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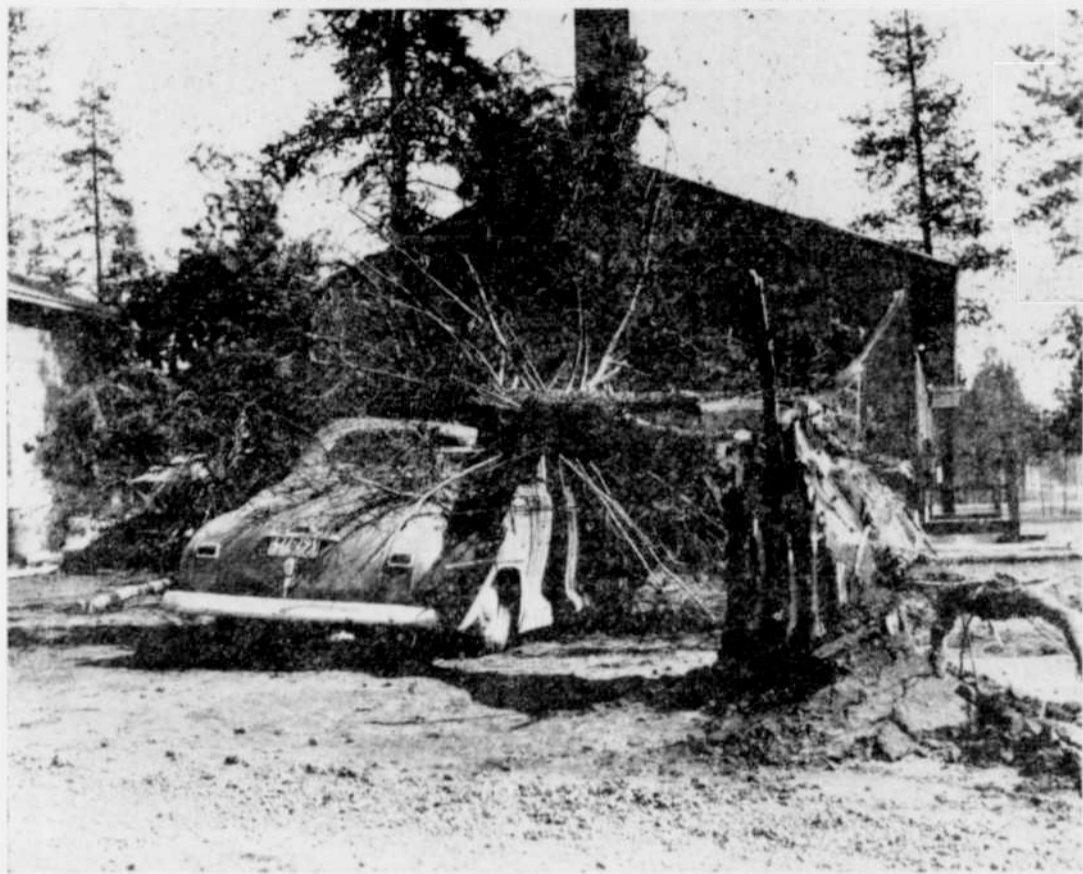
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CAMP ABBOT, OREGON

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EVIDENCE OF WIND'S FURY



One of the heaviest losers when the windstorm swept Camp Abbot last week was S/Sgt. Francis Barter of the sergeant major's office in Post Headquarters whose automobile, parked near the Red Cross office on Center street, was crushed by a falling tree. Large trees crashed into the roofs of half a dozen buildings on the Post, and the wind lifted a shed in the salvage yard and scattered tons of paper across the Motor Pool. Carpenters repaired the damage almost before the wind had subsided, and training was conducted without interruption.

Bond Sales Here Helped NSC Win Coveted 'T' Flag

Camp Abbot has been mentioned by the Ninth Service Command as one of the installations which made possible acquisition of the coveted "T" flag awarded by the Treasury Department to commands in which civilian personnel has reached or passed the War Department's goal of "90 and 10" in war bond purchases under the pay allotment plan. The goal now has been increased to 100 per cent participation and pay allotments totaling 15 per cent of gross pay.

Reports based on payroll figures February 16 to 29 credit Camp Abbot with 100 per cent participation and investment of 10.9 per cent in war savings bonds. Of the 274 installations in the command participating in the civilian war bond program, 143 or 52.19 per cent now are

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Two Chaplains Assigned Here

Returning recently to this country from a three-year tour of duty in Hawaii and the Fiji Islands, Chaplain (Major) Earl B. Clark assumed his duties as Post Chaplain last week. Chaplain Clark is a resident of Long Beach, California.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Lawrence A. Leonard also took over his post as assistant chaplain last week. He was formerly at Camp Stoneman, after having attended the Chaplain's school at Cambridge, Mass. He is a former resident of North Carolina.

Chaplain's Branch Wins Plaudits of Col. Blakeney

After a thorough inspection of chapels and the Chaplain's Branch and conferences with chaplains here and after being accompanied by Post Chaplain W. H. Andrew on a tour of the post which included visits to the training areas where he was shown "the works" by Maj. Le Compte Joslin, Col. James L. Blakeney, Ninth Service Command Chaplain, expressed his satisfaction with Camp Abbot and the record of the Chaplain's Branch. The commendation was voiced at a conference with Col. Frank S. Besson, Lt. Col. Alvin M. Mock, and Lt. Col. Russell D. Turrill.

Army Institute Expands Program

The War Department has announced the opening of new branches of the United States Armed Forces Institute in the Southwest Pacific, the South Pacific, the Middle East, the European and the Alaskan theaters. The new branches will "speed up service," the announcement said. Students overseas can have their lessons graded and returned in "much less time."

Cycle-Loving MP Becomes Father

Cpl. Fred (I-just-love-motorcycles) Souleret of MPs became the proud papa of a nine-pound boy last Tuesday. Here's hoping a certain ex-MP, whose hobby is bouncing small babies on their heads, doesn't call on the Soulerets.

Wacs Get First Conduct Ribbons; Medals Ordered

For the first time at Camp Abbot, WACs came in for their share of Good Conduct ribbons when Colonel Frank S. Besson, ERTC Commander, presented the award to 96 soldiers in a Retreat parade staged by the 52nd Battalion on the 11th Group drill field Tuesday.

Members of the feminine contingent were 1st Sgt. Mary Moscatello, Sgt. Rebecca Needelman, Cpl. Lora D. Blake, and Cpl. Elizabeth A. Heble.

Post Headquarters announced that medals have been requisitioned for all soldiers now wearing the red and white ribbon and that it is possible medals will be awarded along with ribbons in the future. The War Department recently announced that manufacture of the medals would be resumed, whereas under an earlier plan, ribbons were to be awarded in lieu of medals until the cessation of hostilities.

Art Club Program Awaits Arrival of Needed Supplies

The newly-organized Abbot Art Club will begin its classes of instruction and its art program as soon as supplies ordered recently by the Service Club arrive, it was announced following a meeting of the unit Sunday. Further discussion of the club's proposed program is scheduled at a meeting in the library at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.

San Francisco (CNS)—Herbert Fleishacker was feeding Puddles, a hippo at the city zoo when he slipped and fell into Puddles' private pool. He escaped after Puddles bit him on the nose.

Eligibility Standards For Overseas Lowered

"An individual will be considered physically qualified for overseas service if, during his training at replacement training center or in a unit, he was found to be physically satisfactory for military occupational specialty for which he was being trained." These words were part of a radio-gram from the Adjutant General, just received by Headquarters Ninth Service Command, and forwarded to this station.

Abbot Talent Makes Hit in Portland Show

Making four appearances in Portland Friday, the Camp Abbot variety show, featuring Sgt. Jack Hayes and his 14-piece dance band, was acclaimed as one of the "most entertaining and popular musical groups in central Oregon."

At 11:30 the curtain rose at Victory Center where prospective War Bond buyers were entertained with a fast-moving show. Pvt. Jimmy Stilwell, comedian and singer, Pfc. William Sumner, modern pianist, and Pvt. Pasek, concert violinist were featured with the band. Sgt. Buddy Hyde emceed the program.

At 1:30 the troupe moved over to the Meier and Frank Company for a highlight spot in the big Four Freedoms show. Here, another high point was reached with a dramatic sketch by Pvt. Charles Drake, former Warner Brothers featured player. The outfit returned to the auditorium for an appearance at 5:15 p.m. A broadcast was piped through KWJJ on the early show. In addition an appearance at the Portland Army Air Base was scheduled last night.

Sponsored by the U. S. Treasury Department and the Saturday Evening Post, the Four Freedoms War Bond Show features Norman Rockwell's original paintings, "Freedom from Want," "Freedom of Speech," "Freedom of Religion" and "Freedom from Fear," all of which are on display in the department store auditorium. Models for the painting were Mr. Rockwell's own Vermont neighbors.

Want Civilians To Teach GIs

About 50 civilian teachers, both men and women, are needed as instructors in primary education equivalent to the first four grades in elementary school for illiterate soldiers in the Ninth Service Command, according to an announcement from headquarters of Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr., Commanding General of NSC, Ft. Douglas, Utah.

There is no age limit for applicants, and experience in primary instruction is not necessary. The special training unit for the Ninth Service Command, one of 18 such units in the United States, is located at Camp McQuaide, 16 miles from Santa Cruz, California. Applications, however, should be mailed to the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah.

USO Renovation Started in Bend

Renovation of the USO in Bend, a project planned when Camp Abbot was in its infancy but delayed because of war-time construction difficulties, became a reality this week. The program represents an expenditure of \$7,500.

Although the club will be completely overhauled and work will continue for approximately a month, the building will remain open at all times, Robert Weis, director, said. The upstairs portion of the club will remain open while workmen are refinishing the downstairs section and the downstairs portion reopened before work is started in the upper half.

On the lower floor will be the dance hall, checking facilities which will accommodate up to 500 garments in contrast to 150 at present, an enlarged and modernized snack bar, six showers and modern latrine facilities, a modernized game room, and an enlarged information counter. New flooring and a ceiling of firtex will be installed.

The upstairs section will house a writing and reading room, a library, a complete dark room, a music room, hobby room and Wac's room, a women's lounge, a community room, housing information desk and a kitchen and dining room which will be available to soldiers and wives who've been unable to secure housekeeping privileges.

In addition, the heating system will be completely over-

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Wacs Bound Overseas Hold Farewell 'Open House'

As a farewell gesture before leaving for Ft. Oglethorpe for overseas training, Sgt. Rose Schneller and Pvt. Mavis O'Reilly held an "open house" party at the Non-Com Club Sunday to which the entire WAC Company was invited. Sandwiches and refreshments were served all day to WACs and their friends.