nothing about a normal home life or affection. James Craig plays a newspaperman who captures Margaret's fancy and later adopts her as his own child. Warm, acted with restraint and yet filled with plenty of humor this picture will prove sparkling entertainment.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

"TARZAN'S DESERT MYSTERY" Another routine Tarzan story with Johnny Weissmuller still playing the title role, assisted this time by Nancy Kelly.

### Giggy's Infiltration Aftermath



"For the TENTH time—No! I can't salvage it!"

### Religious Services

#### I. POST CHAPEL.

Catholic—Sunday Mass—8:00 A.M., Chaplain Strahan. Confessions before Service and on Saturdays 7:00—9:00 P.M. at Chapel No. 3 (West Hdqts. Ave.)

Hebrew—Friday—7:00 P.M.

—Cantor Arthur Rosenwasser.

Protestant—Sunday Morning Worship—10:30 A.M.—Chaplain Mayhew; Vespers—8:00 P.M., Chaplain Mayhew.

#### II. CHAPEL NO. 2 (REGIMENTAL AREA).

Catholic—Sunday Mass—9:30 A.M., Chaplain Durkin. Confessions before Service and on Saturdays 7:00—9:00 P.M. at Chapel No. 3 (West Hdqts. Ave.)

Hebrew—Friday Service to be held at the Post Chapel at 7:00 P.M.

Protestant—Sunday Morning Worship—11:00 A.M., Chaplain Dobbs.

#### III. CHAPEL NO. 3 (WEST HDQTS. AVE.)—Sunday Mass

—11:00 A.M., Chaplain Durkin. Confessions before Service and on Saturdays 7:00—9:00 P.M.

Mass will also be said at Chapel No. 3 on weekdays Monday through Friday at 6:15 P.M. Mass on Saturday mornings at 7:00 A.M.

IV. THEATRE NO. 2—Sunday Morning Worship (General Protestant) 10:00 A.M., Chaplain Reinholdtzen.

#### V. HOSPITAL SERVICES.

Catholic—Sunday Mass—7:00 A.M., Chaplain Strahan.

Protestant—Sunday Morning Worship—9:00 A.M., Chaplain Reinholdtzen.

VI. STOCKADE SERVICE—Sunday (General Protestant)—6:00 P.M., Chaplain Dobbs.

VII. Opportunity for worship will be given all companies who may be in the field.

### Red Cross Hospital Program

Wednesday—Game Night.  
Thursday—Movie: "Four Jacks and a Jill".  
Friday—New Year's Eve Party.

Saturday—Bingo Party.

Sunday—7:15 A.M.—Catholic Mass.

9:00 A.M.—Protestant Service.

2:30 P.M.—Open House.

Monday—Tournament Night.

Tuesday—Movie: "Meanest Man in the World," with Jack Benny.

### Back The Attack

### 3014th Private Sees Sailor Brother In March Of Time Movie

Pvt. Russell A. Simpson, 3014th Ord. Co., and his brother, Coxswain John M. Simpson of the Coast Guard, held a family reunion via camera at Theatre No. 1 here recently.

Watching the screening of "Naval Log To Victory", latest March of Time newscast, the 3014th soldier was amazed to see the likeness of his brother John on the screen. Last time the two saw each other was in January, 1942, prior to Russell's entry into the service.

Seaman Simpson had four years Army service before entering the Coast Guard.

The head of the family served in the last war, reaching the rank of sergeant major. When he was discharged in 1940 upon activation of National Guard units, Simpson senior secured a rating as lieutenant in the Navy, which rank he holds now.

### OUTC HONOR ROLL

Best Athletic .....834th  
Best Tech. Tng. ....3076th  
Best Military .....3011th  
Best Unit Operations 1574th  
Best Area .....3076th  
Best Mess .....1587th



SIGN OF THE SEASON was this glowing tribute to the Second Provisional Hq. Company's mess hall staff. It was erected over the dining room Saturday in honor of Christmas dinner. Artwork is that of Pfc Richard Sharkey, sentiments those of the entire company.



### He Must Be Good!

LOS ANGELES: When police arrested Louis Botellos, 32, on a charge of illegally wearing a uniform he was sporting the following insignia on his Army blouse: Purple Heart, Pacific Combat Theater, Asiatic service with three stars, defense bar with two stars, World War I ribbon with five stars, Distinguished Service Cross, Croix de Guerre with palms, Belgian, Cuban and Nicaraguan campaign ribbons, amphibious forces, Guadalcanal and Alaska action, sergeant's stripes, 20 years service stripes and—the Good Conduct Medal!

### I'd Know Her Anywhere!

NEW YORK: Sailor Jack White of the Navy had \$120 in his jeans when he met a pretty little red-head in a Times Square bar. One thing led to another and when White awoke the next morning in an East Side hotel he discovered he was minus his \$120.

That night, prowling morosely about the midtown area, White spotted his red-head again. He hauled her to the cooler, identified her to police by the tattoo she wore on her shapely thigh, and had her arrested.

### Honest—He's Alive!

ENGLAND: Because Capt. Herbert M. Light has been reported dead three times, he's having a hard time convincing his parents in Long Beach, Cal. that he's still alive. Light, who holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, was first reported killed in action in a raid on Ploesti, Rumania. He wrote home saying he wasn't injured but the Government telegraphed again, reporting him officially dead. Light wrote a second time, reassuring his parents, and the Government came through again—with a telegram informing his folks that Light's body would be shipped home after the war!

### BLUE NOTES From The Band

At this season compliments are in order: orchids instead of gossip this time.

Thanks for the swell job the NCOs of our outfit have done to make things more pleasant for the band boys.

And orchids to the 1st Prov. mess hall gang for the swell meals they have turned out for us. Keep up the good work!

And to others too numerous to mention we just want to say, "Thanks and a joyous holiday season to all!"

NAME BAND NEWS: Final results of Downbeat's band poll—Benny Goodman emerged victorious in the swing band division, Tommy Dorsey heading the sweet bands. Spike Jones defeated Guy Lombardo for the title, "King of Corn."

AND—A Happy New Year to everybody!

T/5 Jack Lewis.

1st Pvt.: "Somebody picked my pocket."

2nd Pvt.: "What did he get?"

1st Pvt.: "Practice."

### H & S Men Rate

#### Good Conduct Medals

T/3 Simon Holzer, T/5 Everett C. Gardner, Sgt. Morris R. Fox, Pfc. Russell D. Hulbert, all of H&S Det., Sta. Comp., were awarded good conduct medals last week.





# RING OUT THE OLD—RING IN THE NEW! 1943 PASSES IN REVIEW



## 12 Busy Months Become History As Post Welcomes Happy New 1944

Time doesn't march anymore—it gallops. At least it did during the past 365 busy days at the Mississippi Ordnance Plant, as Post yardbirds came, trained, shipped out. Nineteen-forty-three saw many improvements and changes for the better taking place here; reporter Hal Israel recalls many from the files of the old MOPWRINGER and the present OBSERVER. Remember?

### JANUARY 1943

Enlisted men welcome the new year in proper fashion with a gala dance at the Service Club, the Air Base Band providing the music. Ankle-deep in mud, Station Complement men move down from the hill to present quarters; construction continues on Post recreational facilities. Ordnancemen see the Post's first USO-Camp Show as Polly Jenkins & Her Flowboys "dig it." On the 17th, Arrow Lines takes over camp transportation. The following week the 519th Ord. Co. emerges as victors over the 287th in the first regular OUTC inter-company competition. Post Theatre No. 1 opens as a packed house sees Red Skelton's "Whistling In Dixie." The MOPWRINGER first four-page printed edition appears on January 20th.

### FEBRUARY

The 304th Base Regiment arrives during the first part of the month and regimental personnel are honor guests at a colorful Friday night dance at the newly complete Post Gymnasium building. Lt. Col. Herbert L. Kalbach, then Post Commander, and Col. William J. Crowe, 304th Commanding Officer, head the Grand March. Davey Banks brings his crack pro team, the Celtics, to the Post, defeats the Bucketeers 46-42.

Goodin Field is dedicated in honor of Lt. Col. Herman R. Goodin, one of the founders of the 304th Regt. Week of Feb. 7-14th sees the newly-organized "Hungry Eight," nucleus of present UTC Band, play for first Post dance, directed by W/O Peterson. The first of seven girl babies to be born on

the Post arrives as Major P. D. Scammel passes out cigars. "Giggy F. Useless" dilapidated ne'er-do-well from the pen of Sgt. Dave Glaser OUTC Visual Aids cartoonist, shuffles thru the South Gate to make his bow in the "Giggyrandum" mimeo publication, later invades the camp newspaper's pages. Lt. Eugene Smith of OUTC Hq. captures a green garter snake, Charissa, who throws feminine workers into a panic for days when she escapes from his desk drawer. Surging to the top of Army-Collegiate League after a slow start, the rampaging Post basketball team is edged out of Championship honors by Miss College Choctaws thru a last-minute cancellation ruling. Officer's Club officially opens.

### MARCH

Post personnel and motorized equipment participate in Jackson's big Red Cross parade on March 1st. Cpl. D. R. Long, of the 1st Bn., 304th Regt. is honored by a review as he receives the Purple Heart award from Regimental Commander Col. Crowe. Capt. Frederick Miller, 287th Ord. Co., gives the War Bond Office a jolt by purchasing \$10,000 worth—for cash.

Service Club No. 1 is officially dedicated March 14th with a tea dance and three days later, the Little Theatre Group from Jackson presents its capable version of "Arsenic & Old Lace" at the Gym. Station Complement athletes bowl over opposition to win the Post Basketball Tournament. Library No. 1 opens with a gift of 1000 books through the Victory Book Drive. Second Battalion men of the 304th regrettably comply with a regimental order outlawing mustaches, shaving away brushes of years standing in some cases. "Severe reverses were suffered in Jackson on account of the loss" says a company reporter.

Preliminary examinations for the Army's Specialized Training Program get under way March 21-27, with hundreds of men taking the test, many subsequently going to various ASTP schools.

### APRIL

T/4 Chick Meade and fellow H&Bers of the 304th's 3rd Bn., open the month with a stellar array of local talent songs and acts as they present the first outdoor all-soldier show seen here. OUTC Hq. officers introduce the first Orientation program in which they welcome new units and explain work of various departments.

Colonel Harold A. Willis arrives during the first week of April to replace Lt. Col. Kalbach as Post Commander. Army Day on the 8th is given little notice by the nation with Americans continuing to work for Victory. S/Sgt. Allen Franklin, Public Relations Office, inaugurates Post's first "Ordnance On The Air" broadcast over WSLI. During the same week, trainees here see "Cornzapop-



**YEAR'S MOST ATTRACTIVE VISITOR: CAROLE LANDIS.** The curvaceous movie queen sent this photo, autographed it "To the boys of MOP—good luck always to a grand group from your friend, Carol Landis." Another visitor from Hollywood, Brian Aherne, told Ordnance movie-goers here during his visit last month that an effort would be made to send more celebrities to this Post in the future.

pin" popular UTC Training Section skit on Military Discipline & Courtesy, while bivouac training films make their appearance in the field. Lt. Montague issues first call for Post baseball team and a good sized squad starts workouts. Easter Sunday morning sees the first outdoor religious service (other than bivouac, held on a grassy hill overlooking the UTC Parade Ground. The two-month Ordnance Sweetheart contest conducted by the MOPWRINGER comes to an end, with hard-pressed judges finally selecting Miss Beverly Beville, pretty Wisconsin miss entered by Sgt. Phil Strom, OUTC Bandsman, as Post girl-friend No. 1. Legal Assistance Office opens to help GIs with worried minds.

Two articles on Mississippi snakes and proper treatment for snakebite appear in the camp newspaper; one week later, a soldier on bivouac is bitten and the know-how of a buddy, applied on the spot, saves his life. The Unit Training Center makes the first of weekly inspections in which winners are posted on Merit Board.

### MAY

On the 4th, 5th and 6th, the huge Ordnance Training Conference, presided over by Gen. Kutz, and attended by high-ranking officers from Ordnance establishments all over the nation, is in full swing at this Post. Troops in training put on extensive basic demonstrations, conduct unit operations in which a maintenance company defends its base against both air and mechanized attack. UTC Visual Aid stages an outstanding display representing various sections at Conference headquarters, the Post Gymnasium building. Maj. Gen. William J. Bryden, Fourth Service Commander, is a visitor on the 9th, witnesses Conference demonstrations. During one such

problem, a 285th GI crouched behind a tree in his foxhole sees a nearby mine located in a small pond explode, is showered with dirt, pebbles and a large-sized bull frog. The soldier escorts the frog to the mess-tent and dines on frog legs.

Through generosity of neighboring communities, Post day-rooms are gradually being furnished and equipped. A Motor Pool private, giggled for not saluting an officer, was asked who the officer was. "I don't know," replies the giggled one, "but he had four bars." Two, it appeared, were on his shirt and two on his cap.

### JUNE

Year's most distinguished visitor arrives in the person of Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces, accompanied by Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance. "A good show!" said Gen. Somervell following a whirlwind inspection of the Post. The 131st anniversary of the Ordnance Department's founding is observed the same week, with Colonels Willis and Carlson appearing as guest speakers on a special Post broadcast.

A quick-thinking soldier, Pfc. Vincent Bonagura, 547th Ord. Co., saves the life of a buddy when a runaway boom breaks loose in rigging area. He pushed the other man to safety, receiving a terrific blow on the head from the pole as a result.

On the 15th and 16th, "Broad Stripes & Bright Stars," Post's first original musical revue, is presented by Pfc. Gerald Brown and Sgt. Bob Goldman, scores a solid hit with yardbirds. Our first glimpse of a movie star comes the 16th, when lovely Carol Landis takes the Post by storm during a one-day visit. Joe Kirkwood trick shot artist, appears the same week with weird and wonderful shots. The 551st Ord. Co., wins over

the 565th as best drilled HM company in camp.

### JULY

The Bank of Flora opens a branch office next to Post Headquarters. A nine-hole golf course, latest recreational facility, is completed, while the Military Training Section introduces its newest training aid, a Booby Trap Demonstration Area, to Ordnancemen. MOP Fire Chief Sutherland reports that at a Fire Chief Conference, attended by fire-fighters of the Fourth Service Command, this Post was found to have the lowest fire loss record of Miss. and Alabama military installations.

The Railway Express opens a branch office; Ordnance Dept. announces an essay contest on "Duties of A Non-Com."

### AUGUST

Girl employees of the Miss. Power & Light Co. from Jackson are guests, see training areas, satisfy secret ambitions to ride in jeeps. On the same day, the UTC Infiltration Course opens. The Unit Training Center celebrates its first anniversary with parties and dances on the 11th.

T/5 Frank M. Scroggs, 565th Ord. Co., wins local essay contest and a seven-day furlough to his home, St. Petersburg, Fla. Hill company fighters take part in Post's first boxing card, presented in open-air arena behind Service Club No. 2. First WAC officers arrive on Post, seven in number. 830th Ord. Co. selects ideal soldier and sends him to town on an all-expense-paid week-end. Maj. Winfield Scott arrives at UTC to take charge of new Officers Training Course.

### SEPTEMBER

Non-coms meet to discuss plans for a NCO Club here. Post convoys of men and equipment take over in Jackson to aid city's "Back The Attack" War Bond drive; local authorities credit Ordnance exhibition with aiding community to top quota.

Visual Aid artists present a fine Soldier Art Exhibit at Jackson's Municipal Gallery during the first week of the month, staging a War Bond auction in conjunction with civilian artists that netted \$19,225. Station Complement personnel observe anniversary of their activation with a field day, party and dances. Air Service Com-

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IT GOT PLENTY HOT HERE last summer, strange as it may seem now. So hot that numerous cases of prickly heat sprung up on Ordnance Epidermis. Here a desperate victim tries out our G. I. soap cure!



**ARMY SERVICE FORCES** Commander Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, most distinguished visitor during the past year. He first appeared here Oct. 17th, 1941, as chief speaker at the Plant's official ground-breaking ceremonies.





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PROTESTANT SERVICES



1914TH SWINGS AND SWAYS "ON THE HILL"



Busy . . .

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mand officers headed by Col. Jesse Bennett tour UTC, inspect Ordnance Aviation units. Weekly "Pick-A-Winner" football contest opens for grid experts.

OCTOBER

Post buildings are inspected by board of officers and Fire Dept., for fire hazards during National Fire Prevention Week. Twenty-eight UTC officers study scientific mayhem as first classes in Judo get under way at the Gym under the leadership of Lt. Bottom and T/Sgt. Thornburgh.

Hundreds of visitors to Miss. State Fair in Jackson see the extensive and outstanding Ordnance exhibit as Post personnel bivouac at the grounds, explain equipment and material to civilians. Captain Thomas O. Murphy, UTC Hq., received the Legion of Merit award from Maj. Gen. Bryden for outstanding service in the Arctic. Lt. Col. John F. Foy, UTC Executive Officer, reports on performance of Ordnance troops in Louisiana maneuvers. A special maternity ward for servicemen's wives is opened at Foster General Hospital.

NOVEMBER

Good news for GIs everywhere comes with the news of higher allotments for dependents, with fathers especially happy about the whole thing. Second MOP musical revue of the year, this time titled "Parade Rest" and against authority by the Brown-Goldman duo, is presented before a large crowd on the 18th. To combat ravages of malaria, Post Medical Department institutes a series of lectures, training films and practical demonstrations for trainees here. Post Theatre No. 1 is the scene of much excitement and panic on a Friday night when a thoughtless GI booted a hot-tempered Mississippi polecat reclining beneath a seat; the skunk reacted in an obnoxious manner and quickly cleared a good portion of the theatre.

Screen star Brian Aherne appears Nov. 17th, wins a host of friends during his visits to various spots on the Post. Personnel observe Thanksgiving with religious services and mess hall "spreads" of Turkey and trimmings, with work continuing as usual. On the last day of the month a group of prominent Mississippians tour the Post to get a first-hand idea of Army training methods used here.

DECEMBER

This month sees a group of Brazilian officers arrive to observe Ordnance training here, following similar stays at other U. S. Ordnance Posts. The 3011th Ord. Co., wins title, "Best Military Company in the UTC," in regular inter-company competition. "Battle of Russia," epic war film about that nation, is screened for military personnel. The Post's Army Service Force men are surveyed by a team of EM and officers from the Fourth Service Command in an effort to fit men to jobs. Five hundred civilian employees have receive Emblem for Civil-

War Paint To Be Removed From Most AAF Planes

Removal of war paint from almost all of its aircraft has been ordered by the Army Air Forces, the War Department announced recently. The removal of the greenish-gray paint will give Army planes several miles an hour additional speed, and will result in a substantial reduction in weight.

The action was taken upon recommendations of combat commanders. Only specialized planes overseas will retain their camouflage, and in the continental United States practically all aircraft will roll off the assembly lines a metal color.

Camouflage will be retained where tactical considerations require it in combat zones.

The AAF estimates that removal of camouflage will yield a slight increase in top speed, and that there will be a weight reduction in fighter types of approximately 15 to 20 pounds and in heavy bombardment types of from 70 to 80 pounds.

Hillboro, Ill. — Four men and a dog went hunting 'coons the other day. After several hours of hunting had produced no traces of a 'coon, the dog suddenly turned on the hunters and chased them up a tree, where they remained until dawn when the dog, tired of it all, walked away.

Kansas City — Fats Waller, famed 278-pound jazz pianist and composer, died of a heart attack aboard a railroad train en route to New York from California. Waller, author of such song hits as "Aint Misbehavin'" and "Honey-Suckle Rose" and famous from coast to coast for his bullfrog voice and virtuosity at the piano, was 39.

ian Service on Dec. 8th, "Recognition Day" Four Air Force S&M companies rate compliments from UTC Unit Operations Section heads for outstanding performance on bivouac problems.

3076th "Cowboys" football team defeats Lanier High of Jackson 7-0 in the year's final football game, while the Bucket-eers finish their first half of Servicemen's League play in a three-way tie with Millsaps V-12 and Miss. State Choctaws, winning four and losing one. Belhaven "Living Christmas Tree" program starts extensive Christmas holiday program on Post and in Jackson, including carols, parties and plays. Brazilian officers visit Vicksburg as guests of the city. Christmas day finds personnel attending parties and enjoying turkey dinner Army style. Year ends with elaborate New Year's Eve dances at Service Clubs and Hospital.

NEW RECRUIT!



U. S. Ordnancemen Back Russia's 1943 Offensive Against Germans

Ten thousand miles by plane from San Francisco, either east or west, hundreds of Ordnance troops stationed near the Garden of Eden in ancient Iran (Persia) are rendering epic service in helping to carry mighty Russia's mammoth 1943 offensive on to a victorious conclusion in 1944.

"They're sweating out one of the toughest and most important assignments of the war. At Khorramshahr, near the head of the Persian Gulf, they assemble all types of automotive equipment, maintain the huge cargo fleets of Ordnance and other combat supplies which roll toward the Russian front over 800 miles of desert and mountainous road snaking across Iran to Pahlevi on the Caspian Sea.

Says Lt. Col. A. V. Dishman, Ordnance officer attached to the Persian Gulf Service Command, "The United States is supplying Russia with eleven times more tonnage than was hauled over the famed Buma Road in its peak month of operation."

Ordnance personnel direct the work of 4,500 natives in the huge automotive assembly plants and operate the numerous gasoline and repair stations along the road. They have worked in 130 degree sun temperatures, in high humidities, in sandstorms, in ankle-deep mud, suffered malaria, dysentery, and lonesome isolation.

But there has been no slump on this rip-roaring action front. In spite of all hazards and difficulties, Russia continued to receive the Ordnance

tanks, trucks, guns, ammunition, and other equipment—enough and on time—that were of tremendous help in defending Stalingrad, smashing the German spring offensive, and driving the Nazi hordes westward.

The spectacular Trans-Iranian highway is a product of American Lend-lease. Russia, having lost much of her industrial capacity to the Germans, was in dire need of supplies. The Black Sea, her front door, was blocked by Nazi occupation of Greece. She could get supplies from the north through Murmansk, but German air and submarine activity threatened this source. A back-door delivery route via the Persian Gulf, Iran and the Caspian Sea was the only remaining solution. It worked.

The Persian supply corridor is desolate desert for the first 200 miles. Beyond the desert rise the forbidding Luristan and Elburz mountains, where peaks of 18,000 feet are common. Winter in the desert is a time of torrential rain. By way of contrast, winter in the mountains is accompanied by heavy snows and temperatures rivaling those of Russia herself.

"Some stretches of the road are so rough," Col. Dishman said, "that truck tires split to shreds after rolling only 4,000 miles; on others the dust is so thick that the drivers wear respirators. Seven-ton Ordnance trucks are employed. The gasoline, obtained from nearby wells, is British; but the oils and greases are American. Ordnance troops work around the clock in assembly plants, repair shops and service depots. Now that the Mediterranean is again open to Allied convoys, the Iranian corridor is busier than ever."

Every day, something different is going on at the Flora USO. Why not stop in and visit them?

YEAR'S BEST GAGS

She: "Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?"  
He: "No, I don't think anyone ever did."  
She: "Then I'd like to know how and where you got the idea?"

Virtues are learned at Mother's knee.  
Admonition on Father's knee;  
Vice at some other joints.

Wife (trying on hats): "Do you like this turned down, dear?"

Husband: "How much is it?"  
Wife: "Eleven dollars."  
Husband: "Yes, turn it down."

"Name?" queried the immigration official.  
"Sneeze," replied the Chinese proudly.

The official looked hard at him—"Is that your Chinese name?"

"No, 'Melican name," replied the Oriental blandly.  
"Then let's have your native name."

"Ah, Choo."

Lt. (with a cold): "Where is that mule that I told you to take out and have shod?"

Draftee: "Holy smoke, did you say shod, sir? We just buried her with full military honors."



City Visitor: "Which is correct, 'a hen is sitting, or 'a hen is setting'?"

Farmer: "I don't know and I don't care. All I bother about is when she cackles—is she laying or is she lying?"

"How are you this evening, honey?"

"All right, but lonely."

"Good and lonely?"

"No, just lonely."

"I'll be right over."

Definitions of a Goldbrick: He is a guy who stretched a ten minute break into a career—the bird who goes through a revolving door on somebody else's push.

Honolulu — A 32-year-old woman, quarreling with her husband, threatened to jump from a second story window in their home. "Go ahead and jump," said hubby. She did and broke a leg. "I didn't think she'd do it," her husband said.

Los Angeles — Mrs. Alice Palacios, 38, walked into a meat market and said to the butcher, "Give me a nice big T-Bone steak." "O.K., lady," said the butcher. Mrs. Palacios dropped dead.

SEWING ON STRIPES

S/Sgt. Jess B. Wetzel, James J. Sweeney.

T/4: Cornelius E. Duer, Americo Tarquinio.

T/5: Angelo C. Cicalese, Julius Bernstein, Thaine K. Moore, Bertram C. Coffey, Anthony D. Davi.



"THE COOKS MADE SOME UPSIDE DOWN CAKE TODAY, SIR!"



## STRICTLY HEARSAY

## H&amp;S Det., Sta. Comp.

Personnel and guests sat down last Saturday to an appetizing turkey dinner and accessories, with the emphasis being put on the turkey. Sgt. Duke Freeman and his cooks and KP's must be complimented for the quality and quantity of the repast.

Later on in the day, each man received Theatre Coupon Books as a gift from the detachment.

S/Sgt. Kirk spent a merry week-end with friends in Jackson, as he announced his approaching test for Air Cadet, scheduled for this week.

T/4 Andrew Clark, Post Photographer, spent a busy Christmas Day, hopping from one place to another, snapping pictures like mad. The outstanding two-page pictorial group in this issue is from his camera.

Cpl. Stanley Bialek sent a rush Christmas Card in Polish to Polish friends at H&S, begging that he be kept informed as to what happens here in his absence.

Cpl. Danny Muscarello is getting back slaps by the dozen, for his noble part in a fistic encounter at the Tri-State bus station last Saturday. "Muscarello handled himself fine," friends proclaim proudly.

Cpls. Robert Cother and James Wilson were among those who had the opportunity of spending Christmas Day in their own homes.

At the conclusion of the Midnight Mass, Pfc. Antonio Sabini entertained friends at a suds party at one of the local night spots. Everyone had a fine time, Sabini reported.

Back from the hospital to face an avalanche of work in the Post Office, comes T/5 William Park, who moaned that he should have remained in the hospital until the rush was at least over.

Wakened in the early morning by the Charge of Quarters, Pvt. James Terry trudged over to the Post Telegraph Office to pick up a supposed money order, only to learn that it was for Samuel Perry instead. Perry was awakened in turn, and gladly received the extra dough.

And no one enjoyed the holidays more thoroughly than S/Sgt. Alvin "Cheese Merchant" Rasmussen, the Racine, Wis., refugee, who is known in local papers as "Fosmussen", "Rossmosen," etc.

## MP Personals

In a festively decorated mess hall, members of this detachment sat down to a delicious turkey dinner, complete with all the fixings, on Christmas Day. Much credit must be extended to Sgt. Aaron Masters and his staff of KP's and cooks for the excellence of the dinner.

Among guests present, were Lt. and Mrs. Owen, commanding officer of the detachment.

Those spending the holiday elsewhere included Sgt. Harry Rosenberg and Cpl. Anthony Davi, who partook of a delicious dinner with friends in Flora, and Sgt. Curtis Forner who spent his holiday with M/Sgt. Richard Evans, Post Sgt. Major.

Sgt. William Thompson is due back from his furlough spent in Pennsylvania, while S/Sgt. John Palese departs today for his home in New York, and Pfc. Melvin Bloom heads North for the same objective.

Cpl. Bandy bemoans the fact that for the fourth time in row, he has lost a football bet to Sgt. Albert Astrowski on the high school game in Atlanta, last Saturday. "He must



Photo by OUTC Visual Aids Section

ALLIED OFFICERS OF WORLD WAR II STAND BEFORE A MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF fighting men who died in another conflict almost eighty years ago. This picture was taken last Wednesday at Vicksburg's famous National Military Cemetery, as Brazilian officers stationed here, accompanied by Post officials and their Vicksburg hosts, paused before the Illinois War Memorial during their visit to the Cemetery.

The officers were guests of the city of Vicksburg during the day, and were welcomed by Mayor Hamilton and civic leaders at a special luncheon at the Vicksburg Hotel. The group also visited the U. S. Waterways Experimental Station through courtesy of the U. S. Engineers there.

## Ordnance Introduces Deadly Aerial Weapon, 75 mm. Airplane Cannon

The evolution of one of the latest Army 'secret weapons', a 75 MM cannon installed in the nose of a plane, has been divulged for the first time this week by Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance.

Planes bearing this massive gun have turned in some surprising if not gratifying results, cases being authenticated of a light armored destroyer being sunk, innumerable tanks destroyed and enemy gun emplacements put out of action.

As long as four years ago, Ordnance experimented with installing a heavy gun in a plane, cooperating with the Air Force. As in any other new things, bugs developed and it wasn't until recently that American mechanical genius produced a secret recoil mechanism that allowed the practical use of the gun in a plane.

The fact that the gun, of the same size but of greater fire power than the field artillery most in use during World War I, can be fired from airplanes with speeds of more than 300 miles an hour, staggers the imagination.

General Campbell said that the airborne weapon will knock out any tank now known to be in use, sink lightly armored warships and destroy enemy gun emplacements. "Those Air Force boys really can aim that gun; I've seen them in practice hit small targets at thousands of yards," he added.

Ordnance's role in developing new airborne weapons has enabled the United States to take the lead among the nations of the world in aircraft armament. First it was the 50 calibre machine gun with its incendiary and armor piercing ammunition, which is responsible for the top-heavy box scores the Army Air Forces have chalked up in combat with Axis aircraft.

Later came the 37 mm. cannon, which was first installed in aircraft by the U. S. and now the high explosive, terrific fire-power of the famous 75 mm. cannon.

If you're tired of traveling to Jackson, and still want to have some fun, you can find it at the Flora USO every day.

have a pocketful of horse-shoes," says Bandy.

Friends are wondering as to the identity of the sweet young thing in Yazoo City who has been deluging Pfc. Bearl MacKenzie with gifts and letters.

Rumor has it that Cpl. Anthony Davi's rendition of Christmas Carols in Canton, were enthusiastically received there.

Cpl. Benjamin Bandy

## MEDICO ROW

The enlisted men of this company had a scrumptious dinner and gifts for their Christmas Day. The mess hall was attractively decorated and appropriate music was played during the meal. Our thanks go out to Lt. McCabe and his mess hall staff.

Why does (Give Me A Bit) Nichols hang around the Jackson bus station?

Gigzy Goldwasser has been borrowing clothing every night (with and without permission). His favorite motto is: "Your clothes look so good on me." Speaking of Goldwasser, what was in that package that Surgery sent him for a gift?

Recently the detachment had a beer party and Pvt. Di Pietro was in such a hurry to soak up his drink that he cut his hand while trying to open the bottle. Several stitches were needed to close the wound. That's what we call "company spirit!"

How true is the rumor that we have a man by the name of

"Gruen" among us? We are informed that is an alias used by one our Jackson Casanovas.

If anyone in the company is frantic about losing their hair, see Pfc. Witt. He claims to have a concoction that would grow hair on a door-knob.

Happy New Year and may next year bring Peace to the world.

Pvt. Albert Weitzman

## Brazil Will Send Troops Overseas

Rio De Janeiro (CNS)—Gen. Mascarenhas de Moraes of the Brazilian General Staff has arrived in Algiers with a party of 13 Brazilian officers to confer with Allied military leaders preliminary to dispatching Brazilian ground and air forces to serve with Allied troops in Europe or Africa. The units will comprise the first expeditionary force ever sent overseas from a Latin American republic.

## Bathing Suits Sent To Chilly Russians

Santa Barbara, Cal. — Residents of Santa Barbara are sending 1,000 bathing suits to the icy steppes of Soviet Russia. "You see," explains Mrs. John A. Jameson, head of the Russian War Relief drive here, "they'll make nice warm woolen underwear."

## 635TH EXPLOSIONS

WHO? The 635th Ord. Ammunition Company.

WHERE? Here.

WHY? It is the request of Uncle Sam.

WHAT GOES? Soldiering! Kompany Komments:

Has anyone seen Dee? 1st Sgt. Futch is looking for her; last seen back in sunny California, where flowers and beauties abound. Dottie Lamour kissed us goodbye as we departed (we hope her Army captain won't mind), and surprisingly enough we all made the train. Altho considerable doubt arose as to whether or not Sgt. George the gallant Guide of the First Platoon, could tear himself away from his San Marino gal.

After days of drilling, classes and wading through the Mississippi mud, everyone had wonderful appetites for the splendid meal. And with the First Three Graders acting as Kitchen Kops, what more could anyone ask for? "This ain't the Army!" as many remarked.

We heard an announcement that should have called for a fanfare of trumpets and a twenty one gun salute. 1st Sgt. Futch let loose the news that it was a girl at the home of Mail Clerk, Pfc. Robert Kennedy, weighing in at six and one-half pounds. The baby arrived on Christmas Day making it a very appropriate gift for the family Kennedy. Hats off to the parents and that cloud of smoke you may notice over Goodin Field will be from a flock of cigars in the mouths of our boys.

That's all for now . . . C U later.

Pfc. Dominic P. Lombardo.

## SHARPSHOOTING

## With the 2nd Prov.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: The company's thanks and appreciation to our cooks and KP's for the marvelous dinner and beautifully-laid tables; and to the Visual Aiders who decorated the Mess-Hall so festively for the occasion. Brightly-colored branches, painted novelties, plus a gaily-trimmed Christmas tree made the scene worth remembering. Everything was "tops."

FRIENDS OF: Marty Conlon, formerly of the Second, who joined the Merchant Marines, will be interested to know that he is now in England, and sends his best wishes to all, with the promise to write soon.

OBSERVATIONS: Pvt. Peter Principle making that messy hot chocolate the other p.m., adding vanilla-extract in place of sugar. (Pete's proud of the mixture, but those who sampled the concoction claim it tasted like low-test gasoline.

Sgt. Bob Talley with a Band-Aid across his nose—says he got it on furlough, he says. HOW??? The boys who went on maneuvers in all those states, now back with the gaud and glad of it.

DID YOU KNOW that Pfc. Eugene M. Bertin's middle name is . . . get this . . . M O U N T M O R E M E N L Y ??? (Just sneeze—it's easier.)

HERE'S HOPING that you all have a very very swell time New Year's Eve, and a Happy New Year to y'all—y'-heah?

Cpl. John Caldron.

## Nips, in Rush, Lose Pants

Bougainville (CNS) — When the Marines landed here some Japs left their pillboxes in such a hurry that they scrambled without their pants.

## Columbus Comes Through

Rensselaer, N. Y. (CNS)—

A man named Christopher Columbus whose Selective Service order number is 1942, registered with the Red Cross here for a blood donation.



NINETEEN FORTY-THREE'S MOST UNUSUAL PICTURE, this life-like study of a T/5 in a thoughtful pose. It was drawn by T/5 Wickiten of the 2095th Ord. Co., in honor of his company's many stripe-happy and newly-rated technician corporals. Remind you of anybody?



# 'It's A Pleasure' Coming Jan. 6-7 Song & Dance Stage Show First For '44

The breezy musical "It's A Pleasure," headed by three hundred pounds of mirth and melody in the person of "Red" Pepper, trumpet playing comedian, will be the first Camp Show offering for '44 to appear on Post stages, playing here Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6-7th.

Members of the unit in addition to Pepper, whose impressions of famous trumpet players are labeled outstanding, include:

Tyler, Renoud & Co. Clever comedy by a team with twenty years experience in vaudeville and road companies. Smooth soft-shoe dancing plus an appearance as fore and aft of "Imogene, The Wonder Horse." The act worked in the movies "San Francisco," "Pigskin Parade" and "Midsummer Nights Dream."

Margo Gavin. "Modern Jenny Lind" who sings semi-classical and "pop" tunes, musical daughter of a musical family from Philly.

Bobby Carr & Co. "Hokum A La Mode," with gags, funny business and situations galore. Miss Bobbie acts as MC throughout the show as well. This has been a standard big time act for years.

Lynn Kirk: Attractive young singer of blues on the Ethel Merman side. Has sung in Europe with the Borrah Minevitch Band, done radio work with name bands in the United States. Her personality plus voice make Lynn a solid favorite with servicemen.

Gene Clayton. A comedian who does magic or a magician who clowns—his gift of gab and educated cards are equally entertaining.

"It's A Pleasure" is free of course; 6:30 and 8:00 p. m. at Theatre No. 1 Thursday, Theatre No. 2 Friday.

## WHOA! WHOA!!

Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.—Probably the strangest horse races in the world are held in Ireland, according to the Postal Officer of this camp, who has just returned from 15 months service in that country.

"Why, it's a big day when they hold horse races up there," the officer stated. "The course is usually about one half mile long. They line up the horses, which are just a bit larger than ponies, and after the start, the spectators throw rocks at their favorites so as to make them go faster. It's tough on the horse and the jockey's too."

Wanta try something different? Make a letter on a record at the Flora USO!

Deer Isle, Me. — Herman S. Conary, 74, and his wife 76, died within 10 minutes of each other here on the eve of their 5th wedding anniversary.

## The Wolf

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"What are you staring at, soldier! Haven't you ever seen Mae West's before?"

## by Sansone

## WD Announces Grade Jump For 275,000 Infantry

In an unusual action, the War Department has announced a Christmas present of its own to approximately 275,000 Infantry soldiers by promoting them to the next higher grade from their present ranks.

"The increased grades will provide a more suitable reward as well as supply the means for more careful selection of non-commissioned officers," Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff, stated.

Outstanding group that will receive the extra pay is one-half of the total number of privates who will be made private, first class. Others will be squad leader assistants, corporal to Sergeants; Squad leader, sergeants to staff sergeant, or corporal to Sergeant, according to what the T/O called for before the present boost. Section leaders who were sergeants will wear staff sergeants' stripes; platoon sergeants will jump from staff sergeant to technical sergeant and battalion sergeant majors will rise from staff sergeants to be technical sergeants.

Only the Infantry units have been awarded these promotions, in recognition of the acknowledged hazards and responsibilities shouldered in combat by that branch of service.

## QUAINT QUOTES

### FROM SCRIPTS

Vera Vague: "I've written a song about those Navy boys—It's called 'I Don't Know Whether I'd Rather Be Fencin' with an Ensign or Roamin' in the Gloamin' With a Yeoman'."

—Bob Hope Program

Red Skelton: "That job in that department store was in the music department, and that's not for me. They wanted me to change the sheet music on the baby grands."

—Red Skelton Program.

Joan Davis: "I used to work in a department store. I dressed models."

Sharon Douglas: "Wax?"

Joan Davis: "No, they were all civilians."

Billy Gaxton: "Here, let me look at your magazines—say! What makes the Esquire so heavy?"

Victor Moore: "This month the firs have clothes on."

—Charlie McCarthy Program

Lou Costello: "Lucille, I've lived for this moment. We were meant for each other. I was born to kneel at your feet."

Lucille Ball: Get this GI haircut with the civilian approach!"

—Abbot & Costello Program

## Wed. Afternoon SPORTS RESULTS

Trailing by the score of 12-0 to the 1st Prov. team, the 2nd Prov. football club moved into high gear during the second half and defeated its opponent 21-12 in the most thrilling touch football contest of the afternoon last Wednesday afternoon. The 834th ran roughshod over the T-222 outfit, swamping them by the score of 27-6. In other games, the 1587th aggregation showed plenty of power as it whipped the 833rd team by a 13-0 score and the 831st nosed out the 832nd, 6-0.

Two top contest in the basketball league saw the Provisional companies sharing the spotlight as the 1st trimmed the luckless T-222 unit by the score of 16-12 and the 2nd managed to squeeze out a 21-20 victory over the 831st. In two contest involving the depot companies, the 835th defeated the 832nd, 27-14 and the 834th won over the 833rd by the score of 18-8.

In last week's issue of the Observer, it was erroneously reported that the 835th had lost its football game to the 834th instead of winning, 6-0.

With the wind whipping up the diamond, the 3077th defeated its archrival, the 3076 nine, by the score of 8-6 in the lone baseball game. George Crump made a spectacular hit-robbing catch in order to choke off a 3076th rally. Pvt. Joe Howard's round tripper, scoring two men ahead of him in the eighth was the deciding blow for the 3077th club.

Judge: "Do you challenge any of the jury?"

Defendant: "Well, I think I can lick that little guy on the end."

## Sports Slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

Forty-three major league players have been inducted into the armed forces since the close of the baseball season last October.

Hardest hit in the draft were the St. Louis Cardinals. National League champions, who lost Walker Cooper, their great catcher; Outfielder Harry Walker, Second Baseman Lou Klien and Johnny Hopp, versatile utility player.

The world champion New York Yankees lost Spud Chandler, their most valuable player and Charlie Keller, veteran outfielder who was frozen to his defense job in Baltimore. In addition, two other stars, Bill Dickey and Joe Gordon, have indicated that they may not play next year.

Among the other players inducted were Luke Appling of the Chicago White Sox; Dick Wakefield and Tommy Bridges of Detroit; Mickey Wittek of the New York Giants; Kirby Higbe of Brooklyn, and Hi Bithorn of the Chicago Cubs.

Pvt. Mike De Cosmo, the former lightweight fighter, has the biggest pair of feet of any man his size at Camp Stewart, Ga. He's only five feet five but he wears size 12 kicks.

Lt. Bob Saggau, fleet-footed back on one of Elmer Layden's teams at Notre Dame, has received the Air Medal for heroism in a dive-bombing mission in the South Pacific area.

Connie Mack, Jr., 31-year-old son of the 81-year-old owner and manager of the Phila-

## Post Personnel...

(Continued from Page One) citizens of the surrounding communities during the day.

Following a Coffee hour around the Christmas Tree at Service Club No. 1, a tea dance was held from 3:00 to 6:00 p. m., and the 8:30 p. m. the Special Service Office presented a special Xmas tableau and review, with brilliantly costumed girls and solo numbers by Miss Jane Gordon and Pfc Jimmy Welch. Meanwhile other soldiers were entertained at the Flora USO, where a turkey supper was followed by a merry party.

A special Sunday evening harp recital by Miss Jill Bailiff of Jackson, talented musician, at Service Club No. 1, and the USO-Camp Show, "You Said It" on Monday and Tuesday were added holiday entertainment well received.

Protestant services were held at Post Chapel on Xmas eve.

The infant 1944 will be welcomed here with special New Year's Dances at Service Club No. 2 on Dec. 30th and Service Club No. 1 on Dec. 31st.

delphia Athletics, passed his physical the other day at the New Cumberland (Pa.) reception center.

The University of Iowa will perpetuate the memory of Ens. Nile Kinnick, All American quarterback in 1939 who died last June when his Navy fighter plane crashed at sea, with the annual award of a gold medal to the student judged most like him.

## News From Your Own Home Town

Brockway, Pa. (CNS)—Three hunters shot a bear and—thinking him dead—threw him into the back seat of their car. However, the bear soon revived, whereupon the three hunters lowered the present world's record for getting out of a car. Once outside they shot the bear again, with the following results: The bear was killed, the rear tire and gas tank of the auto were ruined by bullets, the insurance company refused to pay damages and the three hunters were arrested on a charge of killing a bear out of season.

Chattanooga, Tenn. — Mark Thrash, Civil War veteran and the oldest pensioner on the payroll of the Federal government, died at his home here at the age of 122. Thrash, born in slavery in 1820, fought for the South in the Civil War, outlived five wives and 11 of his 29 children. He married his fifth wife when he was 102...

Chicago — Mike Micelli, 40, was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge after his wife Mary, 27, had testified in Domestic Relations Court that he sold her to a friend for \$25. She lived with the friend for awhile, Mrs. Micelli said, and then returned to her husband.

"Everybody is crazy over me," said the inmate on the first floor of the insane asylum.

## Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" In Attacking, Never Take Terrain For Granted



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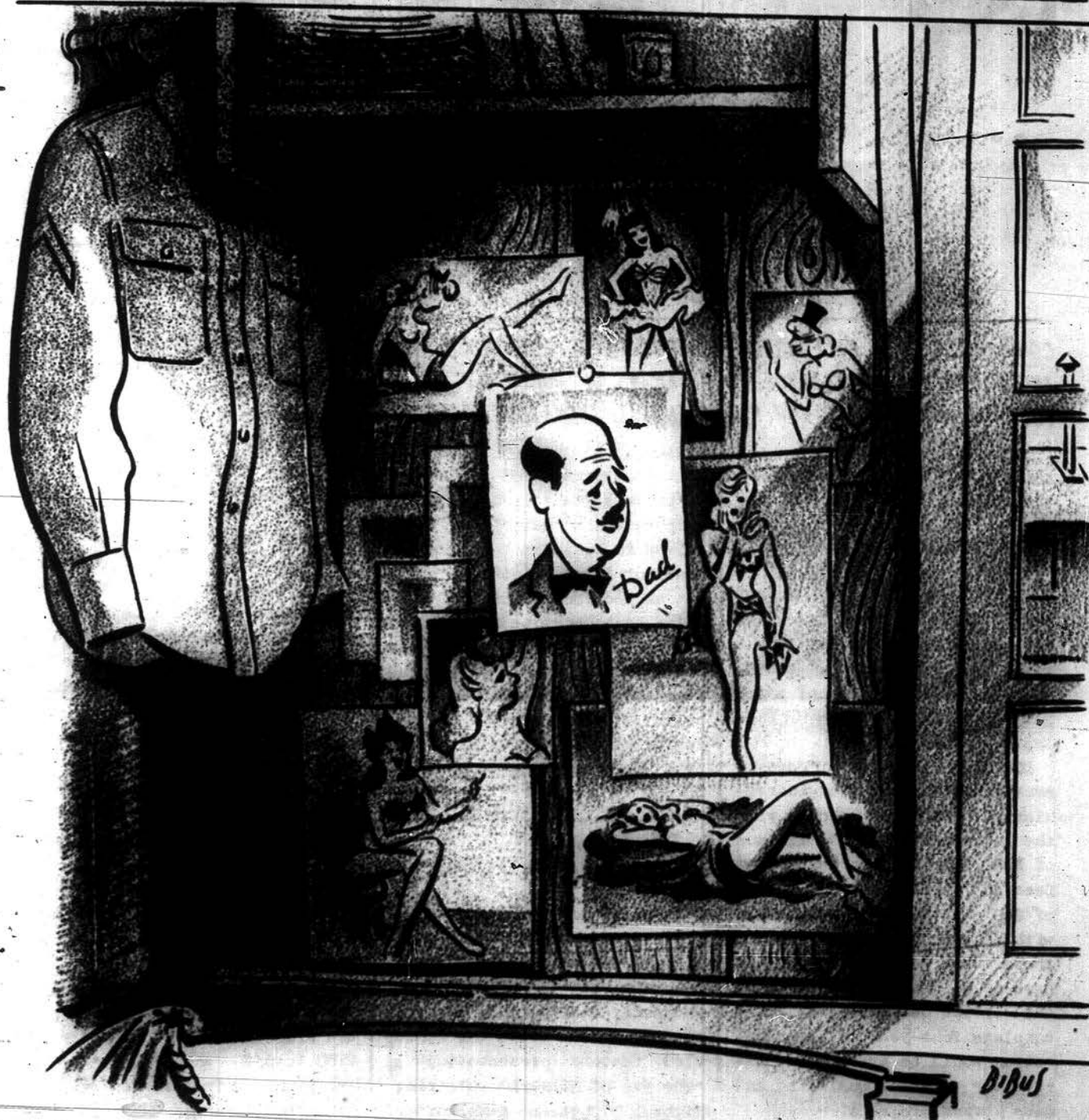


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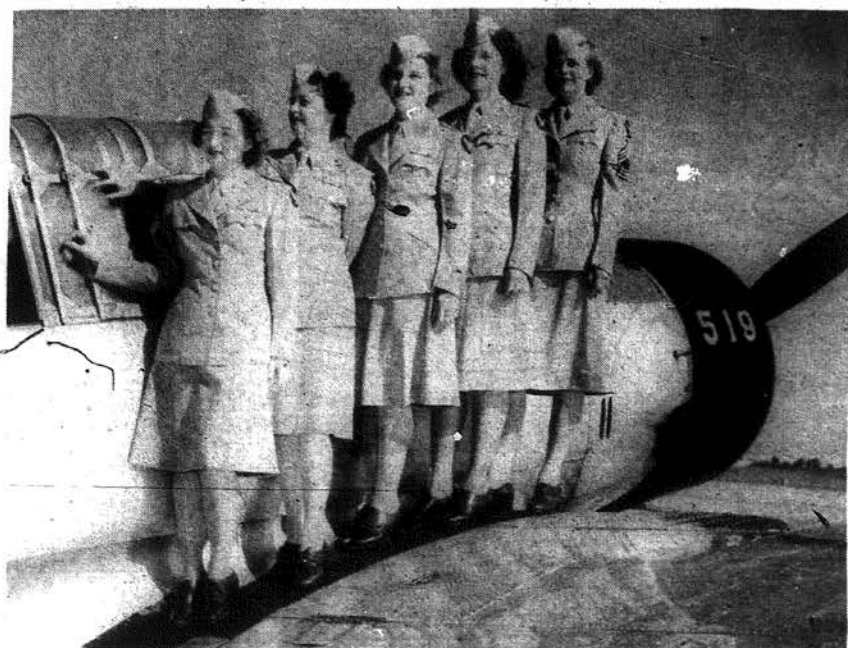
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JUNE 17, 1944





## ONE YEAR AT GREENWOOD ARMY AIR FIELD



## COMPROMISE "GI" BILL ASSURING EDUCATION, JOB INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II SENT TO WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE

Overwhelming House passage sent to the White House Tuesday the compromise version of the "GI Bill of Rights," a general veterans' benefits measure.

The bill provides:

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION:** \$20 weekly for a maximum of 52 weeks for veterans out of jobs in the first two years after their discharge, with creation of a job placement bureau within the U.S. Employment Service.

**EDUCATION:** One year of government-financed education in regularly established schools with the government paying a maximum of \$500 for tuition and other fees and subsistence allowances of \$50 monthly for a veteran with no dependents and \$75 for those with dependents. In the case of a veteran who entered the service before he was 25, a complete four-year college education would be available provided the veteran qualified and made proper progress.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Guarantee by the government of 50 percent of private loans up to \$4,000 to help veterans establish themselves in business or purchase homes or farms. Interest would not exceed four percent.

Any cash benefits received by a veteran under provisions of the legislation would be deducted from any bonus that might be voted later. The cost of the legislation has been estimated from \$3,000,000,000 to \$6,500,000,000.

## FIRST INVASION PICTURES!

First pictures of the greatest military venture in history, the Allied invasion of Europe, will be shown at the Post Theater Wednesday and Thursday evenings in conjunction with the scheduled feature presentation of "The Eve of St. Mark" starring Michael O'Shea and Anne Baxter.

## WACS CELEBRATE FIRST YEAR AT GREENWOOD WITH DINNER GIVEN BY SCHUMAN AND TUFTS

An anniversary dinner for five (pictured left) of the seven girls remaining of the original dozen WAACs arriving at Greenwood Army Air Field one year ago this past week was given by Lts. Marcia Schuman and Catherine Tufts Wednesday evening in Green-

Pictured to the left in the usual order are: Cpl. Elaine Dolloff, Cpl. Mary Jane Crowley, S/Sgt. Anne Thomas, Cpl. Esther MacKay and M/Sgt. Martha Halstenson. (Photo by Pfc. Jeanne Nelson.)

wood. Lt. Schuman was the first CO of the detachment and Lt. Tufts was the initial mess and supply officer. Absent from the festivities were Sgts. Margaret Christy, off on furlough to be married to Cpl. Edward Roullier of Section C-3, and Helen Chesko, away on three-day pass.

All girls enlisted in the original Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in late '42 and early '43. They became full-fledged members of the Army last August 11 when sworn into the WAC by Capt. Joseph May, Post Adjutant. On Sept. 24 they were among 56 Wacs to be awarded the moss green and gold Service Ribbons signifying their original enlistment in the WAAC. On May 21 they were among 19 girls presented Good Conduct Ribbons by Lt. Jessie Johnson.

## MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

Announcement has been made by Mayor Allen Saffold of Greenwood that the Municipal Swimming Pool is available for use by GAAF personnel Saturdays between 7:00 and 9:00 PM and Sundays from 2:00 to 5:30 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The pool is reserved Saturday afternoons for Camp McCain.



## RECRUITING TEAM LEAVES FOR NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI TOUR

An AAF WAC recruitment team composed of Lt. Richard R. Dann, WAC Recruitment Officer, and three members of Section D, Lt. Adeline Jacobsen, Assistant WAC Recruitment Officer, Sgt. Iris Teekah and Cpl. Melanie Schirmer, left here Wednesday morning for a 30-day recruiting tour of northern Mississippi.

The itinerary of the group includes, Winona, Grenada, Cleveland, Batesville, Clarksdale, Rosedale, Gunnison, Indianola, Shelby, Moorhead, Belzoni, Yazoo City and Canton.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### GREMLINS MEET FLYERS

The Greenwood Gremlins meet The Stuttgart (Ark.) Flyers on the baseball diamond behind the Recreation Building today and tomorrow at 2:30.

### WEEKLY BAND CONCERTS

Wednesday evening at 7:00 the 686th AAF Band, conducted by M/Sgt. Horace Frederick, will present the third in the summer series of concerts held weekly near the Service Club. Benches have been installed for the comfort of the audience.

### WING PARADE

There will be a Wing Parade and Inspection by Col. Othel R. Deering, Commanding Officer, Saturday, June 24, at 8:30.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Lt. Col. Frank Poehlman, Deputy for Administration and Services, was honored by Capt. Joseph May, Post Adjutant, with a surprise birthday party Tuesday evening in Greenwood. A feature of the affair was a large birthday cake appropriately decorated.

## CASH WAR BOND PURCHASES HIT ALL TIME HIGH OF \$20,000: 53 MEMBERS CIVILIAN PILOT DETACHMENT CREDITED \$3,500: ANNOUNCEMENT MADE OF NEW "GI" BOND MATURING AT \$10

The Fifth War Loan Drive at Greenwood Army Air Field continued to gain momentum as reports of sales totalling over \$20,000 were reported by the Finance Office. Of this sum, military personnel were credited with purchases of \$13,500 and civilian purchases added up to approximately \$6,500. Of

the amount credited civilian purchases, \$3,500 was bought by 53 members of the Civilian Pilot Detachment.

Three members of the group were unable to join their buddies due to being red-lined.

Announcement was made by the War Bond Office of a new special "GI" War Bond—costing \$7.50 and paying off \$10—for sale to men and women of the armed services. It was also made known that in the near future Class B allotments would be made limited to at least one bond per month, necessitating a change from the present minimum of \$6.25 to \$7.50. The new \$10 denomination will be available for issue in August and may be signed for immediately.

Installation of a War Bond thermometer in front of the Post Theater served to focus the attention of all GAAF personnel on both Class B allotments and Class A pay reservations. As the average participation rises, so will the thermometer. Currently, the red line is hovering over the 90% mark with the military holding a slight edge over the civilian personnel.

Members of the Women's Volunteer branch have enlisted their services in promoting the sale of bonds. The WVB's campaign was initiated Monday when Mrs. Othel R. Deering, president of the Officers Wives Club, and Mrs. George Chandley, Chief of the WVB, manned a War Bond booth in the Officers Club. Two represen-

tatives of the WVB will attend the booth daily, except Sunday, through June 24 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Monday evening Greenwood Army Air Field joined forces with Camp McCain in a rally held in Greenwood. The 686th AAF Band and the Camp McCain Band provided music for the throngs lining the city's sidewalks for a glimpse of the military equipment on display. Sales totalling \$271,350 were reported, slightly more than 20% of LeFlore County's quota of \$1,796,000.



The following organizations are participating 100% in bond allotments. What's the matter with your outfit?

UNIT HEADQUARTERS  
686th AAF BAND  
SECTION A-1  
SECTION D  
OFFICERS



## The Wolf

by Sansone

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## NOTES FROM HOLM

PEEPS AT OTHER POSTS: Greenville (Miss.) AAF adds AT-10s to its basic training program effective June 27 ... Marianna (Fla.) AAF announces an orientation Essay Contest open to all enlisted personnel on the subject 'Why I Fight.' Special Service donating \$240 in War Bonds and Stamps as prizes ... Promotional freeze thawed suddenly at Pocatello (Idaho) AAB and developed into a flood as 287 promotions were announced. Two hundred and seventy were claimed by Section A ... A prolonged blast of the field's siren at 0400 broke the news to Stuttgart (Ark.) AAF personnel that the invasion had begun ... Movie star Kay Francis paid a visit last Sunday to Will Rogers Field (Okla.). Currently, she is on an extended tour of camps and hospitals around the country ... The Caribbean Breeze reports that down in Ecuador all American soldiers are paid in the Ecuadorian unit of exchange known as 'sucro' (pronounced SOO-ker), worth 7.4¢ in U.S. money. In other words, an American dollar is equivalent to 13½ sucros, which looks like a lot of sugar when you see it ... Stewart Field (Newburgh, N.Y.) Prop Wash reveals that among the 474 Cadets who were graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, June 6, 171 were Air Cadets who learned flying at Stewart Field. Infantry was second with 120 ... An aviation cadet at Freeman Field (Ind.) is richer by a \$100 War Bond for guessing the invasion date to within several hours of its occurrence. His entry read--June 6 at 4:30 A.M. The invasion began at 6:32 A.M., two hours later than he had guessed. Prize was given by the SS Office ... Bainbridge (Ga.) AAF celebrated second anniversary June 15 with parade and Wild West Rodeo Show.

## SONG OF THE WEEK

'Tis said that "Repetition makes reputation." With this as a criterion, the success of "San Fernando Valley" is solved. It has a swiny rhythm, easy-to-remember lyrics, and was written by Gordon Jenkins, West Coast radio musical director.

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

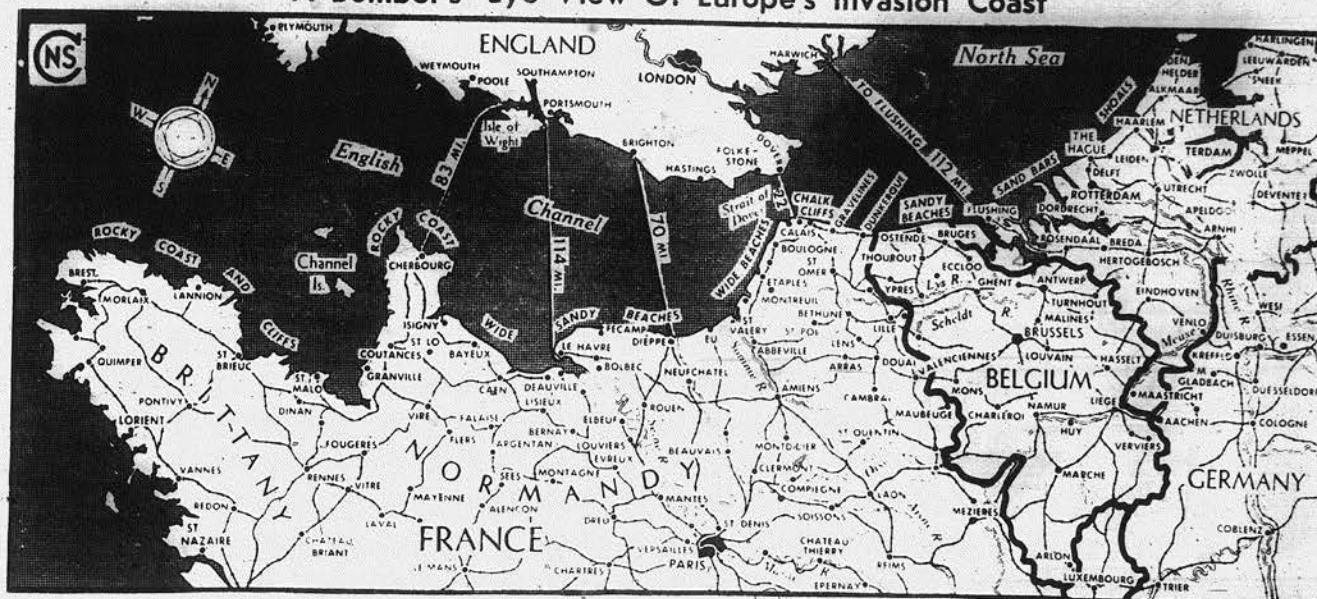
Oh! I'm packin' my grip  
And I'm leavin' today,  
'Cause I'm takin' a trip  
California way.  
I'm gonna settle down and never  
more roam  
And make the San Fernando Valley  
my home.  
I'll forget my sins  
I'll be makin' new friends  
where the West begins  
And the sunset ends,  
'Cause I've decided where "yours  
truly" should be  
And it's the San Fernando Valley  
for me.  
I think that I'm safe in statin'  
She will be waitin'  
When my lonely journey is done—  
And kindly old Rev'rend Thomas  
Made us a promise  
He will make the two of us one.  
So, I'm hittin' the trail  
To the cow country  
You can forward my mail  
Care of R.F.D.  
I'm gonna settle down and never  
more roam  
And make the San Fernando Valley  
my home.



**Africa**—The commander of a British Army post in a certain part of Africa invited the chief of a local pigmy tribe to dinner. When the chief arrived, the British discovered that the little fellow couldn't reach the table. A mess attendant saved the day, however, when he came up with a high-chair for the chief.



## A Bomber's Eye View Of Europe's Invasion Coast



Toward week's end Allied forces were reported to have pushed 30 or more miles inland from Normandy beaches as they sought to cut off Cherbourg Peninsula. Germans were rushing up reinforcements in frantic effort to stem the Allied drive. Allied warships were revealed to have clamped a naval blockade on Cherbourg to prevent its use by enemy torpedo boats as Germans prepared to blow up the large harbor.

### SERVICE COMMAND PROGRAM DEBUTS THIS AFTERNOON

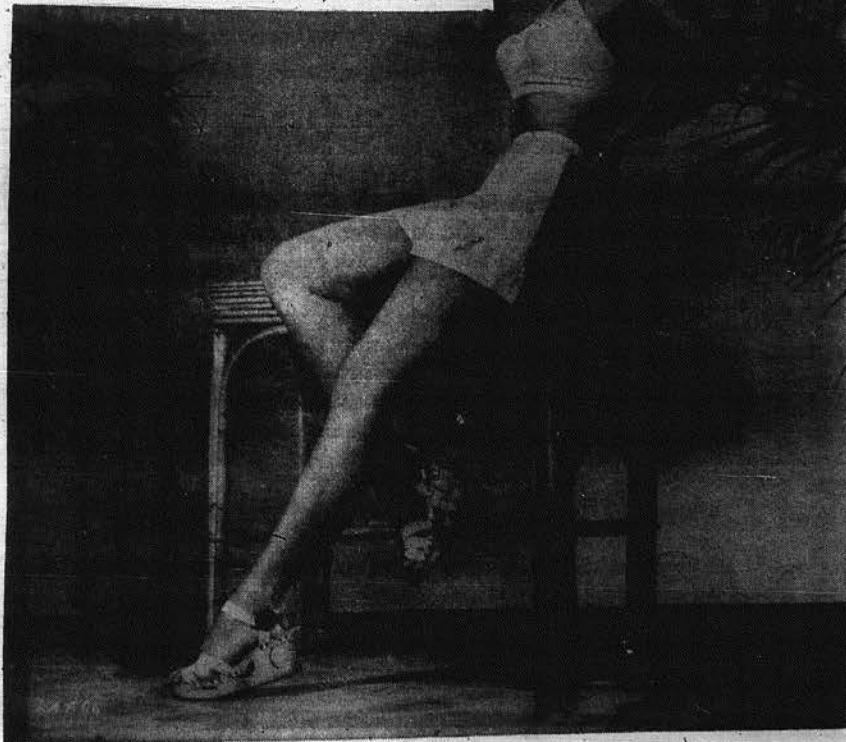
"The 21 Stars," a new radio show by the Army Service Forces, goes on the air over the coast-to-coast Blue Network this afternoon between 2:30 and 3:00. The local outlet is WGRM, Greenwood.

"The 21 Stars" derives its title from the stars worn by each of the 10 major generals who are service commanders, plus Brig. Gen. Battley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Service Commands. One hundred and fifty stations will carry the program, which originates in Chicago.

Maj. Wayne King, former Waltz King in the music world, will direct the musical program for this series of radio shows. Well known musicians, singers and entertainers, now members of the armed forces, will appear weekly.

A dramatic story on building of the model of the Mississippi River basin will feature the Fourth Service Command show, "Utilization of the Labor of Prisoners of War," slated for broadcast Saturday, June 24.

Curving bamboo furniture seems to be all the rage these days, so we thought it might be a good idea to show you what's new in the outside world. The curves (we mean furniture) are displayed by Louise Albritton who looks the part for "This is the Life" at the post Theater tomorrow and Monday.





## You're in the Air Force Now

*(This is the second of three sketches by Lieutenant Michael Straight of the United States Army Air Forces, formerly one of the editors and Washington correspondent of The New Republic. — THE EDITORS)*

### II. Mail Sergeant

WHEN THE DISHES WERE STACKED we went back to the other end of the sitting room. "You'll excuse me, Joe," Ace said, "I got some letters to write." He sat down in an armchair and started chewing on his pen.

"Isn't that just like a mail sergeant?" said Mrs. Ace, when she came back. "All day long he sorts out letters and gives them to you cadets; then he comes back and writes letters all night. Here, Joe," she said. "Have some cheese blintzes I just made—you boys love them. You know, every Friday evening the captain comes to eat blintzes, and some gefüllte fish with us. He says Ace runs the best mess in the army."

Mrs. Ace turned up the gas flame and we drew our chairs close to it. "You know, Joe, what's wrong with you, and the captain, and all the fellows we bring here? You ought to be married."

"Three years ago," she said, "If you'd told me I was going to marry Ace, I'd have said you were crazy. Now I think I must have been crazy not to marry him the first time I met him. I can't even remember what life was like before we married."

"You remember The Great Thurston, Joe? Me and my twin sister handled the props for him and did a tap routine in the intermission, The Polly Twins. All the men were after us. Then one night Ace came to the show. He wasn't attractive like the other men; I guess he was the first man I'd met who didn't wear a gold watch chain and try to sling a line. He looked at my sister and said, 'That's the girl I'm going to marry.'"

"It was you," Ace said, writing hard.

"How do you know?" said Mrs. Ace. "He couldn't tell us apart, even when she let him kiss her—anyway he pretended he couldn't."

"Then the war came. One night Ace came backstage. 'Honey,' he said, 'I'm a private now, but pretty soon I'll be a staff sergeant. Will you marry me?' 'I'll marry you when you're a staff sergeant,' I said. Afterwards I was scared. I thought it would take Ace twenty years. But a year later a telegram came from Ace. He said:

Roses are red, violets are blue,  
I'm a staff sergeant, how about you?

"What could I do, Joe?" Mrs. Ace said. "Even when we were getting married in the temple, he kept looking sideways at me, he wasn't sure whether he was marrying me or my sister."

"I'm still not sure," said Ace, reading his letter over. Mrs. Ace came over and sat on the arm of my chair. "You're like an old friend, Joe," she said in a low voice. "I'm going to tell you a secret. No one but the captain knows about it."

"You know how the boys crowd into the mailroom," she said. "They're so far from home, and getting a letter means so much to them. They wait there half an hour every day, just to get one letter a week. Sometimes cadets come in every day and never get a letter. They can't seem to believe it. They beg Ace for letters."

"You know, there isn't one among the six hundred of you that Ace can't call by his first name," Mrs. Ace said. "At night sometimes it's almost as if he talks in his sleep; he says—'Kreamer, Ktsanes, Kivi, Krulewitz.' He knows all of them and when one of them waits at the window day after day, Ace worries about it until he can't sleep. It got so bad once that I said to him, 'Ace, why don't you write letters to them?'" She looked around; Ace was completely absorbed—"That's what he's doing now—writing letters to the cadets."

Mrs. Ace walked over to his chair, read one of the letters, and quietly brought it back. "Listen," she said:

Dear Ernest

You will be surprised to get this letter, but don't be surprised. You look as though you worry a lot about your flying and I know how much you want to get through. You look depressed, and maybe I can help. I've watched you around the post and you seem like the finest type of American who will soon be flying for all of us. I'd like to get to know you better.

I know what it means to you to hear from home when you're far away. By accident I overheard some of your friends say that you weren't getting many letters. Ernest, maybe the reason you don't get more letters from home is that you don't write enough. Why don't you write home more often and see what happens? Your friend

Mrs. Ace folded the paper. "Isn't that a nice letter," she said. "Usually he signs them 'an unknown friend' or 'a silent admirer.' Sometimes we sit down and write them together in the evenings. The boys are so glad to get them Ace says, and they never guess who the friend is."

"You know the captain, Joe, he's a lonely man. He doesn't get many letters either. I wanted Ace to start writing to him, but Ace was embarrassed. He said he couldn't write to an educated man like the captain. So I told the captain about Ace anyway—Ace doesn't know—you know what the captain said?"

She looked at Ace—his head was bent over his letters—then she said softly:

"He told me, 'You're the ones that make the world go around.'"

MICHAEL STRAIGHT



## STORY OF GAAF MAIL CLERK WRITTEN BY LT. STRAIGHT, FORMER GREENWOOD CADET

Reprinted on the preceding page by special permission of the publishers of The New Republic, "Mail Sergeant" was written by Lt. Michael Straight, former member of Class 44-C now stationed as a flying instructor at Gunter Field, Ala.

Background to the story is that Straight, while undergoing his basic training at Greenwood Army Air Field, was a frequent visitor at the home of S/Sgt. Ace Balter, cadet mail clerk.

Balter, whose home is in Freedom, Penna., arrived here in November, 1942, and was married approximately seven months ago shortly after his promotion to staff sergeant. His wife, Iris, is from Pittsburgh. Currently, S/Sgt. and Mrs. "Ace" are enjoying a furlough in the Keystone State.



Meet dulcet-voiced Tony Lane, featured songstress in "Stop, Look & Listen," USO camp show presentation at the Recreation Hall Monday, June 26, at 8:30.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Lt. J. K. Jung  
Chaplain



### TEMPTATION

*All of us, at one time or another, have been tempted to do or say something which we felt, deep down in our hearts, was not right. We are being constantly tempted and so we are constantly either yielding to that temptation or we are strong enough to avoid it. Many people, unable to avoid temptation because of a lack of will power, are forced to seek help, to ask assistance, to find some means of keeping themselves from yielding to temptation.*

A certain man once asked an Oriental King if he could tell him just how to avoid temptation. The King, who was a wise man, advised the man to get a large vessel, brimful of oil, and to carry it through the streets of the city—without spilling one drop of the oil. "If only one drop is spilled," said the King, "your head shall be cut off immediately." And he ordered his state executioners to walk behind the man through the streets with drawn swords to carry out the King's orders if necessary. Now it happened that there was a big fair going on in the city and all the streets were crowded with townspeople. But the man was very careful and he returned to the King without having spilled one drop of oil. Then the King asked, "Did you see anyone when you were walking through the streets?" "No," said the man; "I noticed nothing. I was thinking only of the oil."

"Very good," said the King. "You have taught yourself. You have learned how to avoid temptation. Simply fix your mind on God as you fixed it on the oil."

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

PROTESTANT SERVICES			JEWISH SERVICES		
Post Chapel	1000	Sunday	Reformed	2000	Friday
Sec. F Rec Hall	1115	Sunday	Temple Beth Israel, 701 Washing-		
Station Hospital	1300	Sunday	ton St., Greenwood		
Sunday School at			Orthodox	2000	Friday
Greenaire Commu-			Synagogue, Ahavath Rayim, Market		
nity Assembly Hall	1400	Sunday	and George Sts., Greenwood		
CATHOLIC SERVICES					
Confessions	1715-1930	Saturday	Mass	1115	Sunday

The weekly song services held in the Chapel Wednesday evenings at 7:30 are gaining in popularity. If you enjoy singing, be sure to drop in after the weekly 686th AAF Band concert. You'll like it!

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### CASANOVA BATES LEAVING TRAIL OF BROKEN HEARTS: REPORTER OFF ON FURLOUGH

By Pvt. Dan Nicholas

If the latest rumor holds true water, it will mean that Greenwood soon will be the harbor of many brokenhearted women. We can hear those sobs in the distance. Yes, T/Sgt. Ray Bates, our Section Casanova, may be leaving us real soon. Ray better start now to say goodbye.

No-no-no! S/Sgt. Del Ponte is also a shipping possibility. As Pvt. Skedle, the Brooklyn Kid, would say, "My poor broken back!" Sgt. Del Ponte has long been an important link in the many pranks pulled in the Section area. We must not forget to mention his cohort, Sgt. Donnelly, the Boston Bad Boy. Long shall we remember the nights we went without sleep.

Pfc. Jeff Boggs of the Security Section has made it a point to keep close contact to his civilian work. In civilian life he was a blaster on road construction work in Oregon. Today, instead of blasting rock, he blasts that brass whistle of his once daily. (Oh, happy day, when someone will steal that whistle. The sound of that shrill blast is a signal that the PX will close in five minutes.)

The best medicine—cheerfulness and temperance. Certainly, Pfc. Glen McKendrie of the Security Section and his wife know what the best medicine really is. Always, you find them in a cheerful mood. They don't need intoxicating beverages to make them cheerful. (Gosh; they must be a happily married couple.) Can this really be possible?

So long for two weeks. Leaving on furlough. Here's hoping that my honey won't be transferring lipstick to another GI while I'm gone.

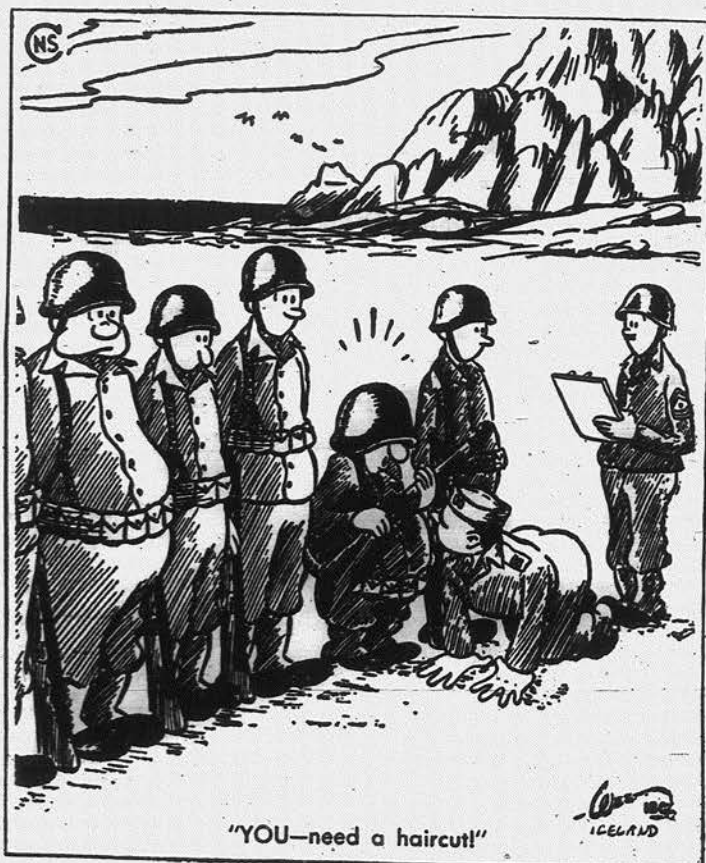
### BOOKISH BANTER

By Pauline Dunlavy

MAN! This heah wah has sho 'nuff done a powerful lot for the reputation offemales! Look how blind even bright massahs like A. Tenyson and Oliver Holmes were in the gay 90's. Spouted A.T.: "Men hate learned women." Cracked Ol: "Brain women never interest us like heart women; white roses please less than red."

Uncle Sam outgrew those ideas, else today there would beno Wacs to help us whack the Nips & Nazis, Inc. And do GAAF Wacs ever appreciate having a Post Library! Lt. Ocie McLean is now sampling Howard's VIEW FROM A WINDOW. Sgt. Rose Goldman peeps into UNDERCOVER by Carlson. Nadine Ball admires MEN ON BATAAN by John Hersey. Pfc. Roberta Arceneaux examines THE BIBLE DESIGNED TO BE READ AS LIVING LITERATURE. Cpl. E. Wasserman goes for modern plays—JUNIOR MISS, etc. Cpl. Ann Rurka pals around with JANIE. Sgt. Dorothy Smythe divides her time with Mason's ORIENTAL DIVISION. Lt. Marcia Schuman examines Fadiman's selection in READING I'VE LIKED. Library Officer Lt. Teresa Johnson tosses off LAFITTE THE PIRATE while in the hands of a Greenwood hair stylist. Sgt. Teekah improves each shining GAAF hour by studying our shorthand books.

Yes, GAAF Wacs are sho 'nuff helping the Magnolia State to blossom out. As Hobbes affirmed in his play AMBASSADOR, regarding La Femme: "She may have got us out of Eden, but as compensation she makes the earth very pleasant." She's fixin' to, anyway.



"YOU—need a haircut!"



**Male Call**

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



MILTON CANIFF

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**Knot Hole In Any Party Platform****THE STORY OF ADOLPH HITLER BROWN**

When the public school reopened in a little Wisconsin town last Fall, the teacher started taking the names of all her pupils. She was reasonably startled to hear one rosy-cheeked cherub pipe up with; "My name is Adolph Hitler Brown." Unable to believe her ears, the teacher summoned the lad's mother that very afternoon. "I can't believe," she said, "that you would name a son of yours after Adolph Hitler. Can you give me some reasonable explanation for this, Mrs. Brown?"

"I certainly can," came the reply. "I am not Mrs. Brown. I am Miss Brown."

**PICKUPS ALONG THE WAY**

Cpl.: "Hi, girlie, I'm going your way."

Wac: "Oh, yeah? Better bring your powder puff, then!"

*Most of the slams made at bridge parties are made about persons who aren't there.*

So he sez to her: "Please, angel, don't be difficult. One obstacle course a week is enough for me."

*Then there was the GI who offered his girl a scotch and soda and she reclined.*

Said the GI to his gal just before payday: "We can't have much fun tonight, dear. All I have left of my pay is some small change."

She: "Enough to send my kid brother to the movies, I hope."

GI: "I've called to ask your permission to marry your daughter."

Pop: "Have you seen her mother yet?"

GI: "Yeah, but that's all right. We'll be living out of town."

*Marriage is like a pinball machine.....a man's pockets are always tilted.*

A charming young lady named Hopper

Committed a sad social cropper;

She went to South Bend

With a gentleman friend;

The rest of the story's improper.

*An optimist is a duty sergeant who makes out a roster in ink.*

**ONE YEAR AGO THIS WEEK IN THE GREENWOOD GREMLIN**

WAAC cadre of 12 auxiliaries arrived from Ft. Devens, Mass. and were quartered in hospital. Third Officer Marcia Schuman arrived following day from Camp Polk, La. to take over as CO. Third Officers Loy Matthews and Catherine Tufts were assigned as Executive Officer and Mess and Supply Officer, respectively.

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*Post was decidedly all agog over forthcoming visit of cinema-actress Carole Landis, recently returned from four-month tour of England, Ireland and Africa.*

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Funds for construction of Post swimming pool were assured by pledges of five Greenwood civic organizations: Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, and Traveling Men's Club.

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Capt. (now Major) Michael Wasilenko defeated Col. Joel Mallory in finale of Officers Tennis Tournament and was presented with a figurative crown of tennis balls.

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Hit of the week was the take-it-off order on neckwear. Fit to be untied, military personnel immediately became much cooler under the collar.



# GAAP SPORTSLANT



Lords of all they survey, chesty pfc. "Whitey" Burnham (left) and Pvt. George Wimberg, lifeguards, gaze out over the cool expanse of water known as the post Swimming pool. (Photo by S/Sgt. Garofalo)

## SPORTS CHATTER

After retreat is sounded and the sun is setting, the GAAP Softball League goes into full sway every Tuesday and Thursday. If you hear some unfamiliar sounds or chatter you will know that it comes from one of the many diamonds on the Post. The games have been all closely played but poorly attended. All personnel are invited to attend all and any athletic events scheduled on the Post. Come on, men, and support your section team ... June 14 Section A-1 defeated Section E, 6-3. Section C forfeited to Section C-3, 10-

0, and Section A forfeited to Section B, 10-0. Your reporter has seen Sections B, E, C-3 and A-1 play and each team has that never-give-up spirit and these sections are the smallest group. The other sections with the largest number of men to draw from are the teams that show the least amount of interest ... Swimming, tennis, golf range, bowling, soft ball, baseball and many other sports—sounds like a country club. Well, that is just the setup for those interested in playing these sports. The facilities and equipment are on hand ready for all to use.

## DUAL SWIM MEET TOMORROW BETWEEN ENLISTED MEN AND MEMBERS TRAINEE DETACHMENT

A dual Swimming Meet between the Trainee Detachment and GAAP enlisted men will be staged at the swimming pool tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

The trainees, with Fred Jackson and Jim Sharpe as managers, boast a strong lineup of experienced men. A/Ts F. S. Hines ex-collegiate star from Ohio, and R. Levesque, diving artist, will feature the trainee lineup. Mainstay for the enlisted men and holdover from last year, is Gene Grenier who excels in both swimming and diving. He is expected to repeat or better his performances of the past again this season.

A definite need for more swimming talent was noted by Physical Training Director Lt. C.E. Maroney who requested all enlisted personnel with experience in competitive swimming and a desire to try out for the Post swimming team to report to S/Sgt. Bob Hirsch or Pvt. G. Wimberg at the pool.

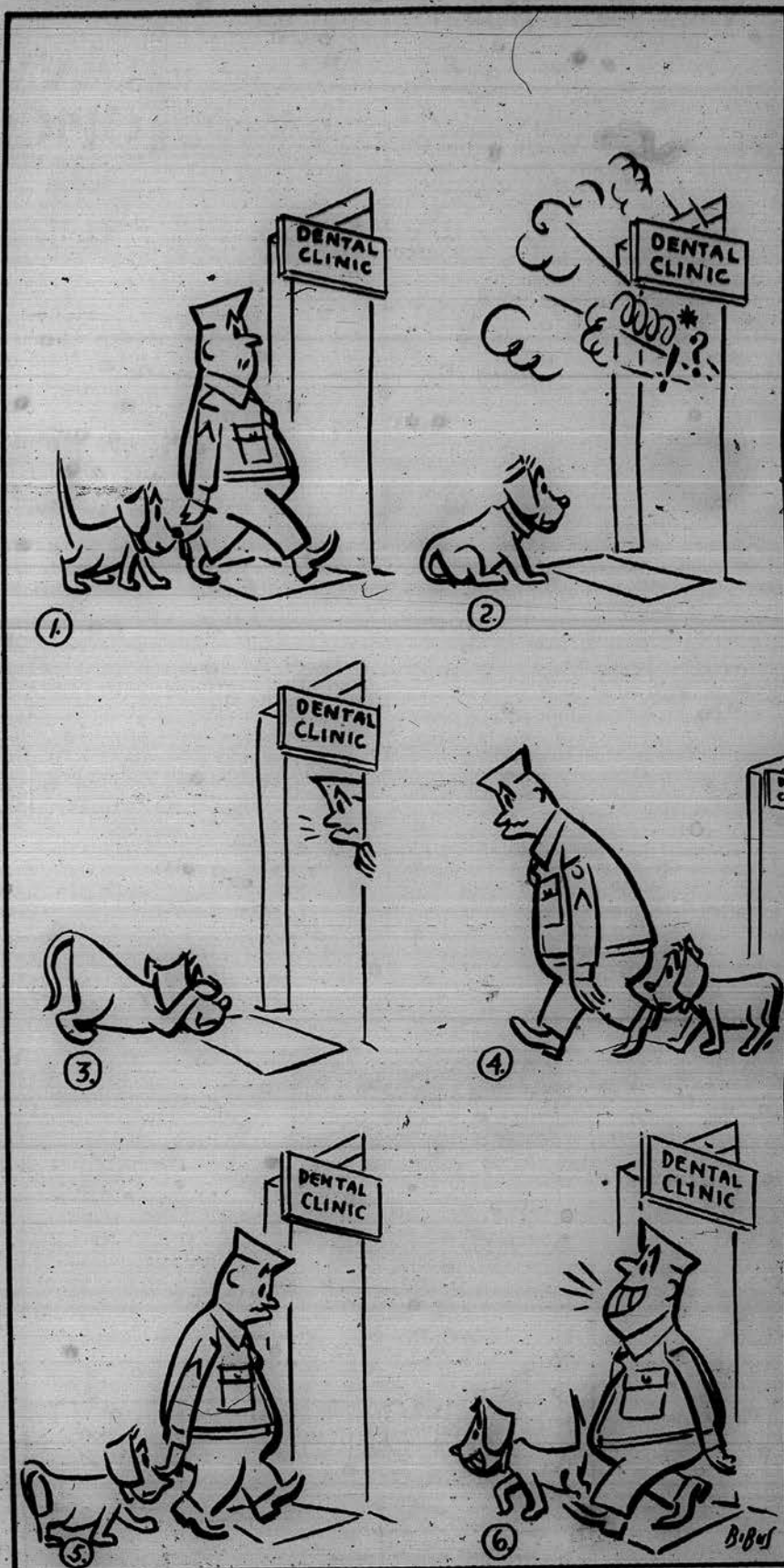
## SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS as of Wednesday

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
Section B	3	1	.750
Section A-1	3	1	.750
Section E	2	2	.500
Section C-3	2	2	.500
Section A	1	3	.250
Section C	1	3	.250

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sports material for this page was compiled by S/Sgt. Bill Metz of the Physical Training Dept., substituting for Sgt. Edward Paolucci who was transferred this week to Laredo, Texas.





### SKIBBE WELCOMED BACK: CHALMERS OFF TO MAXWELL: TEEKAH & SCHIRMER TOURING

#### By The Unholy Three

Lucille Skibbe was greeted back to our fold like a long lost sister. It's grand to have you back, Skipper, and looking so well, too.

Another bed in Barrack # 1 was left vacant when Trudy Chalmers left on DS headed for Maxwell Field to join the ranks of WAC recruiters. We are wondering if she'll get a chance to continue with her suntanning, especially after all those hours spent acquiring a good foundation. For your information, Trudy, Spetty is going around with that bewildered expression.

By the time this goes to print Iris Teekah and Melanie Schirmer will be touring Mississippi on a drive for more Wacs.

What an excited gal was Ruth Leiby Madril when she got that phone call from her husband saying he was in Greenwood. And what a scramble to get ready to meet him.

Section D is growing! Four new additions to the WAC Detachment have arrived. A hearty welcome to Eugenia Benedetti, Margaret Reardon, Margaret Kingsley and Mildred Ware.

On a trip to Jackson, Martha Halstenson visited Lovada Faust and Grace Randler at Foster General Hospital and found them both getting along very well. All of us are glad to hear you're making such good progress, Grace and Lovada, and are looking forward to seeing you back at GAAP soon.

The phonograph player in our dayroom is really getting a workout these days what with Ann Rurka and her Spanish concerto and Roberta Monroe with hill-billy music and Zita Beggs' Twiller Dee.



## POST THEATRE

### SATURDAY

"JOHNNY DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE" with Simone Simon and James Ellison. Also Joe Reichman Orchestra in "Pagliacci Swings It" and Sports Parade.

### SUNDAY & MONDAY

"THIS IS THE LIFE" with Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan, Suzanna Foster and Louise Albritton. Also color cartoon and news.

### TUESDAY

"THE SCARLET CLAW" with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. Also "CALL OF THE SOUTH SEAS" with Alan Lane, Bill Henry and Adele Mara.

### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"THE EVE OF ST. MARK" with Michael O'Shea and Anne Baxter. Also Donald Duck cartoon "Commando Duck" and latest news.

### FRIDAY

"DOUBLE INDEMNITY" with Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray and Edward G. Robinson. Also Snafu in Army-Navy Screen Magazine.

## News From Home

**Austin, Tex. (CNS)**—When Dan Moody was elected temporary chairman of the State Democratic Convention recently, a friend rushed up and clapped him on the back heartily. Moody gulped, swallowed a short cigar he was chewing, and left the room hurriedly.

**Boston (CNS)**—Just as two policemen broke into a flat to arrest a couple of horse players, a pet parrot squawked: "Cheese it, the cops!" The warning came too late, however, for the officers arrested the gamblers and seized several hundred horse race betting slips.

**Chicago (CNS)**—The Railway Express Agency collected \$150.75 transportation charges from County Coroner A. L. Brodie on a trunk in which the body of a murdered woman was shipped here from Los Angeles. Charges on the trunk were only \$26.48, the agency explained, but the additional rate was for the body. "We're charging the regular double first class rate for that," the expressman said.

**Detroit (CNS)**—Mrs. Dorothy Malin won a divorce here after she testified that she had not protested when her husband brought his former wife to live with them, but became fed up when he insisted that she entertain his girl friends, too.

**Joliet, Ill. (CNS)**—When Clifford Beebe, 13, refused to help his brother William, 10, with the dishes, William shot his brother in the stomach with his father's gun. "Now I'm going to be boss around here for a while," he remarked.



USO -- 415 Howard St.

**SATURDAY**--Weekend dance at 8:45  
**SUNDAY**--Java Hour, 9:00--11:00. Community sing at 8:00. Refreshments at 6:00. Feature movie at 7:30.

**MONDAY**--Game time informal dance  
**TUESDAY**--Spanish class at 7:30

**WEDNESDAY**--Table tennis tourney, games. Quiz - prizes.

**THURSDAY**--Weekly GAAP Dance at 8:45.

**FRIDAY**--Army Wives Club. Informal dance. Progressive games.

**LEGION HUT**--E. Claiborne St.

**SATURDAY**--Free dancing, games, cards, ping pong, etc.

**SUNDAY**--Dancing from 3:00 to 11:00. Fortune telling. Refreshments at 8:30.

### CADET CENTER

Located corner Henderson and Washington Sts. in Confederate Memorial Building. Open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM.

### GREENWOOD CHURCHES

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, 700 West Washington. Open 2:00 to 10:00. Open Sunday afternoons and after evening service. Game tables and free stationery.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, corner Washington and Main Sts. Open Monday thru Friday, 7:00--10:00

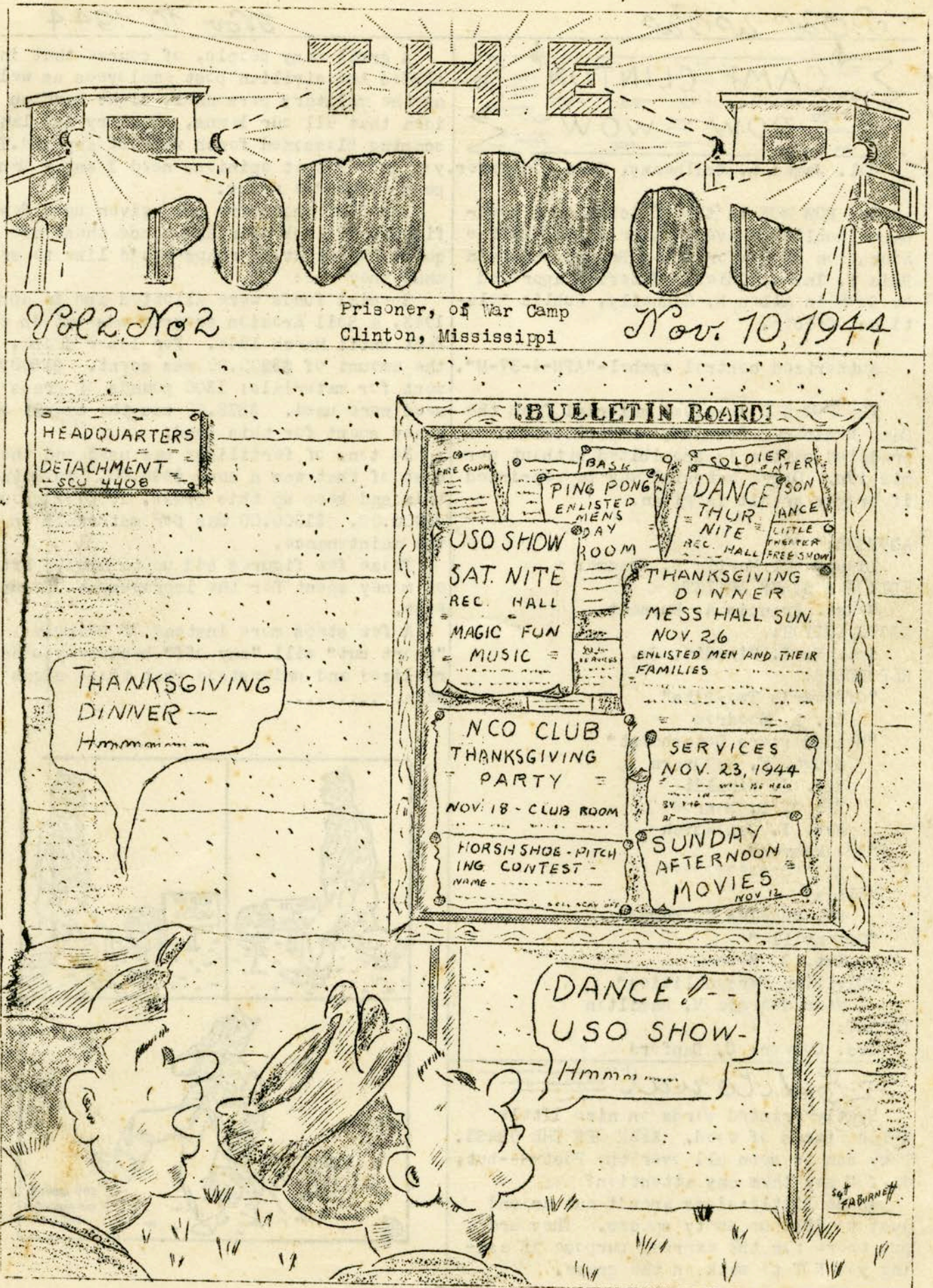
**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**, corner Cotton and Washington Sts. Entrance on Cotton St. Open all hours. Sundays only, 5:30--7:30



"He has a date tonight. Do you have any more numbers?"

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## CAMP CLINTON

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## Editorial

Neatly printed words on nice little white pieces of wood. KEEP OFF THE GRASS. They can be seen all over the Post----but, do YOU pay them any attention?

These little signs aren't put around just to fill up empty spaces. They are put there for the express purpose of asking you NOT to walk on the grass.

A great many people, of course that includes the civilian post employees as well as the military personnel, might have an idea that all our lawns, shubbery and landscaping blossomed forth without any aid. If you are of that opinion, need I say - Wrong people, you're wrong.

The Post Engineers have given us a few figures to look over and since these are quite important, perhaps you'd like to see what they are:

Special funds were allotted and in April 1943, a Soil Erosion program was put in effect until March 1944. For labor alone, the amount of \$3200.00 was spent. \$1800.00 went for materials; 1300 pounds of grass seed were used. \$873.00 was the amount of money spent for this seed.

34 tons of fertilizer was used and the cost of that was a mere \$998.00. To maintain and keep up this grass, it took around \$3000.00. \$1300.00 was for materials on the maintenance.

Those few figures add up to a good bit of money spent for the improvement of our Post.

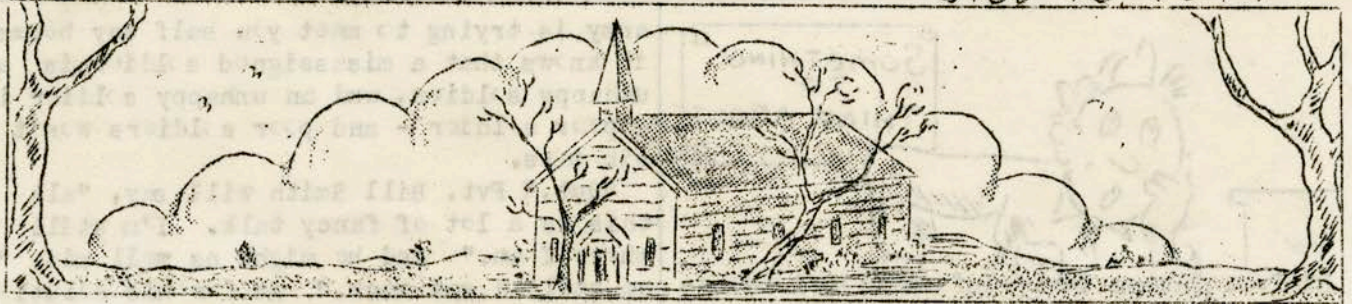
A few steps more instead of using a "short cut" will "pay off" because you have realized and understood what those signs mean.....





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#### NATIONWIDE BIBLE READING

A nationwide Bible reading is being sponsored by the American Bible Society. It is taken for granted that Christian soldiers read their Bible and we know that they do read the Scriptures. However, this movement is intended for intensified reading of Scriptures from Thanksgiving until Christmas. To begin this special study and reading on Thanksgiving Day is significant. We certainly have abundant reasons for rendering thanks unto God for the manifold blessings, personal and national, showered upon us during the past year. I would suggest that we begin right now to jot down God's blessings received day by day until Thanksgiving Day. You will be amazed at the mountain of accumulated blessings. You will experience how happy a truly grateful person can be and how much easier your daily task becomes.

We were speaking of Bible reading. Yet how can we be truly grateful without knowing what our great God has done for us and still does. This we may realize by experience and observation, but also, particularly by reading His Word.

The Bible is not a difficult book to understand if we read it prayerfully with an open mind and heart. At first it may seem odd and difficult to understand. If you read it with a yearning of knowledge, you will find it the most fascinating book that never grows old.

The Bible is composed of 66 books. In it you find not only a variety of style, but varied contents. You will find books of history, poetry and letters. Read it through from cover to cover. Then, take a certain book, chapter or passage for thorough study. If you feel like reading poetry peruse the book of Psalms, Proverbs or Song of Solomon. Would you read a love story, read the greatest love story ever written, the story of Ruth. There are other subjects of law and prophesy, letters of St. Paul, the four gospels. Some you may read in one sitting. Reading your Bible in such a manner, you will get an over-all picture of each book.

Read with one intent, however, as the Master Himself admonishes us: "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me."

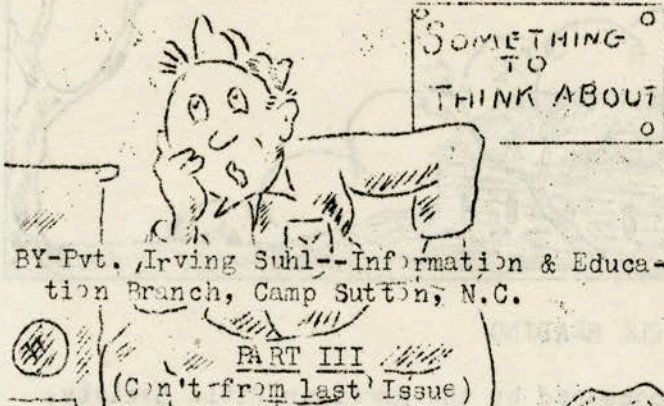
--Chaplain Martin G. Brammer

General Protestant Services at the Enlisted Men's Day Room every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Catholic Mass at the Foster General Hospital Chapel every Sunday morning at nine thirty. Transportation will be furnished. Those wishing to attend will notify the Post Chaplain or call 40 before 1600 every Saturday.

Jewish Services - Sabbath Worship Services are held at Beth Israel Temple, corner Woodrow Wilson Drive and North State Street every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.





Well, we've had about enough of eaves-dropping. Let's take time out to digest what we've heard and maybe add an opinion or two of our own.

We don't know the exact circumstances that led to Pvt. Smith's blowing his top. But let's give him the full benefit of the doubt and say that he did get a raw deal in the army - misclassified, misassigned, no furlough in eight months and in addition to all that, he's got a bug in his head that for some strange reason the First Sergeant doesn't like him personally and made him his pet extra duty boy. Is a situation like this possible? It certainly is. Remember: The army is the biggest organization in the world. It has to accomplish a thorough and efficient job in a short space of time, with millions of men from all walks of life and all sorts of backgrounds. And if you take into account the fact that there are 8,000 occupations calling for civilian skills while the Army has only about 800 different types of jobs to fill, you can readily see how easy it is not only for Bill Smith but for thousands and perhaps hundreds of thousands of Bill Smiths to be misclassified.

If you have the kind of eye that sees beyond your nose you cannot help but notice that the army, in spite of over-whelming odds is actually performing a miracle of organization.

Add to this the solid fact that the Army's primary function in war time is to fight & win a war and you will not only appreciate the job it is doing but you will develop a respect for it and be proud that you are a part of it. Remember, the army cannot adjust itself to you. You have to adjust yourself to the army. This is as plain as the nose on your face. Nevertheless, the

army is trying to meet you half way because it knows that a misassigned soldier is an unhappy soldier, and an unhappy soldier is a poor soldier - and poor soldiers won't win wars.

"But," Pvt. Bill Smith will say, "all this is a lot of fancy talk. I'm still where I am." And he might as well add, "I am still a sad sack." As for his solution to his problem, you have heard a while ago over the hill. Well, is this the solution? Certainly not! Not only will it not solve his own problem but if there are many like him, thinking and feeling the same way, they are letting down their buddies & their country, and in the long run it means giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

But there is another very important fact which Pfc. Kelly forgot to mention and that is the Stockade.

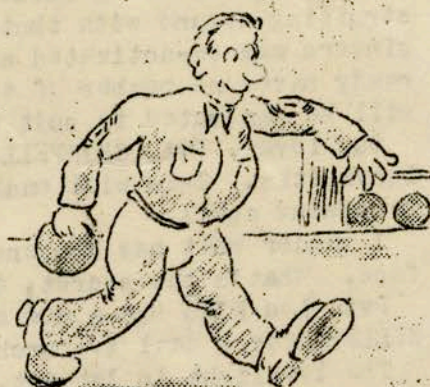
A Stockade is a law-enforcing agency within the framework of the Army structure. Its existence, or nonexistence, depends entirely upon you, the individual soldier. Any infringement of the Army's rules and regulations, if of a serious enough nature, will land a soldier in the Stockade. And because the AWOL case is the predominant one, we will use it as a typical example.

Let us suppose that Pvt. Bill Smith does carry out his threat and goes over the hill for a week or two or three he moves about slinkingly, like a hunted man. And hunted he is, in more ways than one, make no mistake about it. When he laughs there is a hollow ring to his laughter. When he talks to people about his work in the Army there is a voice within him saying mockingly: you lie, you lie. He sees a friend and he ducks. He sees an M.P. and his heart is in his throat, and there is always that skeleton in the closet - his conscience. Finally the Army catches up with him and he ends up in the Stockade. But unfortunately Bill Smith isn't the only AWOL case in the Army. There are others who think and act like him. So let us do a little arithmetic and see what it adds up to. Again we will use Camp X as an illustration. Let us suppose that it has an average of 200 prisoners which require a permanent staff of 50 M.P.'s, 30 guards drawn from the units on the Post and 3 officers. But that is not all. There is a job of feeding and administration of the prisoners done by the M.P. Detachment. There are both officers (con't on page 13)





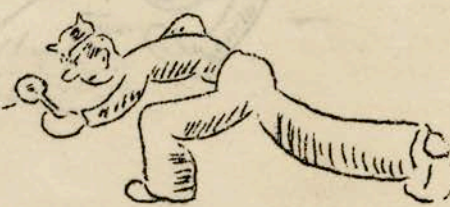
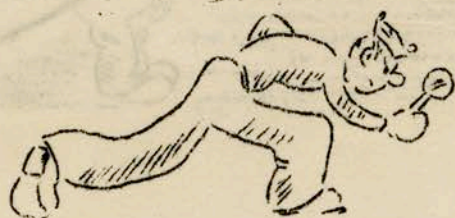
House of Ravioli would fold...Sgt. MAXIE (BRONXIE) EICHHORN did not tell all about his trip to Memphis, according to the tale MAXIE gave us, his first call was at the U.S.O. We hear different...How about our two big boys SGTs. HERLONG and DANKO teaching the gals of Post Hqrs the art of bowling, wish I were a kingpin...Why in the world did the GREAT BRUSKOFF, a grandson of the famous ROMANOFFS, shave off his mustache. Heard in Jackson that his leading lady did not like it...Why did it take two and a half hours for SGT. WAACK to sell a few dollars worth of tickets at the N.C.O. shindig...Sgt. EDDIE GRANATT and SGT. MEYER SEGAL now have the city of Jackson by the tail...After Notre Dame's crushing defeat at the hands of the Navy last Saturday, I suggest the Notre Dame Coach contact the following men who would really fit in the picture, especially the back-field: OLYVOWSKI, ANDRYCHOWSKI, JIZIERSKI and FLECKOWSKI. Sgt. DANKO & Sgt. JANIK will act as interpreters...Ask Sgts. CHILDERS & BAKER the definition of a Yard Bird, they didn't quite know but Ye Reporter does and How! ...Four of our boys, on the advice of Cpl. FUSARO, held a seance in the Day Room the other day. Mike told them if they wanted to find out how long they would be in the Army, just ask the table. They all went into a trance, the only thing moved was Cpl. FUSARO. The participants were Pvts. ARTHUR COX, TEXAS SLIM HENSLEY, JAMES SCIPIONE & CHESTER KAMMERER...One of our First Sgts. buys a bottle of water for \$2.50 from a porter on the train the other day. I VARNER WHY?...Pvt. WILSON spends a 15 day furlough in Jackson, wonder what the attraction is?...T/5 MONROE had a bit of an accident on



his cycle the other day. Better change from Motor to Bi, MONROE, its much better...S/Sgt. MITCHELL has been going on so many trips lately he said he feels like a traveling salesman...The Privates figure as long as there is an Officers Club and an NCO Club, they might as well have one. Good Luck, boys, hope it goes over with a bang....A sight for sore eyes--Cpl. SCHAL and his long undies, hear that the Cpl. has asked for a transfer to the Land of Fire in South America...Sgts. BOYD and WHISENHUNT went for a ride to Vicksburg the other day - Pretty foggy, wasn't it, boys?...Sgt. VICE is handling Sgt. CANO'S job while CANO is on furlough and is doing a fine job of it...Pvt. PODVIN could not get to Jackson the other night soooo Jackson came to him. Which made our Steward very happy...Sgt. DEL CORDES is very unhappy - says he misses his pal "SKINNY" MC MURRAY who is on furlough...S/Sgt. Farnsworth went over the river so many times Saturday night, we thought he was an Admiral.....

This winds up another column of POW WOW Gossip and with Oceans of Love, we remain.....

Your SNOOPERS.....





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# GREENVILLE DET.

We'll first start by congratulating Lt. WHITTAKER on the arrival of the latest addition to his family, a baby boy. Good luck to the three. Now, we can all stop sweating it out....

Our new PX for American Personnel is being readied for its official opening. It will be called, "Club Bigelow" because S/Sgt. WILLIE is the one who conceived and constructed it.

T/Sgt. OLYOWSKI loves this place so much he can't get away even though he is on furlough. It could be the Chicken he is strutting around with that keeps him here. Our Corps of Engineers was re-activated after a long period of rest. We already have one member of the Cadre. The landscape of our camp will be renovated to suit the tastes of all.

Our lover, Pvt. SHEPPLE, is bed-ridden with a bad case of laryngitis. This will enable the Greenville belles to get a breathing spell.

I wonder what has happened to Pvt. HERZOG. He sure has a continuous grin on his face. What's the secret, George?

Pvt. Lou KING Has a new baby...a car...Congratulations. My good friend, Cpl. Tom KELLEY made a deal to purchase the Greenville Hotel but ran short of cash.

The lovelight in 1st Sgt. GRIMES' eyes is growing brighter every day. Yours truly is day-dreaming quite a bit these days thinking of his coming furlough and the reunion with a pretty chorine who is patiently awaiting the homecoming...

Lt. BUCHANAN lost his pet dog, Louie. To show how fickle the Lt. is, he has another one.

The morale of the men in this detachment is very high due to the excellent furlough rotating system inaugurated by our C.O. Watch the furloughs roll by is the pass word here.

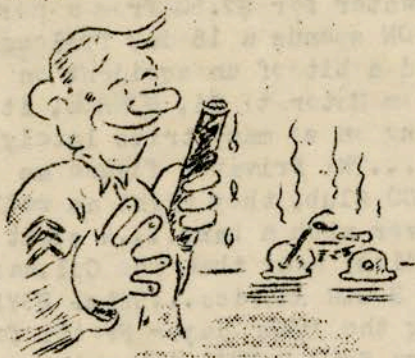
Sgt. Jimmie DEFF must be a boy scout because on the way to town, he did his daily good deed and extinguished a motorcycle fire. Your N. Y. correspondent was an interested onlooker.....

## SPORT RESULTS:

### GOLF SCORES - NINE HOLES

Lt. Buchanan. . . . .	53
1st. Sgt. Grimes. . . . .	46
Pvt. Stack. . . . .	59

(Remaining nine holes to be played some other time---  
Stamina permitting.....)





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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
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MEMORANDUM FOR POST, CAMP, AND STATION COMMANDER, FOURTH SERVICE COMMAND.

1. From time to time, anonymous letters are received by various officers at Fourth Service Command Headquarters. Invariably, such letters are written to criticize an individual and to undermine the standing of that individual before his or her division, branch or section chief.
2. Anonymous letters have no standing before the law. They deserve none, because the writer of an anonymous letter can draw freely upon his or her imagination, can introduce innuendoes at will and can use libelous language without restraint.
3. Anonymous letter writers are actuated by envy, selfishness or hatred. Almost invariably, they have only partial familiarity with the matters upon which they base their accusations. Finally, they LACK THE COURAGE to sign the poison pen accusations that they make.
4. It is the desire of the undersigned that courageous action be taken at all levels of command within the Fourth Service Command to increase the efficiency and improve the morale of the individual, and to raise the standards of all service command operations. Suggestions from any individual throughout the organization are not only received - they are sought. However, unsigned accusations against members of the Fourth Service Command Team -- military or civilian -- have the same standing at Fourth Service Command Headquarters as they have in courts of law -- namely, no standing whatsoever.
5. This memorandum will be posted on bulletin boards and will be given publicity in post, camp and station newspapers.

/s/ F. E. Uhl,  
F. E. UHL,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.





# OFFICER'S TWO-BITS

This week has been designated "Know Your Fellow Officers" week. In celebration of this forward step by the Committee of the Mess (of the Officer's Mess), Chaplain Brammer is sponsoring this identity contest....He is giving two first prizes for the two highest scorers. The prizes are FREE SIX MONTHS SUBSCRIPTIONS to the POW WOW....Every body who is paid up at the Officer's Club is eligible to participate...

In the box provided next to the identified quotation, the Officer's number only is placed:

"Let's not kid ourselves". . . . .	
"Now take this here case". . . . .	
"Uh - and so on and so forth". . . . .	
"Now looky chere". . . . .	
"Jeepers". . . . .	
"I 'reckon so". . . . .	
"Who's the 'Feather merchant' with the bald-headed Captains?"	
"Nipe, not yet - change that to 'Finally!'". . . . .	
"Awk Tung". . . . .	
"Yup - did I ever tell you about the time I ran a whole dental clinic myself - pulled teeth and everything". . . . .	
"Awright, sonny boy". . . . .	
" (Silence) ". . . . .	

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Colonel McIlhenny | 7. Lt. Whittaker   |
| 2. Major Viola       | 8. Capt. Harris    |
| 3. Major Fitzpatrick | 9. Major Bellin    |
| 4. Capt. Inman       | 10. Capt. Conner   |
| 5. Lt. Hanka         | 11. Lt. McCullough |
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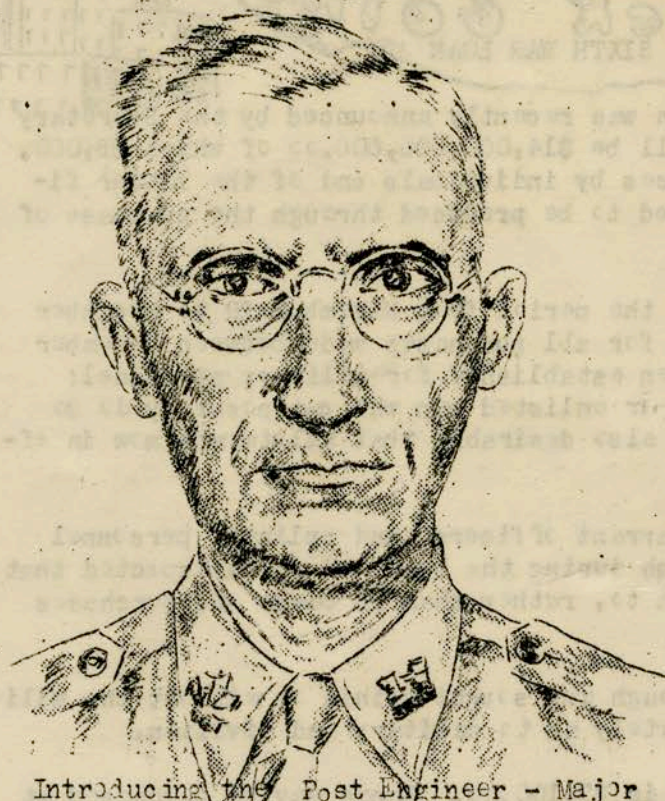
Send all answers to Chaplain Brammer on this page or a reasonable facsimile thereof.



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# THE BARS & STRIPES



Introducing the Post Engineer - Major HENRY VAUGHAN FITZPATRICK. Born in a small Georgia town called Culloden, June 25, 1899. He's a graduate of University of Georgia. Has made Atlanta his home for the past 20 years. Plans to return to private business after the war. Received commission of a Captain when he entered the service in '42.

Hunting and fishing are favorite outdoor sports but also likes reading. So busy that it takes nearly a month to read the Readers Digest.

He mentioned one of the outstanding experiences he's had. It was the time he was in an A-29 which ground-looped as it came in for a landing at Drew Field, Florida...The Major said it happened so quickly that he didn't have time to get scared.

He hopes to get a pilots license and wants to do a great deal of traveling by air after the war.

The Major has been stationed at McDill Field, Tampa, Florida where he was Assistant Post Engineer and also at Dale Mabry Field in Tallahassee as Post Engineer.

HATS OFF: MAJOR FITZPATRICK.

We now present to you - S/Sgt. Max EICHHORN.

Max was born February 20, 1916, in Richey, Germany. In 1934, he came to this country and made New York City his home. He is now a United States Citizen having received his papers in May 1940.

The Greetings came on Feb. 14, 1941. He was inducted at Fort Dix, had basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

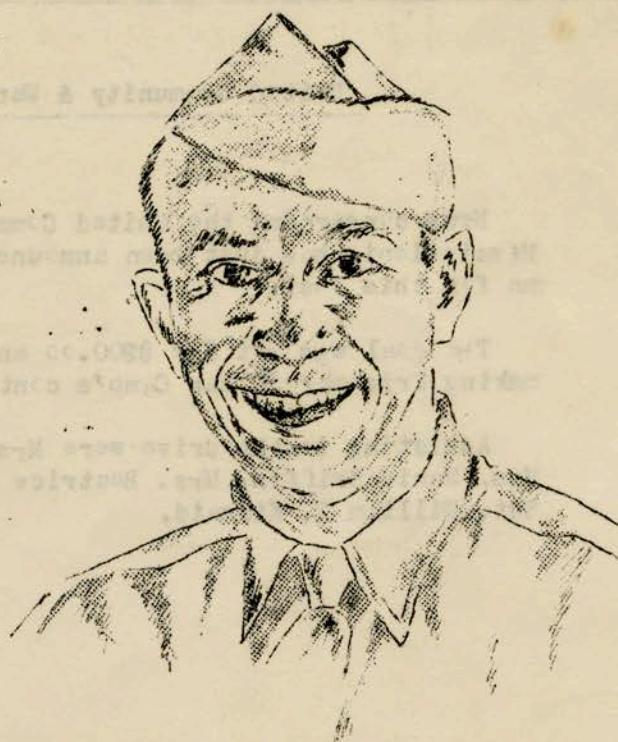
After basic was over, he joined the 2d Armored Division at Benning. Max was then sent to Baker's and Cooks School, later he opened schools for the WAC's Bakers and Cooks at Daytona Beach, Florida, and Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

He returned to Benning and from there, he transferred to Camp Clinton in September of 1943. Sgt. Eichhorn is now serving as an Interpreter in Stockade Headquarters.

Max is the very proud papa of Evelyn Bernice, his 5 1/4 months old daughter who was born here in Jackson at Foster General.

As far as sports are concerned, Max is interested in Basketball and the terrific game of Ping Pong.

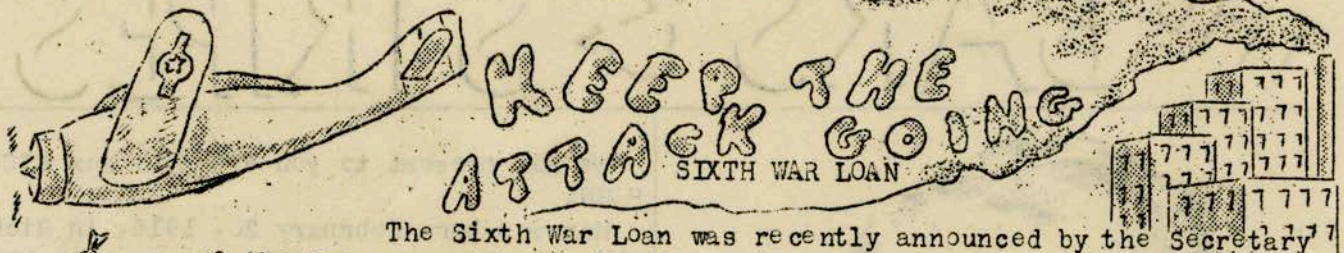
HATS OFF: S/Sgt. EICHHORN.





POW WOW

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The Sixth War Loan was recently announced by the Secretary of the Treasury. The goal will be \$14,000,000,000.00 of which \$5,000,000,000.00 is to come from purchases by individuals and of the latter figure, \$2,500,000,000.00 is expected to be produced through the purchase of Series E War Savings Bonds.

While the concentrated drive will cover the period from November 20 to December 16, 1944, inclusive, credit will be given for all purchases made between November 1 and December 31, 1944. No quota has been established for military personnel; however, it is expected that each officer or enlisted man who can possibly do so will initiate a class B allotment. It is also desirable that allotments now in effect be increased.

All civilians, commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel are urged to buy at least one bond for cash during the loan and it is expected that such purchases will be made as an addition to, rather than in place of, purchases by means of regular pay-roll deductions.

Cash purchases (at cost price) made through any source within or without the Military Establishment will be reported separately as to military and civilian.

The goal for the civilians of this Post is \$7,100.00. Bonds may be purchased at the Finance Office.

Soldiers can purchase the new "G.I. Bond" for \$7.50.

#### United Community & War Fund for Hinds County, Miss.

News concerning the United Community and War Fund for Hinds County, Mississippi, has just been announced by Captain Buis T. Inman, Chairman for this Post.

The goal was set for \$200.00 and this was exceeded by \$57.00 thus making Prisoner of War Camp's contribution \$257.00.

Assisting in the drive were Mrs. Ann Roberts, Miss Doris Holliday, Mrs. Marie Griffin, Mrs. Beatrice Feigenbaum, Miss Georgia Hamilton and Sgt. William T. Kincaid.



## CIVILIAN PERSONALITIES

The nucleus of a bowling team had their first bowling practice on Tuesday night. Coreene Danford, Martha Hines, Ann Walter, Helen Jolly and Eleanor Day have sore thumbs to prove it. They say Ann is pretty good, and some of the others aren't too bad. It is hoped that there will be at least a half dozen more bowlers present next Tuesday night. All the girls on the Post are urged to take part. They bowl in Jackson at 7:30 every Tuesday night.

The Quartermaster Office would like to announce a new addition (or should I say additions?) Since the last edition of the POW WOW, nine personalities have been added to QM staff. We can't tell you their names, for no one has had the time to name them as yet but the Chief Clerk has assured us that none shall be named "Opie".

By the way, if anyone would like to have a two-weeks-old pup, call 33, and if you promise to raise it in the approved QM manner, it might be arranged for you to have one.

Katherine Burris' husband has very good taste. Just look at the opal earrings he sent her from Australia and you'll agree. They are an anniversary gift so if you want to wish her a happy anniversary any time between now and next Feb 19, the wish will be apropos.

Why has Amy Pruitt been singing "How Come You Do Me Like You Do?" all week? It's a mystery the entire hospital would like to solve.

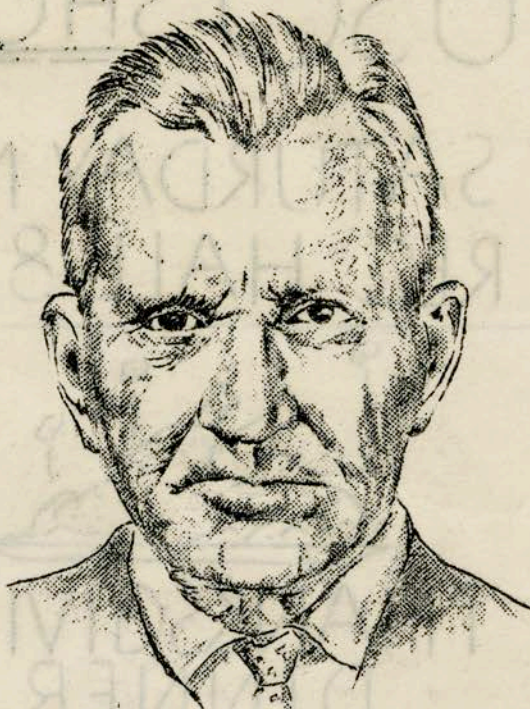
The Post Engineer Office force celebrated on Wednesday night with a dinner and dance at the Heidelberg Hotel.....

One of our former employees, Etoile Hobbs (or "Woody", as we know her) came out for her visit on Saturday of last week. She's really looking well - keeping house must be good for her.

And have you heard - Helen Truman's fe-line pet was honored with a "Cat Shower" at noon time at the hospital the other day. She

was presented with many lovely gifts, including a beautiful baby book, and some catnip. It looks like the hospital is going to compete with the QM office one of these days.

Mrs. Troiano, who is away at school, sends word she doesn't have much time to see the sights. She'll be back next Mon. Glad???



Mr. ALGERNON B. HOBBS was born in Brandon, Mississippi, on August 3, 1888. He attended public schools in Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

Mr. Hobbs is employed here on the post at the Water and Sewerage Disposal plants. He came to POWC in March 1943 which makes him one of the first civilian employees.

Before coming to POWC, Mr. Hobbs held a position with a construction company and he worked as a field clerk on such projects as the Jackson Air Base and the Woodrow Wilson Highway. For six years, he was State Factory Inspector and also served two yrs. as Asst. Commandant at Mis. St. College.

Fishing and hunting are his hobbies and she's played "small-town" base-ball.

Mr. Hobbs states that he has enjoyed working on this post due to the very pleasant surroundings and likeable people.

Many of his early acquaintances have gone out several of his "old" friends are still here.

He has lived in Jackson for the past twenty years. He's married and the father of two children, a girl and boy. His son, B., Jr., has a position with the O.F.A.

HATS OFF: Mr. HOBBS.



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# USO SHOW

## SATURDAY NITE

## REC HALL 8PM



# THANKSGIVING DINNER

..FOR THE ENLISTED MEN OF THE POST WILL BE HELD IN THE MESS HALL ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1944.

THERE WILL BE TWO DINNERS.....

FOR THOSE G.I.'s WHO WISH TO HAVE AN EARLY MEAL SO THAT THEY CAN GO TO TOWN THE FIRST DINNER WILL BE HELD AT 11:00 A.M.

FOR THOSE G.I.'s WHO WISH TO BRING THE WIFE AND FAMILY THE SECOND DINNER WILL BE AT 1:00 P.M.

### N.C.O. CLUB THANKSGIVING PARTY

THE MEMBERS OF THE CAMP CLINTON NCO CLUB ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE CLUB ROOMS ON NOVEMBER 18, 1944.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES

BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1944.

THERE WILL BE TWO SHOWINGS OF THE MOVIES ON SUNDAY IN THE POST THEATER.

SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. & SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

### THE WOLF

by SANSONE



# ENLISTED MEN'S DANCE

THERE WILL BE A DANCE EVERY THURSDAY EVENING IN THE POST RECREATION HALL.... MUSIC BY THE CAMP CLINTON ORCHESTRA.

### IN JACKSON

Saturday night dances at the Service Men Center every week. Informal dance on Tuesday nights also.

Service Men Family Night at Battlefield Park every Monday night.

Join the crowd and enjoy yourselves!!!

### LITTLE THEATER

The Little Theater of Jackson announces a Three Act Play entitled "On Borrowed Time" will be presented FREE to Servicemen and their friends.

The date is: Monday Evening, Nov. 20, '44 Time: 8:PM. Transportation will be arranged.

### OFFICERS DANCE

There will be a formal dance Saturday Eve. Nov. 18 at the Officers Club.

Music will be furnished by the Camp Clinton Orchestra.

-12- Sign now: - "How many coming?"