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### "THE FLAG IS BORN"

"We take the star from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

Thus did George Washington, our first Commander-in-Chief, describe America's flag which observes its 166th anniversary of origin next Monday, June 14.

Camp Abbot, one of the nation's newest military installations, will pay homage to "Old Glory" with a colorful though brief program preceding retreat in the area fronting Headquarters flag pole.

As we in Camp Abbot, busily engaged in arduous tasks of training to become combat engineers daily gaze upon the triumphant flag, how many of us realize the hardships that our forebears endured before before it waved "o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"?

The Continental Congress, on June 14, 1777, adopted a resolution offered by John Adams, "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

That constellation, so new then in the skies of the world, now glorifies with its forty-eight stars one of the oldest national flags in the world, just as the government it represents is now one of those with the longest continuous existence.

The United States, arsenal of democracy, has since its founding weathered the ravages of time, war, and depressions, but in the end always emerged into a country possessing unity, liberty, power, integrity, and faith in God.

Today, when our nation wages a war against the forces of dictatorship, the observance of flag day is a significant challenge to the totalitarian invaders. Our flag flies now and will continue to wave in the free air as Americans overcome each obstacle in the path of freedom. M.C.G.

## The Chaplain's COLUMN

### MEMBERS OF GIDEON SOCIETY TO SPEAK

Sunday, June 13, members of the Gideon Society will be guest preachers in the churches of Bend. The Post Chaplain has announced they also will be represented at our morning service at 10:30 o'clock and be given an opportunity to present their worthy and noble cause.

With this in mind, Chaplain David I. Segerstrom believes it may be appropriate to quote excerpts from Dr. Joseph Fort Newton's timely words on Bible reading in his excellent book "The Stuff of Life."

"The Bible is a classic. Like other classics, it is praised but not read.

"Why is the greatest of all books left in neglect? Lack of time, for one thing. A deeper reason is that the Bible is not easily understood.

"It is not enough to tell people to read the Bible; they must be shown how to do it. It must be broken up into pieces, and its books be mastered one by one. Each book is different. Each must be studied in its own set-

ting and situation if we are to know why it was written and what it means.

"The Bible is the mother-book of our literature and the manual of our civilization. It is a mirror in which we see ourselves, and learn not only what man has thought of God, but what God thinks of man and what He would have each of us do and be."

### Information Noted for Army Institute Courses

A number of inquiries have been received by the Special Service office regarding Abbotmen interested in taking the Army Institute correspondence courses.

Complete information is contained in War Dep't circular, No. 232, 1942, available in every orderly room in camp. Soldiers can also write directly to the Army Institute, Madison, Wis.

### BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

Dedication of Gideon Testaments for distribution to Camp Abbot personnel will be held at Chapel No. 754 on Group avenue Sunday by members of the Gideon Society from Central Oregon and Portland, Maj. William H. Andrew, Post chaplain, has announced. Chaplain Andrew will accept the testaments on behalf of Camp Abbot.

## ABBOT ENGINEER SUBSCRIPTION

The Abbot ENGINEER can be sent to the home front for 13 weeks at a cost of 50 cents, or 26 weeks for \$1. If you wish the ENGINEER sent home, fill out this blank, enclose money and forward via Messages Center or U. S. mails to: Abbot ENGINEER, Public Relations Office, Camp Abbot, Oregon.

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## G. I.'s Cut Rugs in First Camp Hop



SOLID SENDERS DANCE WITH BENDERS—This is how the mob looked at the premiere dance in the All-Purpose building. S/Sgt. Jack Hayes and ERTC swingsters sent 'em out of this world. (Photo by S/Sgt. Marty Riis, ERTC Publications.)

## Capt. Fulkerson "Delivers Goods" For Entire Camp

Capt. T. B. Fulkerson, Quartermaster property officer at Camp Abbot knows what everyone here wants, and if obtainable delivers the goods.

Fans when it's hot, warm clothes when it's cold, typewriters, desks—hundreds of items. When the WAACs arrived here in cottons from Florida and Georgia, who saw that they got men's O. D. shirts to cover their shivering shoulders these nippy Oregon mornings? Right, it was Capt. Fulkerson.

Capt. Fulkerson is assisted in his office by Sgts. Jack Tschida and Harold Congdon. W. O. Cox, Sgt. Humiston, and newly added WAACs form the warehouse personnel. Capt. Fulkerson is also in charge of the four warehouses and receipt and issue of all QM supplies.

## Two Bend Cinemas List Attractions

Bend's two downtown theaters—the Capitol and Tower—offer three and four changes of film fare, respectively, during the coming week in interest to Abbotmen.

Capitol schedule: June 10 to 12, "Hangmen Also Die," cartoon and news; June 13 to 15, "White Savage," a March of Time sensational short, "Show Business Goes to War," cartoon and news; June 16 to 19, "The More the Merrier," news and cartoon.

Tower schedule: June 10 to 12, "Silver Skates," cartoon and news; June 13-14, "Sherlock Holmes in Washington," "Cowboy in Manhattan," short subjects; June 15-16, "One Dangerous Night," "Thundering Hoofs."

## Planning Poem Author Is D-51 Roving Cadre

Cpl. John J. Abrahamson, Hqs. Det. 11th E. T. Gp. dashed off the G. I. Epic poem, "Period Planning" that appears on page 3 of this issue.

Through channels, his "boss," Col. R. M. Copeland, 11th Gp. commanding officer reviewed the poem and commented "I think you've got something there."

However, "How to become a combat engineer in 12 tough weeks" isn't going to be altered so far as Camp Abbot's training program is concerned. Maybe John was merely "writin' the breeze" when he built the couplets. The poetry editor termed it "terrific."

P. S: Please pass the liniment!

### OFFICERS' DANCE SET

Abbot officers, for the second time, will attend a regular Saturday night dance, sponsored by the Officers' Mess, in their own home, Bldg. T-211. Music will be furnished by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes and his ERTC dance band.

Have the prices gone up! I went to the market and asked the butcher for a ten-pound turkey. He said, "O.K. How do you want it financed?"

## Maximum Insurance Policies For Soldiers Goal of Drive

Among the many casualties of modern war are the widows, parents and orphans of men in the armed forces who were not protected by National Service Life Insurance.

Abbotmen—officers and enlisted men—as soldiers in the American Army are apt to be sent any place at any time, without fore-knowledge or warning.

Because National Service Life Insurance, or "Government Insurance" is designated to provide the protection your family needs, a concerted drive is being planned in Camp Abbot to have personnel subscribe 100 per cent to the maximum policies.

Compilation of insurance sales, as of May 31, indicated that 86.69 per cent of the EM here have taken out insurance with an average policy value of \$7,224.70.

Capt. D. S. Triplett, insurance officer for all enlisted men, said Abbotmen may apply for insurance until Aug. 12 without undergoing a physical examination, regardless of length of service.

Hqs. Det. 55th Engr. Tng. Bn. became the first organization in camp to register a 100 per cent coverage, with every EM buying the limit—\$10,000.

Appointment of insurance officers in the various camp units also was announced as the "Buy G. I. Insurance" campaign gained impetus. Lt. E. H. Erwin will direct sales among trainees and cadre in the 12th Gp., and Lt. S. D. Hopkins has the same duties in the 11th Gp.

Capt. Edgar G. Brisach, personnel adjutant, will drive the message home to ERTC officers, while Lt. B. Klabanoff, assistant post adjutant, is in charge of the campaign among SCU officers and enlisted men.

Recent figures disclosed that 91 per cent of all officers on the post have G. I. insurance, with 89 per cent in the maximum value.

Premium rates are so low that every soldier can afford to carry a policy. Payments are deducted from monthly pay and no matter where you are sent you may be sure your policy will not lapse.

After a year a soldier may convert his policy to an ordinary life, 20-payment-life insurance policy. Uncle Sam stands behind these policies... that's the best assurance of security. Buy G. I. Insurance—TODAY!

## Jean Besson to Wed Major Adams

Two distinguished army families will be united June 14 with the marriage of Second Officer Jean Sharp Besson, daughter of Col. Frank S. Besson, Camp Abbot commander, and Mrs. Besson, to Major M. B. Adams of the Army Air Force, son of Col. L. M. Adams, retired, and Mrs. Adams of Corpus Christi, Tex. The rites will be performed at Fort Myers, Va.

Miss Besson joined the WAAC soon after its organization and at present is on duty at WAAC headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Maj. Adams, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1939, returned recently from two years of foreign service and is stationed at Hamilton Field, Calif.

## Civilians On Post Figure In News

By ALICE NELSON Employees Relations

With civilian employees at Camp Abbot:— thinking of Spring are Elaine McDaniel, Frances Rosekrantz and June Brown. . . talking of the USO—Alyce Carver. Wonder why Carol Hill leaves so pronto daily? Dorothy Koel rushing back from lunch. . . Nettie Shirk and green velvetene become each other. Good wishes to Mr. Strong, Med. Sup. has been ill. Agnes Selfors hugging the stove. What next? Marg Keith still looking for gas coupons. Sue Mashaw—always busy. "Sparkle" Ridenour having difficulty with legal documents. Could it be the coke-machine traffic? No chance Alta Carsey running out of work. Virginia Bott, looking like a dream, on an errand for Sue. Edith Jensen's lovely smile—

## CAMP ABBOT CHURCH RITES

Sunday, June 13, 1943

**Catholic Services**  
Catholic Services will be held at 0900. Sunday, June 13. Confessions before Mass at 0830.

**Protestant Services**  
Protestant Services will be held on Sunday, June 13, at 1030 and at 1930.

**Jewish Services**  
Jewish Services will be held Friday, June 11, 1845.

All services to be held in Chapel No. 754 on Third Ave. All are urged to attend.

## Abbot n' Around

\* Being a weekly calendar of events listing activities in Camp and Bend for Camp Abbot personnel.

### FRIDAY

ALL PURPOSE BLDG.: Enlisted Men's Dance, 2000-2300. Cor. Group Ave. and Center St. Jr. Hostess, WAACs on deck.  
BEND USO: Snack bar, coffee.  
BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs., 1800.

### SATURDAY

BEND USO: "Learn to Dance" Class 1800. Juke Box Dance, 2030. BLDG. NO. 211: Officers' dance, informal, in Officers' Mess, 2100 to 2400.

### SUNDAY

ATTEND CHURCH: Three chapels on post or churches in Bend. BASEBALL GAME: Bend Elks' Ball Park. Baseball game between Bend and Abbot Baseball Team. 1430.  
BEND USO: Dunker's Club, 1015-1100; Musical Gems (classical recordings), 1500; Buffet Lunch, 1500-1700; Snack Bar, 1900-2200; Party Night-Games, refreshments, singing 2000.

### MONDAY

BEND USO: Open House—"Do as you please" evening. BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs., 1800.

### TUESDAY

BEND USO: Dance, with ERTC Band, 2000. BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs., 1800. SOFTBALL GAME: WAACs vs. ERTC Band, Post Hqs. 1930.

### WEDNESDAY

STATION KBND: "Camp Abbot on Parade," Studio in Pilot Butte Inn, 1945-2000. BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs., 1800. BEND USO: Song fest, 2000.

### THURSDAY

WAAC BOWLING TOURNAMENT: Bend Bowling Alleys, 1930. BEND USO: Bingo Party—Telephone call home to winner, 2000.