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Abbot 'n Around

Entertainment On and Off the Post for the Coming Week

SATURDAY

Open house at the USO in Bend.
Open house and refreshments at Service Club.

SUNDAY

Breakfast at USO in Bend from 10 to 11 a. m.; music from 4.30 to 5.30 p. m. and buffet from 4 to 5 p. m.
Open House at Service Club.

MONDAY

GI movies at Service Club at 8 p. m.
Game night at USO in Bend.

TUESDAY

Social evening at the USO in Bend.
Bingo at Service Club.

WEDNESDAY

Weekly dance at Service Club at 8:30 p. m.
Pinochle Club meeting at USO in Bend.

THURSDAY

"Khaki Kapers" show at Service Club.
Bingo at USO in Bend at 8 p. m. and Music Appreciation Hour at 9 p. m.

FRIDAY

Dancing Class at USO in Bend at 8 p. m.
Musical Quiz program at Service Club.

THEATER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY—Double Feature: "Crime Doctor's Strangest Case," Warner Baxter, Rose Hobart. "Sultan's Daughter."

SUNDAY and MONDAY—"Lost Angel," Margaret O'Brien, James Craig, Marsha Hunt. "This Is America," RKO Pathe News.

TUESDAY—"Tarzan's Desert Mystery," Johnny Weismuller, Nancy Kelly. "This Is Tomorrow," "Tales of the Border."

WEDNESDAY—"The Ghost Ship," Richard Dix, Edith Barrett. "Screen Snapshots," "Community Sing."

THURSDAY and FRIDAY—"Destination—Tokyo," Cary Grant, John Garfield. RKO Pathe News.

SATURDAY—"Swing Fever," Kay Kyser and orchestra, Marlyn Maxwell.

Concert Coterie Open to Soldiers

Camp Abbot soldiers will be invited to become members of the Bend Community Concert Association, which will sponsor a series of vocal and instrumental programs, in a move to secure a high-type of stage entertainment for residents of Bend and the surrounding area, Capt. Robert J. Cosgrove, post representative on the arrangements committee, announced this week.

Although plans are indefinite at present, the Bend organization announced that one of the artists to appear on the programs is Dorothy Maynor, famous Negro soprano. The number of concerts and artists will depend on the number of memberships sold, but at least three concerts will be scheduled. One of the series is scheduled for January and others this spring.

Membership cards, priced at \$5.50, will go on sale at the Post shortly after January 10. No tickets will be sold for individual performances, but membership cards will be transferrable.

Lt. Helen Martin, of the Special Service Office, also is a member of the arrangement committee.

Jinxed 'PA' Club to Sponsor Music Quiz Show

From all appearances, unseen forces are in conspiracy against Camp Abbot's public address system.

Several months ago a high wind put the set out of commission by blowing the speakers from the top of the All-Purpose Building. Last week station KWJJ in Portland loaned the Post a new set until the others could be re-

paired. Installed in the Service Club, the set functioned nicely Christmas Eve, "broadcasting" a program of recorded Christmas music, a carol program and singing by a choral group from Bend High School. Then something snapped. The new speakers, burned out by excessive volume, are being repaired and will be back in service soon.

Abbot Face!

Last Easter, Sgt. Lawrence Ed Winters, then a member of the ERTC band at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., gained considerable prominence on the nation's news wire services when, sent to pick up some greeting cards for Sgt. Dante DiThomas, he returned with six touching missives, all of which began with: "To My Dear Wife." DiThomas didn't even have one wife.

This Christmas, Sgt. Winters rode again at Camp Abbot. Sent to town to pick up some Christmas cards for Sgt. Jack Smith, who'd evidently forgotten about his friend's peculiar penchant, Winters returned with a dozen cards which bore the inviting title "Your Christmas Wallet" and contained a pocket for currency. Smith would have had to improve his financial status to be just broke.

A musical quiz program, complete with prizes, will be introduced as part of the Service Club's entertainment fare Friday night, Miss Veretta Sutton, club junior hostess, announced. Pvt. Buddy Hyde will conduct the quiz.

When You've Read it—Please Pass The ENGINEER AROUND.

Record Crowd At Graduation

The largest crowd ever to attend a "graduation" ceremony for pocket instrument and song leader classes at Camp Abbot was on hand at the Service Club Tuesday night to witness the awarding of certificates to 63 members of the 55th Battalion. Classes, the largest to date, received their "diplomas" from Maj. Howard Brook, battalion commander, while the entire battalion watched the proceedings.

Included on the program were vocal and instrumental selections by Pvt. James C. Crucian, the battalion's "Bing Crosby," and Pvts. L. R. Brickhard, R. D. Ekdahl, O. M. Dallas, Pete G. Holman and A. L. Carterby.

Cpl. Eldon Morris of Service Company played a piano solo, and Lt. Albert P. Willis, supervisor of the overseas music program, was master of ceremonies.

Notes From B - 52

(By Pvt. J. D. DeMent)

Christmas, of course, was the big attraction of the past week. Food, food and more food, as packages from home poured in from every direction. The day was the first Christmas in an army camp for practically all of Co. B. They found it wasn't home, but there was the food and the atmosphere—as much or more than at home.

With the "bang up" start on the ponton bridges, the company went on for every type of floating bridge in the book. Pneumatic and foot bridges and assault boats were all taken in turn, with a near record on pneumatic pontons. The time was just 10 minutes short. No alibis, of course, but there were only 69 men at training. The foot bridge was constructed at night, and woe to any Jap had he been on the other side as the company raced across.

The boys enjoyed many phases of the Christmas programs, but the most talked about one was the partially O. D.-clad Santa at the kids' party. Seems some member of the third platoon especially enjoyed the catch game. The "ball" was a sock of candy.

Hi, Co. A! Welcome to the crew. We can use you on fixed bridges. Maybe the company will again resemble a company with 74 new boys.

Pillow cases can be used for many purposes. They're especially useful as a flag of truce. This was demonstrated when Co. C, 51st Bn., surrendered unconditionally to B-52nd in the snow fight Christmas day. With Co. C disposed of, Co. B warriors pressed on for new worlds to conquer. Sparked by Sgt. Lawrence 3rd and T/4's Montgomery and Knudsen, the boys cleared Co. A 52nd's street in short order. A few shots were fired on our sisters in arms, three of whom were near Co. A's mess hall. They beat a hasty retreat into the mess hall. Co. C, 52nd, was taken in stride. Then, flushed but triumphant, the victors returned to the comfort of GI bunks.

All eyes were on the 51st this week as they left for bivouac. The 52nd is next in line.

With lots of beer, cookies and sandwiches, not to mention women, Co. B celebrated Christmas with a party in the Recreation hall Tuesday evening. Many

See the Birdie



No bird of Paradise was ever as handsomely be-feathered as curvaceous Betty Hutton, when she's all dressed up for her impersonation of the late Texas Guinan in the new film, "Incendiary Blonde."

thanks to the WAC Company for a grand time.

Where Co. B goes their equipment will follow. Two lessons in road building leaves them ready to meet mud, snow or sand.

Notes From C-59

By Cpl. Milton Beck
HEADQUARTERS
SOMEWHERE

Subject: Sick Call.

To: All Company Commanders.

1. It has been brought to the attention of this command that many soldiers in companies of this organization are becoming sick when it is not their turn.

THIS MUST STOP!

2. Effective at once, every soldier will be given a date stating when it is his turn to become ill. Any soldier caught being sick out of turn whether in standing, sitting or prone position will be subject to courts martial immediately.

3. Exceptions to this will be made only on Mondays, or days following holidays, week-end passes or furloughs.

a. If any soldier in your com-

Singers Sought For Post Chorus

Everyone who can carry a tune and likes to sing, soldier or civilian, masculine or feminine, is invited to join the Camp Abbot chorus at a rehearsal at the Post Chapel from 7:15 to 8:15 Monday, according to Lt. Helen Martin, director. An interesting program consisting of selections such as "Stout Hearted Men" and "Ole Man River" has been arranged, and plans are under way for presenting the chorus on a forthcoming edition of "Khaki Kapers," the Post's weekly variety show.

mand wishes to become sick on one of these special days the following procedure will be adhered to:

b. Fill out form TS-13 (11 copies) forward the first three (3) copies to the infirmary, together with soldier's helmet liner and gas mask (unmounted). Copies 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be forwarded to the company clerk concerned. The 8th will be destroyed as we will already have too many copies on hand if instructions are carried out. Copies 9, 10 and 11 have to be sent somewhere.

c. If upon the medical officer's advice soldier is merely suffering from an overdose of or an overworked three-day pass, soldier will be returned to his company and form VTS-1942 will be forwarded to this office for approval. The necessary blanks then will be forwarded to your office. Fill out these forms in triplicate, forward to infirmary and in about two weeks you will receive authority to send soldier to infirmary for a suitable dose of Bromo Seltzer. Soldier will be instructed as to proper uniform as prescribed in T/E 666 and will bring with him one fire bucket with words "for fire only," painted out with black paint. This will be used to carry back the mixed sedative. The contents of said container will be shared by the company clerk and administrative officer who will probably need it by then.

d. To complete case fill out all forms available in files and mail all over the United States.

4. If above procedure results in too many cases of desertion of company clerks, suggestions for simplifying form TS-13 may be sent (in writing) through channels to this headquarters after a request for permission to send suggestion in has been approved. This request will be forwarded in triplicate, instead of the usual quadruplicate to speed up the process.

For the Commanding Officer:
I. M. KIDDING
Major, USA
Adjutant

The Wolf

by Sansone



"What are you staring at, soldier! Haven't you ever seen 'Mae Wests' before?"