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Abbot Sports Recalled

It is only appropriate now, what with anniversary and all, to review the year's activity in sports. In the beginning, sports of all kinds were slightly on the sandlot side. But athletic equipment began to arrive, and various teams were soon rearing their robust heads here and there. At first, it was largely baseball. The first ball game in Camp Abbot's history was played on Sunday, June 6, 1943, when the GI apple-knockers took a beating from the Bend Elks to the tune of 11 to 1.

The first baseball uniforms for use of Abbot teams were purchased from funds provided by the Percy A. Stevens Post of the American Legion in Bend.

Mass boxing was inaugurated here during the week of June 25. Instead of regulation boxing rings, huge sawdusted outdoor circles were established in each battalion, in which soldiers gathered in large numbers and made sincere attempts to beat the living daylights out of each other—or anybody who happened to get in the way.

The recreation hall opened for business the second week in June. The occasion was celebrated with the first Camp Abbot dance, at which newly-arrived WACs made their appearance to the delight and perhaps awe of assembled GIs.

On Saturday, July 24, 600 Camp Abbot men participated in a track meet in which members of Company A, 52nd battalion took first place in all five events. Next day the Camp Abbot baseball team played two games. A sensational negro team from Fort Lewis, Washington, defeated us in a heart-breaker, 3 to 2. But the Abbot nine squared off a few minutes later and out-slugged the team from Redmond Air Base for a score of 8 to 7.

The first WAC softball team and a bowling league were organized the first week in August. The Service company won the softball tournament, but not being satisfied, took on the team from D-53 in an exhibition game just for ducks, and got pushed around something fierce for a score of 12 to 1.

Sgt. Leo Frizzo, athletic coach for the Special Services branch, was assigned to his present post on October 6.

Camp Abbot's first basketball tournament opened in the recreation hall on Monday night, October 17, when Col. Besson, Post Commander, tossed the first ball from center. Three games were played the opening night. B-56 defeated D-57 for a score of 26 to 17. B-54 beat Service Company, 37 to 26. And B-57 took the GI cops for a 32 to 15 set of figures.

The officers' bowling league, members of which are alley-bound every Wednesday night, was organized on November 6. The first basketball game with outsiders was won by Camp Abbot team when they beat the

Bend High School quintet, 70 to 14 at the Rec. hall.

Ice-skating was popular back in January. But some trouble was experienced when alternating freezes and thaws produced a rough surface. Also, snow had to be almost constantly swept away. The skaters utilized a large lagoon in the floating bridge area.

A-57 won the first post basketball tournament. The loop opened Oct. 17 with 20 teams participating, but five dropped out when the going got too tough. The champs wound up the tourney with 12 wins and only one loss. A plaque was awarded to the champions by Col. Besson on Jan. 8.

The first post boxing tournament began February 17 at the recreation hall with seven bouts. In the regulation boxing ring that night there were three knockouts, two decisions and two draws. A point system was used for scoring. Each fighter was given a number of points which were credited to his battalion.

A-56 team and the Civilian Personnel Firemen five tied for the Camp Abbot basketball championship as determined by the second portion of the tournament. Each team had a record of 12 wins and 2 losses. Colonel Besson awarded both teams plaques on the night of April 14.

Private Enriquez of C-59 won the post middleweight boxing championship on March 17, when he outpointed Private Dillon of B-56 at the Rec. hall. Brown, C-52, took the heavy-weight title by knocking out Bryant, C-53, in the first round in the main event on the evening of May 6. This fight wound up the Spring boxing meet.

MP company won the post volleyball tournament on May 11, when the coppers beat Casual Co. for two straights. Scores in both games were 15 to 6.

Last week found the softball league well under way, with C-54 leading in the National League, and C-58 in the top American League spot. In the Bowling series, the Sad Sacks and Wood Choppers held comfortable leads in their respective leagues.

Speaking of Frizzo, the guy takes off this week on furlough during which his duties (!) will be handled by T/Sgt. Andrew Garibaldi, a new arrival here.



Here are the big guns in the recent Post spring boxing championship in which units of the 11th Group participated. Champs and their weight classes are (left to right): Kneeling—Pvt. Alfred Nelson of A-53, 135 pounds; Pvt. Alex C. Tolmasoff of A-53, 165 pounds. Standing—Pvt. Joe Martinez of C-52, 155 pounds; Pvt. Theo Brown of C-52, 190 pounds, and Pvt. Anthony R. Lopey of B-53, 175 pounds. Kitchenakow of B-54 and Andrico of C-51, who tied for top place in the 127-pound bracket by virtue of forfeits, and Hernandez of C-54, who won in the 145-pound class on a forfeit, are not pictured.

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Leaders Still Remain in Top Softball Spots

Standings in the Camp Abbot softball tournament were shifted around somewhat this week with the playing of eight games in the American League and five in the National League. But when the dust settled, C-58 still perched on the top American spot, and C-54 remained in the National top bracket. In the American league, three teams, B-58, A-58 and Service company, are tied for second place. Tied also for second place in the National league are B-55 and A-54.

Softball results this week in the National league saw C-54 win over A-54, 12 to 2. Then C-54 got together and beat A-55 for a score of 9 to 0. B-54 took a heartbreaker from MPs, 9 to 8. But when MPs lost to C-55, the score wasn't to close—9 to 0. B-55 got 22 runs to B-54's 7. And A-54 nosed out headquarters officers, 10 to 9.

In the American league, C-58 beat A-56, 13 to nothing. A-56 won over Service Co., 2 to 1. A-56 swamped C-56, 9 to zero, and C-58 did the same thing to B-58, 7 to 1. A-58 beat B-57 for a score of 6 to 2. A-56 got nine runs while C-57 got none. Service Co. beat C-56, 12 to 0, and B-58 took A-57 for a ride to the tune of 3 to 1.

Here are the standings:

American League			
	W	L	
C-58	4	0	
B-58	2	1	
A-58	2	1	
Service Co.	2	1	

National League			
	W	L	
A-56	3	2	
A-57	1	2	
B-57	1	1	
Medics	1	1	
C-57	1	1	
B-56	0	2	
C-56	0	5	

Table Tennis Tourney Slated For Next Week

The second annual Table Tennis tournament at Camp Abbot, in which all enlisted and civilian personnel are eligible to enter, will begin Monday night, June 5 at seven o'clock, and will continue through Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7, in the recreation hall, it was announced today by Lt. H. L. Hansen, Athletic Officer.

Entries may be telephoned in to the Special Services Branch, or they may be listed on the Service Club bulletin board. Five events with prizes to the winners are scheduled. They include: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. The Rec Hall will be open Sunday, June 4, one day before the tournament from 1 to 9 p. m. for those who wish to practice.

Entries to date are: Sergeant Charles, Supply Co., Private Dare, A-55, Private Cross, A-58, Private Olson, A-58, Pvt. J. Wilson, A-58, Private Ankerman, C-54, Sgt. E. Hauser, Service Co., Pvt. J. Anthony, Private Hughes

Sacks, Choppers Win in Round Robbin Bowling

Games in the Post bowling league wound up the first round robbin series of the summer, with the Wood Choppers and the Sad Sacks as lead ten-pin men of the hour. Next week will inaugurate a new series.

Wednesday night the Sad Sacks took the Medics for three straights, Quartermasters bowled over the Strikers for a couple of games, Headquarters Hotshots won two from the Neophytes, and the Wildcats beat Wahee Courts 2 out of 3.

Final standing for the Wednesday nighters are:

	Points
Sad Sacks	24
Wildcats	18
Wahee Courts	16
Strikers	13
Hdqs. Hotshots	13
Quartermasters	10
Medics	10
Neophytes	8

The Tuesday nighters are still seeking two more regular teams to round out the league play. Interested persons should telephone Mr. Henning at Ext. 266. This week the Pin Setters beat the Wood Choppers two games, Personnel won 3 from the Screwballs, and the 8-Balls took 3 contests from the Palmer Pups.

Here are the standings in the Tuesday night league.

	Points
Wood Choppers	16
Pin Setters	13
Personnel	13
8-Balls	10
Screwballs	6
Palmer Pups	2

Rec Hall Ramblings

Although several sharp ears have been held to the ground during the past week, nary a rumble resembling a noise which might be interpreted as a challenge from the WAC softball team was heard. Maybe they need a seismograph.

Field markers for use in making those nice, white, straight lines on ball diamonds are available at the rec hall, says Sgt. Leo Frizzo, athletic coach.

The grass is always greener in the other fellow's yard. But just you wait. Comes a few more weeks and the stuff will be like a country golf club course, unofficial sources say. Our unofficial answer is quote oh yeah? unquote.

of A-54, Private Mitolovich, B-53, Sergeant Johnson, B-53.

Other entries include Private Rosenstock, Corporal Hubbard and Corporal Higginbotham, all of Service Co. and Helen Souhrada, Neah Hannan, Mary Bender, Phyllis Hubbard and Matilda Rosenstock of civilian personnel.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

G. I. Geneva

PEACE CONFERENCES
A. T. W. A. S. *

BUT, MR. JONES, I DON'T CARE IF YOU GO OUT WITH NO NECKTIE!

THIS JOB MEANS LONG HOURS AND ALL KINDS OF WEATHER—THINK YOU CAN TAKE IT?

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I ONLY ASKED IF YOU'D LIKE A NICE BROWN SUIT

NO, NO... YOU SIT DOWN, HONEY! I'LL BRING YOUR DINNER TO THE TABLE!

AND THE SECOND THING I'M GONNA DO IS GET INTO A PAIR OF LOOSE PANTS

IT WAS ONLY THE 315 AIRLINER GOING OVER JUST AS THE FIRE SIREN SOUNDED

SAY—AREN'T YOU BLUE FLAME WILSON THE FAMOUS FIGHTER PILOT?

I WAS AND I WANTA BUY A PORCH CHAIR—ONE THAT DOESN'T EVEN ROCK!

DADDY, WHY IS IT YOU NEVER TELL ME ABOUT TARAWA?

* AFTER THE WAR AND SIX ...