

# Hooray! Happy Birthday To . . . Us

Keep  
the Habit  
Go to Church  
Tomorrow



Remember  
5th War Loan  
Drive Begins  
Next Month

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## Memorial Day Rites to Be Observed

In observance of Memorial day next Tuesday, Camp Abbot personnel will participate in two special services in which the memory of Americans who have died in the service of their country will be honored.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, in the Bend high school auditorium, the Rev. G. R. V. Bolster, minister of Trinity Episcopal Church and former RAF pilot in World War I, will share speaking honors with a Camp Abbot official—as yet unnamed. Appropriate music will be provided by the 362nd Army Service Forces band under the direction of Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding. The service will be attended by chaplains from all veterans' groups of Bend. Pvt. James Stilwell, vocalist, is scheduled to appear.

Immediately following this service, a ceremony combining the rituals of the various veterans' organizations will be held at the cemetery. This service will be in charge of Chaplain William H. Andrew, Post Chaplain. The groups are to assemble at the cemetery flag pole, where a color guard, buglers, and a firing squad will honor the fallen heroes with the traditional military salute. A representative of each organization will advance, in turn, to the flag pole to place a wreath in symbolic tribute.

## Bottle of Rum Sells for \$504

Abbot GIs who stand in line at the Bend spirits dispensary, finally nudging their way to the counter to plank out good, hard-earned shekles for their fair share of giggle juice, may be interested to know that, according to a recent United Press dispatch from England, a character laid five hundred and four bucks on the line for a bottle of rum.

The stuff was said to be 199 years old, and was "believed to be the oldest rum in existence," the story said. "This rum," said a yellowed inscription on the bottle, "was brought to England in 1805 by the late General Kingston. It was then 60 years old and the choicest the general could obtain during the 14 years he was governor-general of the West Indies. It was resealed and recorked by the late Lady Caroline Morrison and her housekeeper in 1837."

The bottle was sealed and corked again in 1884, and in 1924 its third owner, Basil Leakey, reopened it and sampled the rum. He took only a teaspoonful, but friends say he still talks about it.

Proceeds from the auctioned hooch went to the Red Cross.



—Photo by Signal Corps Photo Lab.  
Col. Frank S. Besson, CE, commanding officer of Army Service Forces Training Center at Camp Abbot, first anniversary of which was celebrated this week.

## Generals Not So Safe in Battle

Battlefront action in World War II has already disproved the old wheeze that high rank carries with it a correspondingly high degree of personal safety.

Since December 7, 1941, two United States general officers have been killed in action, eight more have died as results of their military service, nine have been wounded, six are still listed as missing in action, and 19 are prisoners of war in Japanese prison camps, the War Department has announced.

## New Feature at Service Club

A new entertainment feature was inaugurated at the Service Club last Sunday night when Cpl. Samuel Finifter of the Special Services branch presented Abbot's first Truth or Consequences show. The presentation is modeled after the radio program of that name, and calls for extemporaneous audience participation. Questions are asked various contestants, who must pay the consequences if they give the incorrect answers. "Consequences" consist of impromptu comedy acts by the participants.

It is planned to continue the series on Sunday night.

## New Uniform for Combat Soldiers

A new combat uniform for troops recently has been put to use on the Anzio beachhead in Italy, it was announced by American Legion News Service this week.

The uniform consists of dark green water-repellent trousers with large pockets on each leg and a paratroop style short jacket, with drawstring instead of belt and having two upper and lower pockets, and buttons under flaps so they will not catch on objects while the wearer is creeping. It includes also regular GI brogans with six-inch leather tops so that trousers can be tucked in, in place of the canvas leggings.

The new uniform is now in use on all fighting fronts.

## Post Band to Be Heard in Concert

The 362nd Army Service Forces Band will be presented in a concert at the Service Club Thursday, June 1, at 8:30 p.m., Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, band director, has announced. Officers, their wives and friends, as well as enlisted men and women, will attend.

The program will include a trumpet specialty, "Loveless Love," by Cpl. Jimmy Weiler; a Glenn Miller arrangement of the Anvil Chorus; Washington Post (march); "Gloria" (march); The Manx Overture; "Pop Goes the Weasel;" "Valse Triste;" "La Cumparsita" (tango); Prelude, by Shostakovich, and "Over There Fantasie."

## Therapy Cycle To Begin Here

HOSPITAL INAUGURATES NEW RECONDITIONING PROGRAM

"An idle brain is the devil's workshop."

"Keep 'em interested and you'll keep 'em happy."

These are not slogans for the new Convalescent Reconditioning Program at the Camp Abbot hospital, but they might well be, for that accomplishment is precisely what is being planned with a new cycle of therapy, according to an announcement this week by Capt. Joseph J. Tuby, medical officer in charge of the new program.

Past experience has shown that it is not enough for the medical officers to aid and promote healing. "As an example," Captain Tuby suggested, "take Pvt. John Doe. He remains in the hospital about a month, say. He does no strenuous work comparable to basic training. His condition goes down. He gets soft. And when pronounced cured and discharged from the hospital, he goes back to training only to find to his surprise that he can't 'take it.' He is cured, to be sure, but he is not 'tough.' In other words, his stay in the hospital has set him back."

Pvt. Doe's case multiplied hundreds of times is exactly what has been happening. "We intend to stop it," Captain Tuby concluded.

### Leisure Utilized

The new system, set up in accordance with the army-wide program of reconditioning and rehabilitating soldiers, will in no way interfere with or replace the medical care patients are now receiving. Instead it will

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## Abbot War Bond Council Sets Mark in Drive

"One hundred per cent participation by military and civilian personnel here in the purchase of "E" bonds through payroll deduction to the extent of 15 per cent of earnings." That is the mark set by the Camp Abbot War Bond Council, Major Arthur Davidson, co-chairman, has announced.

The group met Friday for the purpose of appointing members of the Minute Men's Committee from among officer personnel, and for establishing a cash sales mark for the drive. Col. Frank S. Besson, Post Commander, is chairman of the council.

In anticipating keen competition among groups and companies, and perhaps even platoons, Major Davidson reminded personnel that they are not giving their money. "They are lending it," he said, "at good interest, and will get it back after the war, when prices are lower and the same amount will purchase more than it will today."

## Presentation of 'T' Flag Made By Major Roche

At a colorful retreat ceremony Wednesday, which was attended by a large number of visitors, Major Walter L. Roche, representing Major General David McCoach, Jr., commanding general of the ninth service command, presented the Treasury Department's "T" flag to Col. Frank S. Besson, ASFTC Commander, in recognition of war bond purchases through regular payroll deduction by civilian employees at this station.

In his presentation address, Maj. Roche urged increased and continued buying of war bonds. "Our troops will soon go over the top in the greatest invasion in the history of the world," he said. "It's our job to back them up in the greatest war loan in the history of the world."

With reference to the coming fifth war loan drive, the Major added, "Americans will be asked to do more than they've ever done before."

The blue and white banner was accepted in the name of civilian personnel by Colonel Besson. It was immediately carried to a new flag pole near headquarters building by J. J. O'Donnell, Civilian Personnel chief, and raised to the top as drums rolled.

## Masons on Post To Get Together; May Organize

A meeting of all members of the Masonic lodge stationed at Camp Abbot will be held Monday, May 29, at 7:30 p. m. in the court room, building 202, according to an announcement today by M/Sgt. W. R. Shaefer.

It was stressed that the meeting, the first of its kind here, is open to officers and enlisted men alike. The purpose of assembling on the post, Sgt. Shaefer said, is to determine the number that are here and determine the plausibility of forming a club.

In the event a club is organized, it was pointed out, it will function in the promotion of social activities, and will not enter into ceremonies of the fraternity in any way.

For the benefit of interested persons, it is pointed out that the court room is situated in the rear of the Post bank.