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Officers' Club
Opens April 29.
Reservations?

Which Will it
Be — Bonds
or Bondage?



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YEP, IT MUST BE SPRING



In spring when the sap begins to rise in editors' veins, scenes like this may be common, but we believe this to be one of the first pictures ever to catch young men's fancy turning, etc. The scene is a formal dance held at the Service Club recently. Don't ask us who the gal is, because obviously she doesn't need publicity, and as for the colony of wolves, they've made other entangling alliances, and are in no position to answer a lot of silly questions.

Officers Club Dedication Set

Talks, Dance, Floor Show to Be Features of Program April 29

The new officers' club, architectural triumph of engineering trainee skill, will be dedicated next Saturday, April 29, Post Headquarters has announced. Features of the program will be a series of talks, supper, dancing and a floor show, with music by post bands.

Remodeling of USO Under Way

The on again off again renovation program for the Bend USO was on again this week—and apparently for good—when workmen began actual work on the downstairs section Tuesday afternoon.

According to a statement by Carl A. Johnson of the USO, the new facilities will afford greater enjoyment, comfort and recreation for enlisted personnel than ever before. In addition to showers, a hobby room, a music room and library, one or perhaps two pool tables will be provided. New furniture valued at \$5,000 is to be installed. The entire project is expected to represent an expenditure of slightly under \$10,000.

The green light was flashed on the new renovation program last Monday when R. J. Folgate, of the office of community war service, federal security agency, confirmed that final approval had been secured for the war production board for the necessary priorities and clearance.

William Frey, new director of the local club, was enthusiastic about the renewal project. "When the job is complete," he said, "soldiers in Bend will have everything here it is possible to provide for them."

Post Development Pleases Distinguished Visitors

Col. Edwin C. Kelton, CE, Pacific Division Engineer from Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City; Col. Ralph A. Tudor, CE, District Engineer, Portland, and Maj. Walter E. Church, CE, of the Portland district office, made an official tour of post engineer projects and some training sites Thursday in the company of Col. Frank S. Besson, Lt. Col. Alvin M. Mock, and Maj. Zack Beiser.

Colonel Tudor, who visited Camp Abbot a year ago when construction was just starting, said that the post has made an excellent showing in its development during the year.

Training Units Set New Records

Members of the 55th and 56th Battalions were commended by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, this week for establishing new records in training.

More than 500 men of the 55th made an average of 96 per cent in firing period No. 12.16 (27 shots at 300 yards) to establish a new record for the period, and the 56th scored 499.5 per cent on a training test, the highest mark to date.

Refreshments will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m., followed by supper promptly at the latter hour. Dancing to music furnished by the ERTC band and the hospital orchestra will be from 6:30 to 1 a. m., with Mrs. Jean Adams and Mrs. Helen Smith directing the grand march. During the evening Col. Frank S. Besson, Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of the "Bend Bulletin," Maj. LeCompte Joslin, Maj. M. J. Cuadra, and Chaplain (Maj.) William H. Andrew will give short talks. The floor show will be staged under the direction of Sgt. Buddy Hyde.

Lt. Col. Alvin M. Mock, general chairman, stated Friday that over one hundred reservations for the dinner have been received by Warrant Officer Marvin Tragerman. Reservations are being prorated among the Groups, Headquarters Units, and Station Hospital, but reservations not requested by members of a specific unit by next Tuesday will be available to members of the other divisions. Those unable to attend dinner, who can be present for the formal dance, need not make reservations.

Committees include: Refreshments and dinner—Maj. M. J. Cuadra, who is also co-chairman with Colonel Mock; programs—Maj. Lilburn P. Staman, chairman, Capt. Fred Hohenhorst and Lt. Patricia E. Elwell; entertainment—Maj. Ferris L. Arnold, chairman, Major Cuadra and Capt. V. G. Henderson; publicity—Maj. William T. Avery, chairman, and Capt. Henderson; (Continued on Page 2)

Abbot Family Donates Flute

Marion B. and Elinor Russel, granddaughters of Brig. Gen. Henry Larcom Abbot, noted engineer for whom this camp is named, have presented to the Post a silver flute, purchased from the Paris Symphony orchestra for their father, Brig. Gen. Frederic V. Abbot, in 1913.

"It will be carefully preserved as a memorial to your father and will be played on state occasions," wrote Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, in thanking the family for the musical instrument.

The offer of the instrument was an outgrowth of an article in the ENGINEER by Pvt. Alfred M. Lutinski which referred to company "flute-tooters."

The flute, made by LeBret of Paris, will be officially presented to the band on April 29 and played for the first time on the first anniversary of Camp Abbot.

Renovation of NCO Club Begins

Renovation of the NCO club, which has been planned for some time, was begun Thursday under the direction of Cpl. Richard Sweetman, Casual Co., Sgt. Harlan L. Weeks, manager of the Club, announced. It is expected that the alterations will be completed within a week.

The work, which will cost about \$1000, will be paid for from the Club fund, which consists of profits from sales and proceeds from membership dues. A pool table, ordered six weeks ago, has now arrived and is being installed in the library room.

In addition, a number of alterations are planned for the bar room—such as a new backbar replacing the old shelves, lengthening the front bar, refinishing of woodwork in natural pine to match the decor of the room, and laying a new floor of battleship linoleum.

For the recreation room and library, venetian blinds are being purchased, and permanent coat checking facilities have been installed. "We are planning other improvements in the future," Sgt. Weeks explained. "Whatever money accumulates in the Club fund will be used to make the Club more comfortable for the members."

TO SEND FLOWERS

Maj. William H. Andrew, acting post chaplain, has announced that in the future when a death occurs at Camp Abbot, flowers will be sent to the surviving relative who receives the body. The chaplain's office, which will handle the matter, will send an accompanying message stating that flowers are from the personnel of the post.

Going Over Hill? MPs to Have Big Eyes, Says ASF

If you're planning to stretch that overnight pass into a thirty-day furlough, or if you think maybe it'll be okay to take off for a few days and celebrate something or other, or if you figure you might as well drop back home and visit with the little woman for a week or so, then you'd better look over the latest official word on the subject from the Army Service Forces headquarters in Washington, Bud.

The announcement says, in part: "All personnel performing military police duty as town patrols, on trains or in stations will be instructed to increase their efforts with respect to the apprehension of absentees. Passes and furlough orders will be checked more frequently and extensively in trains, bus stations and railroad stations. Town patrols will make thorough checks of passes and furlough orders as frequently as is practicable, especially in service clubs and in places of public resort frequented by military personnel."

Post Engineer Plans Projects

A program of camp improvements, one of the most extensive of which is resurfacing of post roads, is being developed by the post engineer. Roads not resurfaced will be patched.

Another project is laying of linoleum in wards, corridors and laboratories of the station hospital. For this purpose Lt. Col. Philip M. Bedessem, post surgeon, has selected a cheerful pattern of mottled beige.

Infantry Switch Possible, if—

Soldiers dissatisfied with their lot in the Corps of Engineers were given an alternative by the War Department this week when it was announced that any enlisted man, physically qualified for overseas duty, may volunteer for assignment and duty in the infantry, subject to War Department approval.

Listed as ineligible for transfer were men 32 years of age or older, trainers in the ERTC, trainees in the ERTC, men alerted for overseas and men possessing critical skills.

Transfers will be in grade. Requests for transfer will be made through unit commanders, and disapproval will be by the War Department only.

16 Billion Is Goal For Mid-June War Loan Drive

The Fifth War Loan drive will be conducted from June 12 to July 8, according to a recent announcement by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., secretary of the Treasury.

Nationwide goal is set this time at \$16 billion. Six billion are to be derived from individual sales and 10 billions to be raised through sales to all other non-banking investors.

Camp Abbot's quota in the new bond drive has not been announced at this early date but it will be as soon as it is officially established.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE

The Service Club library will be closed beginning Monday until a complete inventory has been completed, probably in about four days, Capt. V. G. Henderson, Special Service Officer, has announced. Date of the reopening will be announced in the Daily Information Bulletin.