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## FUN SCHEDU

Entertainment On and Off the Post for Week October 23 to October 30

Open House, 8 p. m., USO Bend. Informal Dance, Officers Club, Camp Abbot. SUNDAY

Informal Tea, USO Bend, 3 3 to 5 o'clo Choral Club, Wac Dayroom, 6:30 o'clock. GI Movies, Service Club, Camp Abbot, 7:30 p. m.

Bingo, Service Club, Camp Abbot, 7:30 p. m. WEDNESDAY

Dance, Service Club. Camp Abbot on Parade" (weekly radio broadcast) KBND, 7:45

Stamp Club, USO Club, Bend, 8 o'clock THURSDAY Wac Talent Show, Service Club, 7:30 FRIDAY

Game Night, Service Club, Camp Abbot. Bingo, USO Club, Bend.

### THEATER SCHEDULE

"DR. GILLESPIE'S CRIMINAL CASE," Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson, Keye Luke. Also Short Subjects.

SUNDAY and MONDAY
"CORVETTE," Randolph Scott, Andy Devine, Barry Fitzgerald.
Also, RKO News, Disney Cartoon.

"THE DANGEROUS BLONDES," Edmund Lowe, Allyn Joslyn, Evelyn Keyes. Also Short Subjects.

WEDNESDAY

"TOP MAN," Donald O'Connor, Susanna Foster, Richard Dix.
THURSDAY and FRIDAY "GIRL CRAZY," Mickey Roonie, Judy Garland. March of Time.

SATURDAY
"HI YA, SAILOR," and "TEXAS KID."

### **Soldiers Getting Discharges** Can Count on Red Cross Aid

American Red Cross field office other important features of the at Camp Abbot for ex-service- policy such as waiver of premmen and soldiers awaiting dis- ium, premium rates, death benecharge from the armed forces fits, cash value and policy loans. were outlined by Frank Dunning, field director for Camp Abbot, this week.

To assist soldiers in filing pension claims with the Veterans' Administration, the Red Cross has established Claims and Referral Departments at Camp Abbot and the Station Hospital, with Miss Betty Black and Elizabeth LeFeber as consultants for the respective units.

"It is to the advantage of every soldier eligible for discharge to consult representatives of these departments in connection with filing pension claims," Mr. Dunning said. "Red Cross representatives can be of great assistance to soldiers receiving discharges whether or not the discharge involves service-connected disability. In many cases a disability may have been incurred in service or may have been aggravated by service, but even though the man is discharged for other reasons, his claim will be considered by the Veterans' Administration.

"In filing claims, the soldier may grant the Red Cross power of attorney and have a representative of the organization act on his behalf in the adjudication of the pension claim.

"Another service performed by the Claims and Referral Departments has to do with benefits under the Nation Service and U. S. Government Life Insurance program," Mr. Dunning continued. "The departments are authorized to answer any questions concerning the insurance-its retention after discharge, how it can be converted other Abbotman-He'll Apprecito ordinary life insurance, 20- ate It.

Services performed by the payment or 30-payment life and

"In addition, the Red Cross can furnish information pertaining to hospitalization and domiciliary care, vocational rehabilitation, re-employment service and death pensions or funeral allowances—in short, all benefits which may be applied for by the ex-serviceman or his by the ex-serviceman or his family," Mr. Dunning concluded.

### MORE ABOUT Song Program

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pondent, as saying: "Music, any damned kind that you can throw together and rush over here to these boys will fill the bill. Mouth organs, jews harps, ocarinas, tonettes or anything which can carry even half a note will be welcomed with open arms. Provide these instruments, training on how to play them, and leave the rest up to the boys. They'll take care of the rest."

"Statements such as these, along with requests from many unit commanders, struck home with the War Department," Lieutenant Willis said. "The War Department not only decided to grant the requests but to go them one better and provide well-trained soldiers who, having received instruction here, will be prepared to toot away when they leave the boat on the other side.

# Canine Corps Almost Ready To Pull Guard

go on active duty within the next few days, Sgt. Raoul Mound, trainer of the canine corps, announced.

Civilian guards, who will be accompanied by the dogs on their tour of vital posts in the Camp Abbot area, are receiving instruction in handling the animals and learning to recognize the almost inaudible growls which warn of trespassers.

Corps members, like soldiers, have army serial numbers and each goes by the name he had in civil life. Sarge, a German Shepherd, was more or less recognized as the sergeant of the corps until he became recalcitrant and Sergeant Mound was forced to "bust" him as a disciplinary measure.

Oldest and most docile in the group is Antoine de la Francois, called "Antonie" for short, a four-year-old. Chico is the "moocher" of the corps. On a slight command he strikes a solicitous pose and waits to be rewarded with food. Leading exponent of Bohemianism is Duke, Great Dane-Boxer, who weights well over 100 pounds and prefers the roof of his kennel

for sleeping purposes. Boy, a trim Australian Shepherd is the most impeccable of the lot, and Pal, a half German Shepherd and half Coyote, looks as though he just wandered in from the prairies. Most vicious animal in the kennels is Seigie, a trim German Shepherd. Seigie meets overtures with a snarl and a lunge even during off-duty hours, but once on a leash becomes a model of good behavior. Seigie is a bitch.

Other members of the corps are Rickey, a German Shepherd; Pooch, a half Shepherd; Pal, a German Shepherd; Mike, a Belgian-German Shepherd, and Duke, a half wolf and half German Shepherd.

# Kustner Leaves

By Sgt. Jerome Goodfarb

Lt. Col. Carl G. Kustner, Executive Officer of the 11th Group, has received orders assigning him to Camp Sutton, North Carolina, for duty with the Engineer Unit Training Center at that station. Colonel Kustner, with the 11th Group since its activation at Fort Leonard Wood, was commander of the first troop train of cadre to reach Camp Ab bot, and has directed training of the 11th Group which has resulted in the turning out of tough, capable Engineer soldiers.

Colonel Kustner has long carried the sobriquet of "The One-Man Bulldozer"— a title induced by his untiring drive and enrgy. Many people have trembled under his orders, but all have benefited by the lessons learned, and cheerfully admit that fact. His loss to the 11th Group and to Camp Abbot as a whole, will be keenly felt by all.

The Officers and enlisted personnel of the 11th Group take this opportunity of publicly wishing him the best of good fortune in his well-earned new assign-

Johnny Mellus, ace tackle at Pass The ENGINEER To Anther Abbotman—He'll Appreci-Camp Davis, N. C., this fall.

### HELP!

The ENGINEER wants contributions - stacks of them, from anybody and everybody.

You don't have to be an H. L. Mencken, a Henry Mc-Lemore or even a gentleman of the fourth estate. If you are, fine. If not, just record facts (who, what, when, where, why and how), shoot your yarn to you company or battalion reporter via the orderly room and leave the rest to us.

All we ask is that the information be ACCURATE, that you use FULL names, and that you get your copy in by Tuesday night. If it's something terrific, let us know, and we'll see what we can do about getting pictures.

Here's the kind of stuff we want: Features, amusing incidents, sports items, stories on characters, athletes, refugees, ex-soldiers of fortune, fire and glass eaters and the like. Look at the guy next to you; ask him where in hell he's been for the past 10 years. Something's bound to have happened to him or he wouldn't look that way. If that something was unusual, tell us about it. You'll be given "screen" credit.

## Three-Fourths Of Auxiliaries Stay in WAC

More than three-fourths of the women enrolled in the Women's late. Auxiliary Corps enlisted in the WAC when the corps became a component of the army, the War matters, medical attention, mili-Department announced this

An additional increase in the percentage of those transferring to the WAC is expected in the immediate future, it was pointed out. Many who left the corps at the time of its conversion already have applied for re-enlist-

Of the 343 officers and 14,607 auxiliaries who did not re-enlist, a number failed to pass the army physical test. Reason given by a number of those who failed to join the WAC were: Death or illness of parents, creation of a dependency situation, shortage of help on farms, marriage and a desire to establish a home, and changes of marital status involving the return of a husband from military service.

Any honorably discharged enrolled member of the WAAC may, if qualified, enlist as a private in the WAC at any time. Those who re-enlist more than 90 days after discharge will be sent to training centers before being reassigned.

## Orientation for 53rd Battalion At Post Theatre

Trainees of the 53rd Battalion officially met their commanding officers-Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, Col. A. H. Bond, commanding officer of the 11th Engineer Training Group, and Maj. W. N. Nelson, commanding officer of the 53rd Battalion-at the Post theatre Sunday morning and had a foretaste of what their training will comprise with the screening of the War Department training film "The Fighting Engineers."

"Our sweat will save your blood." Colonel Besson told the men who were about to begin the conditioning period. He urged that trainees achieve perfection in every phase of the program, pointing out that in combat if the first shot misses the bull's eye it may be too late for another chance.

Colonel Bond declared the Engineer Corps has built up one of the greatest traditions in our army or any other, a tradition which is growing daily with news reports of Engineer activities in the face of enemy fire on the fighting fronts of the world.

Major Nelson, the first speaker, told his men they must learn well the lessons taught herethat "over there" may be too

Company and platoon commanders also spoke, discussing the training program, financial tary courtesy, care of equipment, fire protection, church and religious services and aid and entertainment programs.

The battalion left the theatre to the strains of the new battalion song played by the Camp Abbot band with a lyric written by Lt. John Sperling to the tune of There Is a Tavern in the

#### Legion Suggests Army Handle U. S. Japanese

All Japanese internment camps in the United States should be under army control instead of the present War Relocation Authority, the American Legion recommended at its 25th national convention in Omaha, Neb., recently.

The convention also advocated that after the war all alien-born Japanese be deported as well as such native-born Japanese as have indicated adherence to a foreign power or lack of complete loyalty to the United States.

