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## Abbot 'n Around

Entertainment On and Off the Post for the Coming Week

### SATURDAY

"Barn Dance," USO, Bend, 8 p. m.  
Open House, Service Club, Camp Abbot.

### SUNDAY

Breakfast Hour, 11 a. m. USO Bend; Buffet Lunch, 3-5 p. m.; 4:30-5:30, music.  
Open House, Service Club, Camp Abbot.  
Classical Music Hour, Guest House Lounge, Camp Abbot.

### MONDAY

Games, Service Club Camp Abbot.  
Game Night, USO Bend, 8 p. m.

### TUESDAY

Bingo, Service Club, 8:00 p. m.  
Card Party, USO, Bend, 8:00 p. m.

### WEDNESDAY

Dance, Service Club, Camp Abbot, 8-10:30 p. m.  
Stamp Collectors Club, USO Bend, 8 p. m.

### THURSDAY

"Khaki Capers," Service Club, Camp Abbot, 8 p. m.  
Bingo Party, USO Bend, 8 p. m.

### FRIDAY

Quiz Contest, 8 p. m.—Dancing class, 8 p. m. USO, Bend.  
Spelling Bee, Service Club, 8 p. m.

### SATURDAY

Dance, USO, Bend, 8 p. m.

### THEATER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY—"Hands Across the Border," Roy Rogers, Ruth Terry; Added attractions—"Bees A Buzzin'," Unusual Occupations and Grantland Rice Sportlight.

SUNDAY and MONDAY—"His Butler's Sister," Deanna Durbin, Pat O'Brien, Franchot Tone; Added attractions—cartoon, "Pass the Biscuits, Mirandy," RKO Pathe News.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—"There's Something About A Soldier," Douglas Drake, Evelyn Keyes, Larry Parks; Added attractions—Army-Navy Screen Magazine, Community Sing.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY—"The North Star," Walter Huston, Walter Brennan, Anne Baxter, Ann Harding; Added attractions—RKO Pathe News.

## They Call Wac Mess Sgt. "XL;" No First Name!

When the Wac Mess Sergeant was born (in Texas), a deep problem confronted the Reeves family. They solved it by giving the new baby two initials "X. L." instead of a first name.

The odd initialed name was bestowed because the family didn't want big sister already named "L. C.," to feel the lack of a formal first name. The older Reeves girl had been named after both her maternal and paternal grandmothers, who coincidentally had the same initials but different names.

Sgt. "X. L." Reeves claims she doesn't mind the initials for a first name. At home, it was the natural thing for her sister to be called L. C. and she, X. L. "Only thing," Sgt. Reeves says, "is that it has attracted a lot of attention. Whenever I entered a new school I was asked to appear in the principal's office. And the army—in Basic, Cooks & Bakers, and here, I've always been the first to see the Orderly Room—of course to be questioned about X. L."

The army has red-lined Sgt. Reeves on the payroll several times; Washington has inquired about the name; and the sergeant has had to appear at the Pentagon to verify the fact that she is really X. L.

—Ft. Belvoir Castle.

## MORE ABOUT 84 Civilians

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Department because of the loyalty shown by civilian employees. He also called attention to the

higher awards, those granted for service beyond the call of duty and for exceptional work. A committee has been named, he said, to study the records for possible awards of these honors.

The group receiving awards this week included all who have been employed at Camp Abbot for a period of six months, ending Nov. 1. Similar awards will be presented other employees, as they pass the six months' mark, on the last Friday of each month.

In addition to the 68 names listed in last week's issue of the Abbot Engineer, the following names were added to the number receiving awards: Don Anderson, Betty Bode, Alden W. Dumler, Fayette Hoyt, Wheaton W. Huntley, Orval E. Johnson, Percival Morrison, Richard L. Russell, Floyd Russell, Ardath Sholes, Esther Sinclair, Lawrence Nelson, Josephine Stewart, Herman Westhoff, Charles O. Whetzel and Henry Young.

Music was furnished by the Camp Abbot band. Col. Besson was accompanied to the ceremony by Lt. Col. A. M. Mock, ERTC executive officer.

## Voting a la La.

Here's a tip for Louisiana soldiers intending to take a hand in the Louisiana primaries:

First primary is scheduled for January 18 and the second for February 29, and voters will have to make applications for absentee ballots immediately to get them in under wire. Applications may be made either under Louisiana law or by mailing postage-free card applications to the Secretary of State of Louisiana. Cards can be obtained from unit commanders.

In other states primaries are scheduled for April through October.

## Non Coms Will Hold Dances Twice Monthly

The Board of Governors of the Non Coms Club has voted to hold dances twice each month in the recreation room of the club-room. The first dance on the new schedule will be held Saturday, December 18.

Purchase of a radio for the library room was also announced. A juke box, now located in the library, will be moved to the recreation room where it will be available for amusement or impromptu dances during the week.

The club treasurer reported a substantial profit from sales at the club canteen during the past month. These profits will be used to purchase additional furnishings and equipment.

Special booths, which will be placed in the recreation room, are expected to be installed by the Christmas holidays, and it is hoped to have the electric grill, which will make possible the serving of sandwiches, in operation by next week.

A substantial increase in membership during the month was also reported.

### MORE ABOUT

## Gen. McCoach

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Company. Sgts. Steve J. Millen and Morris Stavasky, of the Medical Detachment. T/Sgt. Roger V. Branham, Casual Company; Sgt. Walter Gnatek, special training company. From the 11th Group: 1st Sgt. Paul Milner, Co. A 53rd Bn.; S/Sgt. Earl F. Pfenniger, Co. A 51st Bn.; Sgt. Harry A. Henry, Co. D 54th Bn.; Sgt. Lillard H. Delaney, Co. A, 52nd Bn.; Sgt. John W. Butler, Co. C, 54th Bn. From the 12th Group: 1st Sgt. Gale A. Washburn, Co. A, 57th Bn.; T/Sgt. Joseph C. Plano, Co. B, 58th Bn.; Sgt. Paul J. Monda, Hdq. Det. 12th Group, and Sgt. Edward R. Kuras, Co. D, 55th Bn.

In a brief speech preceding presentation of the Good Conduct ribbons, Gen. McCoach told the recipients that no finer honor could be bestowed upon a soldier. He warned them, however, that the true test of a soldier's stamina can only be proven on the field of battle. "Only those who are worthy can carry on, but you men, insofar as the tests have confronted you have been equal to the occasion. I hope you will wear these emblems with pride and that it will be a constant reminder when you face the test which requires immortal courage," he said.

General McCoach dined with staff officers in the officer's mess Thursday evening and became acquainted with the men who direct destinies of Camp Abbot. It took no seer to indicate that the commanding general seemed to have been well pleased with his observations during the afternoon. Later in the evening he visited the Service Club where he signed the club guest book on the page where five generals of the Corps of Engineers, and the IV Corps troops, had previously signed. He also visited the Non-Coms club, the All Purpose Building and other installations on the post.

Yesterday morning he conferred with the various division heads and of each he inquired as to any problem or difficulty facing them in connection with the operations of the ERTC.

General McCoach told the Abbot Engineer, before starting a tour of the camp that he was



## Chemical Warfare Symbols Simplified for Instruction

Chemical warfare instruction at Camp Abbot will now be easier, it was announced this week by Lt. Leonard S. Brooks, Chemical Warfare Officer, since the classifying of the different types of gas has been simplified. GI's will no longer have to struggle with "Vesicants," "Lacrimators" or "Lung Irritants." Instead, these types of chemical agents will be graphically described as "Blister gasses," "Tear gasses" or "Choking gasses."

To further simplify the course the symbols have also been changed as announced in a re-

cent War Department circular. The new symbols which are much simpler to remember are: Mustard (H); Lewisite (L); Mustard-Lewisite mix (HL); Brombenzyl cyanide (BBC); Diphenylchlorarsine (AD); Arsine (SA); Hydrocyanic acid (AC); Nitrogen (HN).

Mustard-Lewisite mixture has been added to the list of chemical agents because it is the standard Japanese blistering agent. Hydrocyanic acid is used by the Japs in grenades, and Arsine, it is reported, has been used by the Nazis. Nitrogen mustards are a new type of blistering agent, reputed to be on the list of all warring powers.

pleased with the location of the Army's newest ERTC. "I could not help but think as I looked down from the plane as we entered this section of Oregon, what a fine place it was for the camp. I hope to see as much of it as possible during my short visit," he added.

He departed for his headquarters soon after noon. He was accompanied by his aide, Lt. J. Bernolfo.

## Why Old Army Held in Respect

Restrictions, punishments—they're nothing compared to what our forebears in the Army had to put up with.

Back in 1825, records show that, for instance, one GI got

seven days in solitary confinement for sneezing, scratching his head and "looking across" in ranks. In the days of Oliver Cromwell, the Rofundhead Army burned a man's tongue with a red hot iron for swearing, and not so many years ago, in the U. S. Army flogging was a minor punishment for infractions of military law. One hundred lashes were sometimes administered for severe violations. Whipping was not abolished by the U. S. Army until 1861.

Now we know why the "old Army" is held in respect. When "the good old days" are referred to, the reference merely goes back to "grandpaw's" day.

Pass The ENGINEER To Another Abbotman—He'll Appreciate It.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

