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## Show Fittings Will Put Post On USO Chain

Theater equipment which will make the Post movie house eligible for presenting the largest USO shows on camp circuits has been ordered and is scheduled to arrive in Mid-October, the Special Service Office announced this week.

Included in the equipment, ordered from the Northwestern School Supply Company in Portland, will be a red velvet proscenium curtain and beige title curtain and cycloramic wings. Curtains will be electrically operated, with controls in the projection booth. A powerful spotlight equipped with varicolored filters also has been ordered.

Heretofore the Camp Abbot theater has been kept off the USO list because of its inadequate facilities. No stage presentations are scheduled here as yet because the USO is modifying its setup somewhat, but once the theater equipment has been installed, the camp will be eligible to receive the USO's largest productions, as soon as a schedule can be worked out.

## Volunteers Leave For 'Chute School

Eight Camp Abbot enlisted men who volunteered for parachute training left this week to attend the Parachute School at Fort Benning, Ga. They are Cpl. Charles E. Shepard, of Company B, 57th Battalion; Cpl. Ark W. Woo, Casual Company; Pvt. Rex E. Murphee, Co. A, 56th Bn.; Pvt. Charles S. Gambone, Co. A, 56th Bn.; Pvt. Charles L. McIntyre, Co. A, 54th Bn.; Pvt. Thomas M. Schneider, Co. A, 54th Bn.; Pvt. Benjamin Fleis, Co. D, 51st Bn., and Pvt. Thomas Kratz, Co. B, 51st Bn.

## Abbot Hospital Commander Acts Quickly to Halt 'Polio'

When the present epidemic of Polio made its appearance on the West Coast, Col. Frank G. Crandall, commander of Station Hospital, acted vigorously. Not only did he arrange to dispatch several nurses to study the Kenny system of treatment which have proven so successful, but he arranged for a meeting here of civilian doctors at which thorough measures to avert an epidemic was discussed.

Beginning five weeks ago and up until the present, thirteen cases of poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis have made their appearance in Central Oregon, according to Col. Crandall. "Thirteen cases of any disease in a total native peace time population of Central Oregon does not constitute an epidemic," he said. "This is doubly true when we consider a war time military population increase of 100,000 persons in this area. Yet thirteen cases of proven paralysis is more 'polio' than this area has seen in a composite period of 25 years. The threat is here, and residents are warned to take

## YEP, SHE'S STURDY ALL RIGHT!



A light tank is shown testing a pneumatic ponton bridge constructed by soldiers of the Engineer Replacement Training Center on the Deschutes River here. Easier to construct than the metal type span, the pneumatic bridge can be assembled in far less time than the older model, is easier to transport and can be entirely submerged and still remain buoyant. An example of the army's conservation program: Salvage materials from other type ponton bridges are used as balk and chess.

## Attention! Camp Quarterbacks

**POEM**  
I wish I was a wittle egg  
A way up in a twee  
I wish I was a wittle egg  
As wotten as could be  
And when some bone head Sgt.  
Would start to shout at me  
I'd frow my wotten wittle self  
And spatter down on he!

**PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED**  
Promotions of Capts. Dan H. Griswold, training officer of the training Division, and Emil L. Mosheim, sales officer for the Quartermaster Branch, to the rank of major was announced by Post Headquarters this week.

### Strike One!

Camp Abbot's public address system which for the past few months has awakened soldiers in the mornings, told them when to go to bed at night and given forth with interesting announcements (including broadcast of the World Series, in between, was silenced Sunday by a high wind which blew the speakers from their perch atop the All-Purpose Recreation Hall. The unit has been sent to San Francisco for repair and is expected to arrive at Camp Abbot as good as new any day now.

Hurt most by the damaging wind were theatre patrons who, watching the Sunday night show, were left cold when wire trouble plunged the theatre in darkness just as the newly-acquired hero and heroine were lying on a wagon load of hay and had established to their mutual satisfaction that neither was married. Other sufferers include members of the Camp Abbot band who since the ill wind have been forced to arise 30 minutes earlier to play reveille.

### Dances Shifted To Service Club

Wednesday night dances for enlisted men, heretofore held in the All-Purpose Recreation Hall, will be held in the Service Club beginning next week, the Special Service Office has announced. The recreation hall will be used largely for athletic programs henceforth.

Watch for war community chest drive.

The Abbot Engineer this week presents the biggest thing in the line of contests that ever hit Camp Abbot—a football guessing contest.

You, too can share in the prizes. You too can get your name in the paper. You too can join the ranks of Camp Abbot great. All you have to do is pull out the old crystal ball and tab the right winners in the football picking contest, and you'll be rolling in cigarettes.

There is nothing to sell. Nothing to buy. And best of all, nothing to lose. Just check the winners of the football games listed on the sports page of this paper and see that they get to the "football contest" box in the USO building at Bend.

The lucky GI who picks the most winners gets three cartons of cigarettes. The runner-up gets two and there is a consolation (Continued on Page 4)

### Nurses and Wacs Have Beauty Shop

Members of the Wac company and Nurses Corps can now enjoy at least one of the frills of civilian life—visit a beauty shop. Such a shop has long been promised the feminine soldiers but not until this week was the Post Exchange able to obtain equipment with which to put it in operation.

The shop is being operated by Mrs. Jerry Chambers, wife of a Camp Abbot trainee, and a licensed operator from California. She has equipment comparable to any good shop for it is complete with dryers, two permanent wave machines and blowers. The equipment is valued at approximately \$1,000, according to post exchange officials.

The shop is exclusively for Wacs, nurses, wives of officers and women employes who live on the post.

## Post to Join In Area War Fund Drive

Soldiers, civilians and officers at Camp Abbot will be given an opportunity to participate in the Deschutes County War Fund Drive to be held the latter part of this month and the first of November, according to Lt. Col. Phillip M. Beddesem, chairman of the drive committee for Camp Abbot.

To organize for the drive, a representative committee of all branches at Camp Abbot started a series of meetings several weeks ago. The ground work has been efficiently laid for a smooth working drive, and it is expected that the Post will go beyond the goal which has been set.

The actual contacting work among the soldiers will be done by men in the platoons; officers will be contacted by officers; and the civilian employes will be contacted by a committee to be selected by Merle Ballantyne, director of employe relations. Before the contacts are made a kickoff program will be held wherein all team members will be given full information as to what their procedures will be and how the different agencies will benefit from the drive. National organizations such as the U. S. O. and various national relief societies will be aided by the drive, as will state and local agencies.

Of the \$27,500 to be raised by Deschutes County, \$15,000 will go to national agencies, \$2,000 to state agencies and the remainder to local organizations. Among the Bend groups to be aided by the drive are the Boy Scouts the Camp Fire Girls, Redmond Service Men's Center and the Camp Abbot day rooms.

## 51st Stages Show At Service Club

Camp Abbot was scheduled to take another step forward in the entertainment field last night with the presentation of a variety show by members of the 51st Battalion.

Scheduled on the program, presented by the Service Club, were vocal selections by a small chorus, a demonstration in sleight-of-hand by Pvt. Stanley Lane, Spanish songs by a quartet, vocal solos by Pvt. Dick Howard, former member of the famous Don Cossack choir, a piano solo by Pvt. Ralph Raburn, a guitar solo by Private Lane and popular selections by a small "jam" combination. Pvt. Edward Erben, of Company B, former pianist with Jan Savitt's orchestra, was accompanist, and Sgt. Harold Friedman was in charge of the program. Except for Private Erben, all are members of Co. A.

**GET ADDITIONAL TRAINING**  
Although the 55th and 56th Engr. Trn. Bns. finish their basic training this week some of the units will get additional training by reason of staggering shipments to permanent stations.