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Abbot 'n Around

Entertainment On and Off the Post for the Coming Week

SATURDAY

Service Club—Dance to juke box.
Station Hospital—Popular records and games in auditorium.

SUNDAY

Service Club—Open House.
Station Hospital—Open House. Make a record.
Guest House—Classical Recordings, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Service Club—GI Movies, 8:30 p. m.
Station Hospital—Open Forum, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Service Club—Dance, 8:30 p.m.
Station Hospital—Movie, "Mr. Lucky," Cary Grant, Lorraine Day, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Service Club—Dance, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Service Club—"Khaki Kapers" staged by Headquarters Units.
Station Hospital—Hobo Party, Games and Dancing.

FRIDAY

Service Club—Make a Record.
Station Hospital—Movie, "Pied Piper," Monty Wooley, 6:30 p.m.
B-53 Party in Bldg. 1351.

Long before the war, when wheels of the draft first were given motion, a certain type of soldier, not satisfied with griping privately, began attempts to get his "beef" before the public through the medium of newspaper columnists. From all indications, even when the nation is making a fight for its life, the complaint disease continues to flourish, and Camp Abbot enjoys no more immunity than other camps throughout the country.

Realizing the demoralizing effect branding a camp a "hell hole" can have on families of men, Chaplain Norman Goldburg has waged a private war on such publicity, urging columnists to disregard false rumors and attempting to trace their source. A printed form letter which the chaplain received in reply from Walter Winchell indicates that at least in one instance Chaplain Goldburg was carrying "coals to Newcastle" and that such complaints are so common and so ludicrous they immediately are consigned to the editorial wastebasket.

A copy of Winchell's letter follows:

May 25, 1943

To Whom It May Concern:

For over a year we have been receiving letters from all over the country saying that Walter Winchell dubbed such and such a camp (wherever the writer is located) a "concentration camp" or "the Alcatraz of America" or something equally untrue. Mr. Winchell has never mentioned any U. S. camp in such a manner on the air, in print, or in conversation at any time whatsoever.

We have written thousands of letters denying these enemy-inspired rumors—but apparently have been waging a losing battle. As soon as we clear it up in one place a new contingent moves in and it starts all over again.

If the boys would think for a moment and realize that these rumors come from the Nazi short wave, they would be wiped out very quickly. They don't want to spread Nazi propaganda, I am sure. And then, perhaps they could use their precise free time to sending letters to their loved ones instead of to us.

Sincerely,

(s) Rose Bigman
for Walter Winchell.

Army's Vessels Exceed Navy's

When everything's said and done, it's the Army that does it, even when it comes to sailing the seven seas. The U. S. Army owns and operates more ships than either the U. S. Navy, the British Navy, or the Merchant Marine.

"Army vessels put into more than 100 foreign ports of call, many in strange and distant places," according to Maj. Gen. C. P. Gross of the Transportation Corps. Though the total number of Army ships is a military secret, it is known that in 1943 alone, 3900 new vessels were added to its fleet.

GI's are not asked to be sail-

ors, too; instead, the Army employs civil service seamen to operate its more than 155 types of vessels, a fleet of them Liberty freighters, troop ships, mine planters, anti-submarine patrol boats, balloon barges, landing barges, ice breakers, tankers, air propeller swamp gliders and marine tractors.

FINDS POST "CHARMING"

Lt. Col. Alma T. Skoog, superintendent of the Army-Nurse Corps in the Ninth Service Command, made a tour of the Camp Abbot hospital and inspected the nurses' quarters last Sunday. She described the post as "charming."

It's your life, soldier—INSURE IT!

Abbot Experts Stump Librarian

Do you know? The life span of a mule? What a cotyledon is? Whether mosquitoes will breed in salt water?

You won't find the answers on another page of the "Engineer." These are some of the answers which Miss Caroline Paddock, Service Club librarian, supplies to settle daily bets, discussions, and just plain arguments that start on bunks in Camp Abbot barracks. (Who said soldiers talk only about women?)

While Miss Paddock can cope with, say, the Latin translation for "Do or die," or the speed at which light travels, she is very thankful for the library reference department. The most used volume there is the World Atlas. Men with orders come in to see just where their new post is located. Others try to envision the stations of relatives and friends in the Pacific or Europe. Then there are those who follow the course of the war.

The Encyclopedias Britannica and Americana get the second biggest play among the reference volumes. "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" is the most often requested fictional work—next to "Studs Lonigan," of course.

Miss Paddock this week placed an order for a large number of books requested by readers.

P. S.: Cotyledon is the first leaf developed in seed plants.

MORE ABOUT Soldier Vote

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provisions of their laws for voting by State absentee ballots and whether their laws authorize Federal ballots.

Anyway, soldiers who will be able to use the "Official War Ballot" are the following:

1. Soldiers inside and outside the U. S. from states who have no state absentee ballot but do allow the use of the Federal one.
2. Soldiers outside the U. S. from states permitting the use of the Federal ballot who take an oath that they applied for a State absentee ballot before September 1 and have not received it by October 1.

There is nothing in the new law to restrict the right of soldiers to vote under State absentee voting laws which cover primary and special elections as well as general ones and make it possible to vote for state and local officials as well as Federal ones.

Any soldier who is uncertain about his eligibility to vote should write a letter to the secretary of state of his home state right now and find out.

After voting eligibility has been established, War Department postcards may be used in further steps to get a ballot. The law provides for a new type of postcard but the Army has a large supply of the old forms (WD AGO Form 560) on hand and they are acceptable, too. In applying for a primary ballot, anyone using the old card must remember to write in his party affiliation.

Except for the possible use of the new WD postcard, no changes have been made in the procedure for obtaining and voting by state absentee ballots. Soldiers unable to vote in person may apply for an absentee ballot either in the manner prescribed by the law of his state, or by sending a postcard, new or old form, or a letter bearing the text of the new form to the secretary of state of his home state.

Some states will then send

ANYWAY, WE LOVE HER



If you know who this young lady is or what she had in mind when she posed for this shot, you're one up on us. The captions apparently were blown away during one of our journalistic squalls, but the young lady has her points, and we didn't think you'd mind particularly.

him the absentee ballot which he should fill out, get attested by an officer, warrant officer or non-commissioned officer (not below the rank of sergeant) and return immediately. Other states will send a formal "application for a state absentee ballot" which must be filled out according to instructions and returned before the state will send out the actual absentee ballot itself.

Postcards to be used in the November general elections will be delivered before August 15

for soldiers overseas and before September 15 for soldiers in the U. S., when that is practicable under military conditions. The procedure for obtaining Federal ballots for use in the November general elections will not be announced until the state governors have certified to the War Ballot Commission whether their states will permit their use.

Additional information on the new law will be found in WD. Cir. 128, April 3, 1944.

CAMP ABBOT THEATRE PROGRAM

(Clip and Save)

TONIGHT — SATURDAY

RICHARD DIX — GLORIA STUART
IN
"THE WHISTLER"

— ALSO —

Three Stooges in "The Yokes on Me"
Cartoon — "Barber of Seville"
"Fellow on a Furlough" — Bob Chester Band

SUNDAY — MONDAY

Matinee
Sunday
2 P. M. Only
★
Nights
6:45—8:45



Also
Latest
RKO
Pathe
News

WITH GEORGE BRENT, VERA ZONIRA

TUESDAY

LON CHANEY
IN
"Weird Woman"

ALSO

"Along The Cactus Trail"
Cartoon—"Sweet Sioux"
"Showboat Serenade"

WEDNESDAY



ALSO—Color Cartoon
The Herring Murder Mystery

THURSDAY - FRIDAY

MICKEY ROONEY

ALSO
RKO
PATHE
NEWS



With Bonita Granville
Lewis Stone

LATEST
ISSUE
MARCH
OF
TIME