

PX--Army's Own Market Place, Rendezvous

Low Prices, Complete Stocks Adair PX Aim

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Purveyor of popcorn and pop, crossroads grocer and big-town department store rolled into one, Joe Private's own not so private club. That is your PX, one of the Army's most useful and democratic devices.

Currently there are sixteen units in operation at Adair and included in these are the main restaurant as well as the cafeteria and soda fountain in the Service Club.

The long arm of Army Exchange Procurement reaches into every corner of the land to bring the GI the things he needs over and above those furnished by the Army.

Prices Nice

Moreover the prices are scaled at the lowest figure commensurate with sound financial policy and, according to Lt. Malone, Assistant Exchange Officer, the items charged for many items in Adair's exchanges are even lower than those that prevail at other Army Posts.

What is the item most purchased at the PX? Cigarettes, and sales at one time approached the staggering total of a half-million packages monthly. Coca Cola remains the most popular beverage with beer sales running its impressive (we might say fawning) figures. Candy bars, dentifrices, shaving equipment, stationery, shoe polish and soap follow in the order named.

Restricted amounts of various commodities make it difficult even for the Post Exchange to maintain supplies of all items at all times. Remember that many items are "allocated" and only limited amounts are obtainable. Chewing gum, razor blades, fountain pens and pencils, and watches are examples of allocated items.

Trained Personnel

Under Lt. William H. Ross, Exchange Officer, and Assistant Exchange Officers, Lts. Laura V. McNair, Baynard W. Malone and John L. Morrison, a trained civilian staff is at work in the stores, warehouse and office of the Post Exchange.

With the barbering and tailoring service made available by the PX, there's no excuse for the GI about to set forth on his date to be anything less than a specimen of soldierly sartorial splendor.

Conquiding with current policy, the amount of jewelry and novelty items available has been cut considerably but every effort is made to maintain complete stocks of necessities.

PXs Began Back in Revolutionary War

Known as 'Canteens' When Army Took Over

Is our Post Exchange a new idea? In some ways, yes. But in others it has existed since men formed themselves into armies for mutual protection or to wage war.

Simple as are a soldier's needs, history tells us that they have always been purveyed to him in some manner or form. During the Revolutionary War, traders called "sutlers" followed the Army. They are better remembered for the profit that accrued to them than for the pleasure that their wares brought to the Colonial Army. Some of our early American fortunes were begun in this manner.

The Civil War found the institution of Post Traders in operation and the situation only slightly improved. These were civilian operated without military regulation. It wasn't until 1889 that the military began to operate its own "canteens" and not until 1893 that the idea gained Congressional recognition. This resulted in the use of public buildings and public transportation for the canteens.

The name canteen stuck until 1938 when Congress changed it to Post Exchange. At the same time reading rooms, recreational facilities and restaurants were authorized as Post Exchange functions. In 1941 the name was changed to Army Exchange and so it is despite the fact that individual units are invariably referred to as Post Exchanges.

ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY

Oklahoma City (CNS)—Dr. Carl R. Bailey applied to the OPA for permission to buy a new automobile. "Are you engaged in production of essential materials?" he was asked. "Yes," the doctor replied, "babies." He got the permit.

3,2, the Surest Way to an Enjoyable PX Evening



"YOU CAN TAKE THIS AND"—Tec5 Chester Trangsrud is telling S/Sgt. John Boehr during a round-table discussion. Enjoying the "discussion" are cooks Johnson, Tiedeman, Sonnier, Davis, Tec4 Mason and Pfc. Douglas Hanson, all of the 275th Inf.

PXs GI; Cooperative System Exemplified

Profits From Sales Return to Soldiers

The PX is GI from soup to nuts. For instance: It is cooperative in conception. Our own PX system may have been started with a loan from a fund made possible by the earnings of PXs in operation long before this camp was built.

The percentage of profit is fixed by Army regulation. Careful study determines what the PX shall pay for the items it purchases in the open market. A fair share of the profits are indirectly returned to the men themselves through the periodic dividends paid their parent organizations. These funds make it possible for the various companies to purchase items like radios, day room furniture, a pool table or athletic equipment. Perhaps that party your outfit had recently was made possible by a PX dividend.

Another small portion of the profits helps maintain the central offices of the Army Exchange Service. The principal administration office which handles legal matters, control, statistics, technical

Beer Chips No Workee, Soldier



JUKE BOX MUSIC is one of the things you never get away from in a PX. Here Helen Polk, first PX manager at Adair and currently manager of PX 13, tells Pvt. Ray Deton, motor pool driver and veteran of Alaskan service, that beer chips are no soap. "Hell, they worked all right in Alaska," quoth Pvt. Deton.

Fashion Show; All of It "Under the New Guinea Moon"

New Guinea (CNS)—GIs at a New Guinea base were asked by Red Cross girls what sort of a show they would like to see. "A fashion show," was the reply. So, wearing everything from bathing suits to evening gowns, the girls gave them a fashion show under the New Guinea moon.

Camouflage blinds the enemy! Don't take "short cuts." One man's tracks can reveal a well-concealed position.

Stores Arrive at PX Warehouse



WHEN THE HUGE QUANTITIES of material purchased at the 16 Camp Post Exchanges arrive, they have to be stored somewhere. The warehouse, naturally, and here Bob Goddard is shown stacking such items as shoe polish, shaving cream, candy, and infinitum.

When PX Runs Short, Order Up



FILLING AN ORDER from huge quantities stored in the Post Exchange warehouse is Mrs. Helen Reidel. The greatest quantity of any individual product sold is in cigarettes.

Paper Work in Plenty for PX Central Office



SURE, THAT STUFF you need is right on the PX shelf—but how did it get there? Here's how it all begins. In the PX's central office Mrs. Mildred McCaslin places an order for something that Joe GI needs and wants. Orders for huge quantities of merchandise are placed with business firms throughout the country.

Popcorn Peppy at PX 1 (Bus Depot)



GENIAL WILLIAM R. ELLIS is the civilian selling popcorn from the vending machine at PX 1 to 1st Sgt. Red Mayor, Co. 2, PRTC, 70th Division. "Pop," as Ellis is known, is quite a popper when it comes to popping popcorn.

70th Vehicles Marked With Colored Insignia

Distinctive Designs Identify All Outfits

You may have noticed the new and colorful insignia decorating the rear ends of Trailblazer vehicles these days.

It's "SOP." Every Division does it. The purpose of the bright-hued markings is to provide a distinctive insignia for the vehicles, not only of every regiment and battalion, but of every individual company and battery.

For example, all vehicles of the 270th Engineers bear the same symbol, but in different colors for every company. Headquarters in red, white and blue; Co. A in red and white; Co. B in blue and white, and so on.

Each Division designs its own vehicle marks, under the direction of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4. Those for the 70th were worked out in color by Tec4 Lyman P. Moody, now attached to Headquarters, Division Artillery.

Quick—what company, in what regiment, does that jeep with a red cross in a white circle belong to?

You're right—1st Bn. Hq., 274th Infantry!

SWAPS COLUMN

Loats — Founda
Wants — Sales
et cetera

ATTENTION—WILL THE SGT. who picked up the microphone at George White Center please contact Sgt. Sieff, 4134, or 1st Sgt. Easterwood at the Hospital, as the microphone is needed immediately for band engagements.

WANTED: soldier's wife to care for children, ages 2 and 5, between 1800 and 1900. Evenings free. Exchange for board and room, with double bed, soldier may share room with wife. Mrs. Wayne Traylor, 1098 Medoc St., Albany, phone 1076-R.

FOUND: Man's wrist watch 0500 Apr. 14 in Albany bus depot. Contact Pfc. Aaron W. Autry, Co. I, 276th.

FOR SALE: Smith & Wesson 38 special, 6 1/2 in. bbl., swivel holster, 100 rounds amm., \$55. For added information, phone T/Sgt. Bender, 2986.

LOST: Full-grown Shepherd dog, black and white male. Answers to name "Pete." For reward, call 685-YX Albany, or see Jack D. Fink, 405 West 1st Street.

WILL BUY Chevrolet or Plymouth, K. T. Elmore, Independence, or call Fullmar Service Station.

WANTED: Used car, good tires, sedan. Also table-sized radio. Call 882-M, Corvallis.

FOR RENT: Furnished apt. \$55 per month. All utilities paid. No children or dogs. Mrs. Lottie C. Weber, 675 Monmouth St., Independence, phone 119-J.

FOR RENT: Two furnished apts., \$40 and \$45. Everything furnished. 275 Broad St., Monmouth, phone 6211.

REWARD offered for return of Seeland wristwatch, lost Apr. 15 in Theater 1. Pvt. D. J. Warzynski, 570th Sig. Co. Valuable as keepsake.

Field House Dances start 2000 Friday. Junior Hostesses arrive 2000. Smart GIs—arrive 2000.

Service Ribbons to 375 Civilian Employees



RAY HARTFORD, an electrical maintenance man and oldest PX employee in point of service, receives an award ribbon from Capt. Gilbert A. Waite, Director of Personnel, as Lt. William H. Ross, Exchange Officer, looks on. Capt. Waite is being assisted by his secretary, Faye Woodford. The presentation, at which 375 civilian employees received ribbons emblematic of six-months service, took place in Theater 4 last Monday afternoon.

500 Civilians Attend Orientation Programs

Service Ribbons Presented At Ceremonies in Theater 4

More than 500 Post civilian employees saw showings of "SNAFU" and Army Service Force films at Station Hospital Red Cross Auditorium and Theater 4 on Friday and Saturday, as part of the orientation program underway.

Plus this, and indicative of the generally high quality of work Post civilian employees are turning out, was ceremony at Theater 4, Monday, in which 375 were awarded the Meritorious Service Star, in presentation by Captain Gilbert A. Waite, director of Personnel and Lt. William Ross, Post Exchange Officer.

The presentation was preceded by a program of lively music by the SCU band, under baton of Tec4 Bob Henry.

RECREATION PROGRAM OPEN: SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Your Recreational Program is getting a good start as could be expected, considering how the rains have consistently hampered it. One team has been formed of men from almost every department on the Post. We need another team and relief players. A league has been formed and a schedule made between Officers, Enlisted Mep, and Civilians. Fellows, if there is a pennant to win, there is nothing else good enough. Let's all get behind this program, play and root for our teams, and win the Post Championship.

Some 40 gals a-raring to practice the first day the weather will permit. They too will have a league and you are going to see real competition between their teams.

JOB COURSE COMING SOON

Soon we are to have a Job Methods Training Course which will help all supervisors in training all em-

ployees to do even a better job than you are now doing. All these programs are yours and are to help you do the job that is ahead. Let's do it and get it over with.

HOSPITALIZATION PLAN TO BE PICKED BY EMPLOYEES

Attached to your next check you will find an outline and a ballot to vote upon a Hospitalization Plan. The plan receiving the majority of votes will be adopted. The War Department wishes a Hospitalization Plan of your choosing to be adopted at once. Read the pamphlets carefully, choose which plan is the most beneficial to you, and then give your ballot to your Supervisor. The Supervisor in turn will forward them to this Office for tabulating.

GOOD SUGGESTIONS PAY OFF GOT ANY? TURN 'EM IN

In your Suggestion Program as to ways and means of saving man hours and the improvement of equipment and procedures, you have done fine. Several awards have been made and many dollars have been saved.

There is no doubt but many of you have now many new suggestions. Turn them in to the Employee Relations Section or place them in the Suggestion Boxes. There are awards from \$5.00 to \$250.00 to be given for all approved suggestions. The amount awarded is determined by the saving made to the Government.

BOWLERS WANTED

All employees, whether men or women, young or old, who can bowl or think they can, are requested to turn in their name to Miss Virginia Brown, Supervisor of the Employee Relations Section in the office of Civilian Personnel Branch.

Wanna Write for Yank? Here's How—

New York—YANK, The Army Weekly, has flung the door wide open to aspiring GI journalists—reporters, photographers, fiction-writers—who would like to see their names and contributions in the internationally-distributed soldier magazine.

According to a letter recently sent to all camp editors by YANK's Camp Feature Editor, Cpl. Paul Johnston, The Army Weekly is anxious to give everybody a crack at getting his name and the name of his camp in print. By-lines and credit lines will be featured on the CAMP NEWS pages in YANK for all important material.

"In this way," states Cpl. Johnston, "a pace becomes open now on these two pages in YANK for original stories, individual styles and viewpoints. We want short, amusing and light items, but we also need the serious ones badly, and those can come mainly from contributors."

News items, photographs and features for YANK's Camp News pages should be addressed to the Continental Liaison Branch, Bureau of Public Relations, War Department, Pentagon, Washington, D. C., with a request that the material be forwarded to YANK, The Army Weekly.

You Can Buy Clothes (PX 2) ★ ★ ★ Or Necessities (Any PX) ★ ★ ★ Or Just Browse Around



IT'S SPRING (ALMOST) and almost time for the summer uniforms which are sold at PX 2. Anyway, Lt. Robert C. Erwin is assisted by Mrs. Lillian Brown, sales clerk, in looking over an officer's lightweight khaki blouse. A complete line of officers' clothing and accessories is available at PX 2.



IT'S NO WONDER that GIs crowd around the store counter of PX 11. Who wouldn't, when you can purchase goods from such lovely storekeepers as Olga Kovac (left) and Harla Hansen?