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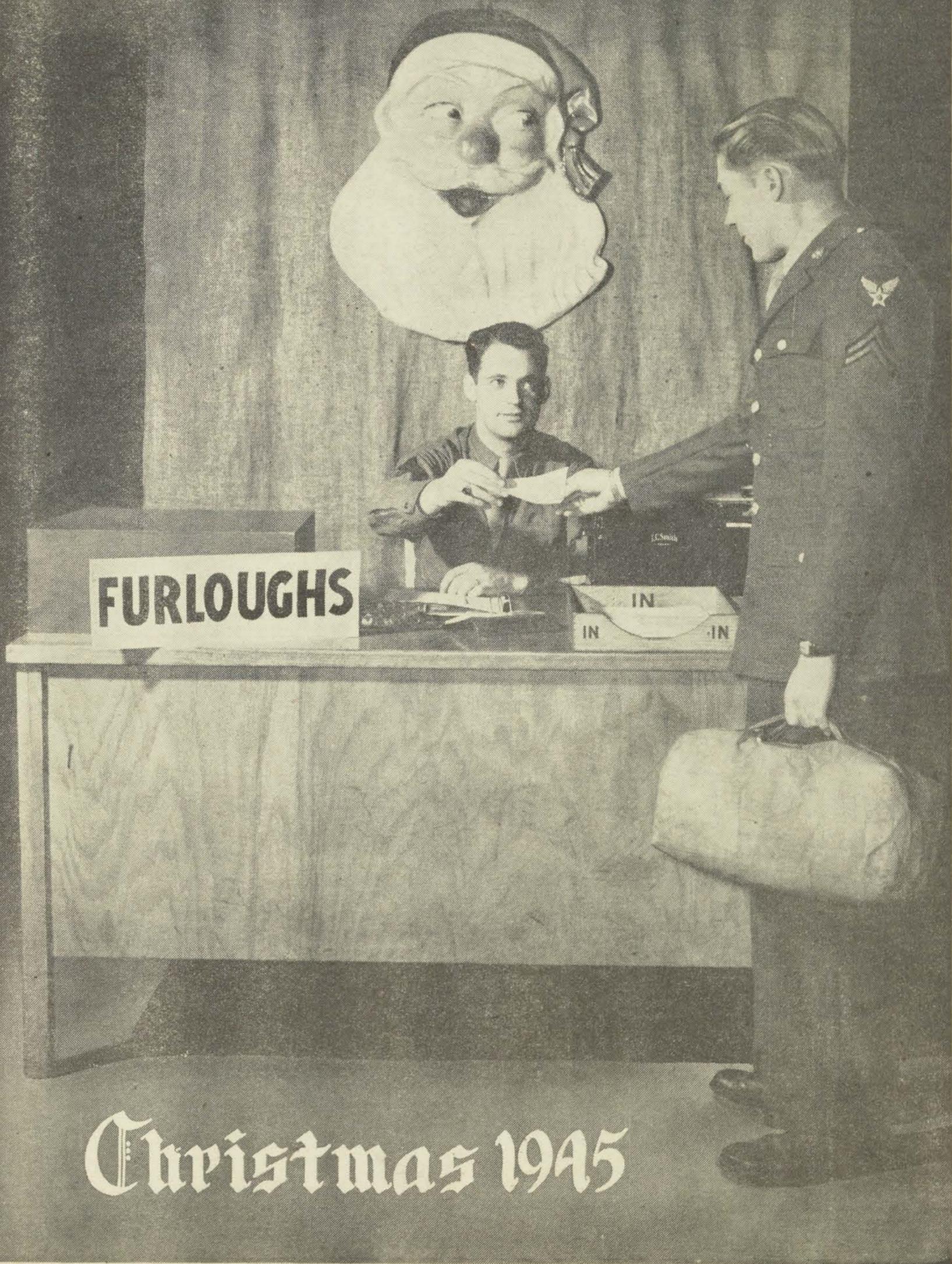
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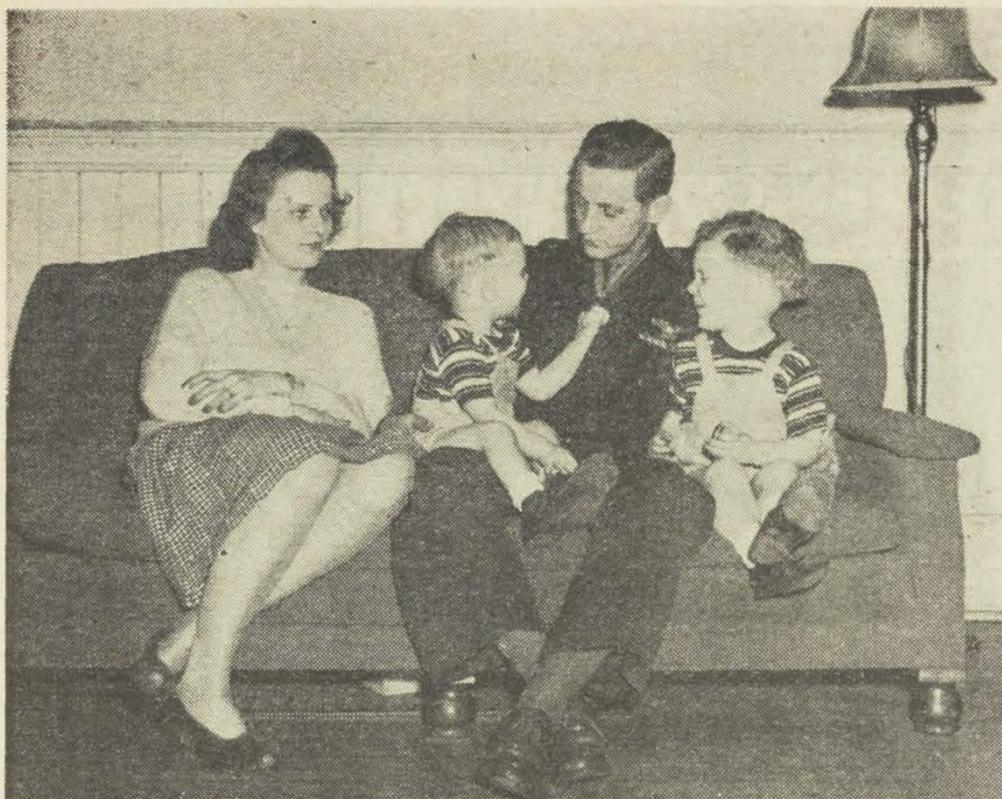
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Christmas 1945



AT HOME with his entire family for the first Christmas together in three years, Major "Bill" Shomo, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, relaxes on the divan with his wife, Mrs. Helen Shomo and two children, Richard, 2, resting on his right knee, and William, Jr., at his left. Major Shomo holds the world's record for descent, as squadron commander of the 87th Tactical Recon Sqdn., in the 5th Air Force.

Rubinoff Is Starred At Post Tonight Popular Violinist Uses Stradivarius

Rubinoff, the popular concert violinist who starred for several years on Eddie Cantor's radio program, is scheduled to perform tonight at 8 p. m. in the Big Top.

Known to millions as "Rubinoff and his Violin," the Russian-born, violin soloist will entertain at the officer's club following his Big Top appearance.

He began playing at the age of five years on a miniature violin and became known as the "wonder child." At 14 years, he was graduated from the Warsaw Conservatory of Music.

Victor Herbert's recognition of his talents helped launch him on the career that broke the world's record of attendance at an open air concert in Chicago's Grant Park, and took him as a conductor and soloist throughout the world.

Rubinoff uses a rare Stradivarius violin for his concerts, which bears the bejeweled coat of arms of the Romanoff family and Stradivari's own identification mark.

Army Duties May Qualify GI For Good Civilian Job

Army job experience can pay off when you hit the civilian labor market. This may seem preposterous to a GI who has spent most of his time dodging bullets, but he hasn't been wasting his time.

The War Manpower Commission can prove it. So can other agencies, both governmental and civilian.

They have spent a lot of time figuring out civilian jobs for which servicemen are qualified and have established that one-third of all Army jobs are related directly to civilian occupations, one-third are indirectly related and ALL are related in some way.

As for the rifleman, believe it or not, he has qualifications that are related to 49 civilian jobs.

Military job experience is of special value if: 1. You improved civilian skills by what you learned as a soldier. 2. You learned an entirely new skill. 3. You learned about a field of employment you like which you hadn't considered before.

Under the first heading comes the man who may have been an auto mechanic before he became a GI. In the Army he received specialized mechanical training, then became a truckmaster or a truck driver.

In the second group is the gas station attendant who learned meat-cutting in the Army and has decided to become a civilian butcher after getting discharged.

An example of the third class is the machine operator who was as-

Mustang Pilot Awarded Nation's Highest Honor

Modestly Tells How He Sent Nips To Flaming Deaths In Two Minutes

By CPL. GUS J. POLLES

Among the living and the dead who fought hard and won the victories—on the sea and beach, the wasted land, in the air—few men have achieved our nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Time Out!

Post Employees' Holiday Schedule

Holiday schedules for civilian employees of the post are slated to include both the Christmas and New Year's festivities, as follows:

Christmas—Sunday, Dec. 23 until Wednesday, Dec. 26. Resume work.

New Year's—Sunday, Dec. 29 until Wednesday, Jan. 3. Resume work.

Employees, normally off-duty Saturday, will begin the Christmas holiday December 22, but personnel whose off-duty day is Monday will be required to work Saturday as usual.

This week, one of them, Maj. William Arthur Shomo of Jeanette, Pa., a P-51 Mustang pilot, arrived at RS-5, Squadron "H" for processing and reassignment. He came quietly, without pomp and strut; he isn't a "hot-shot pilot."

But he holds the World War II record for destroying the greatest number of enemy aircraft during a single aerial battle in the shortest length of time, as announced by Army Air Forces Headquarters in Washington. It was disclosed recently by Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding general of the Far East Air Forces in the Pacific, under whom Maj. Shomo indirectly served. As squadron commander of the 87th Tactical Recon Squadron, 5th Air Force, "Bill" Shomo took off one morning last January, in his P-51, "The Flying Undertaker," for a photo mission in upper Luzon, just beyond the Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines. Within 15 minutes, he sent six Jap fighters and a "Betty" bomber screaming to the ground in flames or in hot, tiny pieces. He hit an average of one plane every two minutes.

AAF Headquarters further stated that Maj. Shomo accomplished a feat in one mission, done by no other pilot in the annals of the AAF Hall of Fame. For many months, it was said that a similar record was reached by McCampbell, the Naval ace, who knocked down nine of the enemy within two missions; and Greensboro's hero, the late Maj. George Preddy, Jr., who at the time of his death last Christmas in the ETO, had attained a score of six planes in a single scrap, and a total of 28.

An undertaker for five years in Jeanette when he joined up with the AAF in August, 1941, Maj. Shomo left his wife, Helen and two sons, William II, age 3, and two-year-old Richard, for the Pacific air war more than two years ago. He completed 201 missions, 180 of which were under direct fire.

The 27-year-old pilot participated in the landing at Lae and each additional aerial assault in New Guinea. He led his speedy squadron, the first P-51s used in the Pacific, on missions to strafe enemy columns of personnel and equipment, to supply ground support, dive and skip bombing and photo reconnaissance.

"We played Jack-of-all-trades around New Guinea and the Philippines, wherever we were needed most." The young major added, "My fighters were the closest link between ground and air forces. We would always go ahead of infantry and artillery divisions to help pave a way. They took care of the rest later!"

Of the P-51, he very bluntly (Continued On Page Three)

Congressmen Put On Show At Big Top Tomorrow Nite

Alabama's Luther Patrick Chosen As Emcee For Talented Politicos

GIs remaining on post over Christmas, will want to see four of our nation's law makers in roles of entertainers when they present their Washington hit show, "Congressional Varieties" in the Big Top, Saturday at 8:15 p. m.

IT HAPPENED OVERSEAS

What Makes Sammy Run

If you ask any of his buddies on the B-29 "Fancy Detail," they would probably tell you that S/Sgt. Sammie Stultz of Burlington, North Carolina, made a splendid record for himself in the Pacific theatre. Sammie polished off a Jap "Zeke" fighter, and had the good luck to have a bucketful of flak hit his armor plating in the tail turret instead of himself. The North Carolinian earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters and 2 battle stars on his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon.

Rescue Artist

Landing their Catalina search plane in Wakasa Bay, Sea of Japan under intense Jap shore and destroyer fire in order to rescue downed Navy pilots was typical of the work S/Sgt. Robert I. Fairfield of Bergen, N. J., and his buddies did in the 20th AAF. Another time, during his regular rescue work, fuel was exhausted in the Catalina's gas tanks and only the presence of Third Fleet units saved him from falling into Japanese hands. Sgt. Fairfield was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 2 clusters and Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two battle stars.

Last Time He Saw Paris

"The last time he saw Paris" was more than a sentimental song to Captain Benjamin Gordon of Philadelphia, Pa.—it was a bitter experience. German fighters swooped down on his Flying Fortress, riddling his bombardier and radioman and giving gunnery officer Gordon four headwounds from 20 mm. shellfire. However, the Philadelphian survived this mission and went on to complete twenty-five combat flights in the 8th AAF. His decorations include the Purple Heart, the DFC and the Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters.

Making Pacific History

Historic firsts stud 1st Lt. Alvin L. Miller's record as a B-29 pilot in his 33 missions for the 20th AAF. The Union, N. J., airman joined the first formations to mine the waters immediately surrounding Japan, helped in the first fire blitz of Japan's five largest cities and supported the tactical bombing of Iwo Jima and Okinawa prior to the American invasions. For his efforts he was awarded the DFC, Air Medal with four clusters and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with 4 battle stars.

Lucky In Italy

Perfect-timing characterized his luck in the Mediterranean theatre for 1st Lt. Samuel W. Watts, Jr., of New York City. With his engine conking 25,000 feet over the choppy Adriatic sea, Lt. Watts glided his P-51 Mustang down to a lonely airfield in Italy. Unknown to him however, his outfit was already moving up to the same field and he quickly rejoined his fighter buddies. The Distinguished Unit Badge and the Air Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters adorn the New Yorker's chest.

Iron Man

2nd Lt. Robert W. Moore of Melrose, Mass., must be an iron man because his medical record stated that as a Thunderbolt fighter pilot in the 9th AAF he received a staggering number of wounds. Any ordinary airman with his right lung ruined, three ribs broken and one removed completely, riddled with over a dozen shell fragments would probably be inclined to give up the ship. But the Bay Stater stuck it out in the ETO and won the Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Air Medal and two battle stars on his European theatre ribbon.

Near Costly Error

Every Yank at Kweilin was asleep and the Chinese air raid system had given no warning of enemy planes, so M/Sgt. Edgar L. Mager of Beacon, Michigan, figured the roar of an engine above to be that of a P-38 night fighter. It wasn't, being a Jap bomber. Even as the whole base rocked with Nip explosions, most of the Americans were still stumbling to shelters. Although the local air warning was chiefly responsible for the snafu, Sgt. Mager was submitted to a merciless razzing from his buddies and still winces when he remembers that he thought a Nip bomber was a P-38.

Among the statesmen-actors appearing, are Congressmen Luther Patrick, (D) Ala.; Harvey Tibbott, (R) Pa., and Congresswoman Helen Gahegan Douglas, (D) Calif., actress-wife of cineactor Melvin Douglas. Folksong singer Senator Glenn Taylor, (D) Ida., will star his wife and two sons in a family act.

Mr. Patrick, in the role of emcee, will stage a dramatic monologue, and Mrs. Douglas will enact a drama skit. Before entering politics, she appeared in numerous film flickers.

A ballad singer of no little distinction, Mr. Tibbott will vocal old favorites, GI requests and currently popular ballads.

The law makers variety show is brought to us by arrangement of Col. Paul R. Younts, commanding officer. When Mr. Patrick visited our post in early November while on an inspection tour, he was so impressed by "Big Top" billings and the work of Special Services, he promised to bring this show to Greensboro. Capitol Hill was wowed, so don't miss it.

Saboteurs Planned To Blast TVA And Other Objectives

WASHINGTON—(CNS)—Two of the eight Nazi saboteurs who landed from submarines on Long Island and Florida in June, 1942, turned informers and notified the FBI of their mission, Attorney General Tom C. Clark has revealed.

Professing to have embraced espionage for the purpose of escaping from Germany, they said they deliberately left evidence along the beach for Coast guardsmen to find, and telephoned the FBI, stating that they had valuable information to give.

Among the objectives of the saboteurs were the TVA installations; Hell Gate Bridge, N. Y.; Aluminum Co. of America plants at Alcoa, Tenn., Massena, N. Y., and E. St. Louis, Ill.; Ohio River locks below Cincinnati; Pennsylvania R.R. station in Newark and its horseshoe curve at Altoona, Pa.

The eight men were captured in two weeks, and tried by a military tribunal which ordered the execution of six and long prison terms for the two informers.

Service Club Plans Holiday Entertainment

A full schedule of entertainment for personnel remaining on post for the Christmas holidays has been prepared by the Red Cross, beginning with a tea dance Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at Service Club No. 1.

Monday night, the club will be open to Christmas Eve carolers and a dance will be held, offering door prizes and refreshments, at 7:30 p. m.

There will be another tea dance Christmas Day from 3 to 5 p. m., to which all outside personnel are invited. Transportation for guests will be provided at the King Cotton Hotel, in Greensboro, at 2:30 p. m.

Worship

Chapels Hold Many Christmas Day Services

Communion and candle-light services are scheduled for the special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day chapel programs to be held for Protestant and Catholic personnel of the post.

A special Christmas Eve service with carol singing by the post choir will be held for Protestants at Chapel No. 4 at 8 p. m. On Christmas morning, Holy Communion will be served for the Episcopal personnel at 10 a. m. in Chapel No. 3.

Catholic masses will be held at midnight on Christmas Eve in Chapel No. 4 and Theatre No. 3, near the Main Post Exchange.

Christmas Day masses for those of Catholic faith will be held at 9 a. m. in both Chapel No. 3 and the Red Cross auditorium at the Hospital, and at 11 a. m. in Chapel No. 3.

Mustang Pilot Awarded Nation's Highest Honor

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stated, "it's the best fighter plane used in ANY theater of war." Bill Shomo should know for he has flown every type of fighter in SAAF.

Pilot of six Mustangs, which were all christened "The Undertaker," he endured five crash landings at his home base. Ironically, he never received a scratch in any scrap, but served the purpose for which his Mustang was named.

That January morning, about 8, Maj. Shomo set out with his buddy, 1st Lt. Paul M. Lipcomb of Fort Worth, Tex., his wing man. They were ordered to photograph Jap airdromes in northern Luzon with a fighter escort of four planes, which were called back right after the take-off.

Shomo contacted "Lippy," (as his pals called him) "Shall we go ahead?" The Texan nodded with an "OK!" and tipped his wings with enthusiasm.

A year ago, the region of Lingayen Gulf was held by the Japs, already a confused and fleeing enemy in the Philippines. Photographs taken on the Shomo-Lipcomb mission would be used in preparing targets for 5th Air Force bombers during the next few days.

Two hours after leaving their base on Mindanao, and now flying



MAJ. "BILL" SHOMO
... for valor

at tree-top level, Bill spotted a Jap formation of 12 fighters (11 "tonies," one "Tojo") escorting a Betty bomber, heading south, and almost over their own base.

Shomo called his partner over the intercom. "All set, Lippy?" Let's go upstairs! The formation was then a few thousand feet above them.

Seconds later, in a full throttle, 180-degree chandelle (a steep climbing turn), the P-51s were on the tails of the V's last left element. "Keep your wing tanks, until they start tracing," Maj. Shomo called to Lippy. Then Shomo pounced. He knocked out the left rear two, almost simultaneously. One exploded into bits, the other flamed to the ground.

He shot down his third tony two minutes later and Lippy, who got a bad start on his first pass, destroyed the second fighter, left segment. Score now: Maj. Shomo, 3; Lt. Lipcomb, 1.

Dropping out of formation, the Nips' right rear section took off for the clouds in hiding. But waiting for a chance to pounce on the Americans. On his third pass, squadron leader Shomo blasted his fourth fighter and the Texan obliterated the left wing man. After this, the stunned formation split up.

As Lippy leveled off after his last kill, the second element on the right side, chased him. Bill rushed to cover him and sent one screaming. Lippy shot down the other, but as he cleared away, the bomber's tail gunner shot at his tanks, which Lippy unloaded fast, but missing his pass at the bomber. Maj. Shomo, who was following from behind, maneuvered his fighter right under the "Betty" belly and let go with everything his guns could give. The Bomber burst into a huge bubble of flame, tail-spinned, crashed into an abandoned field. This action brought his total to four fighters and one bomber within seven minutes.

As a breather, the Mustangs climbed up for altitude, which brought the two Jap fighters from hiding. One jumped Lippy. The lieutenant acted fast, leveled his 51 and rushed head-on toward a tony with his guns blasting blue fire. The enemy aircraft exploded. This made three confirms for Lippy.

Bill, in the meantime, was being chased by the other plane, 300 yards distant. "I kept turning inside his tracers," he related, "and let the damn Jap skid underneath me. I was trigger-happy. My finger never left the trigger. 40 feet from me,

suddenly, like a blast furnace, the Jap fighter exploded and the concussion spit tiny metal pieces into my fuselage." Maj. Shomo's sixth fighter victim was a chase. With full throttle open and unceasing fire, the Jap was run into the ground, though the plane was out of control at 100 feet.

Three enemy planes remaining from the original formation, scattered wildly with fear and fled.

Other pertinent facts concerning this mission are, Maj. Shomo riddled each of his opponents while only 40 feet from them, and also, he estimated that his guns fired 125 rounds of ammunition into each fallen Jap plane.

During the next 20 minutes, the unscathed 51s swooped to a few feet from the ground 17 times, photographing each wreckage. The two aces clapped their hands and continued their original mission, searching for Jap bases.

To complete his total of six fighters, two bombers (over two-year period), the fighter pilot told how he shot down a Jap dive bomber at approximately in the same area. His superiors say "it's amazing."

Last April 3, with ceremonies attended by the whole 71st Reconnaissance Group, 5th Air Force, Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, CG of the 5th and representing the President of the United States, awarded Maj. William "Bill" Arthur Shomo, ace among fighter pilots, the coveted Congressional Medal of Honor. To Lt. Paul Lipcomb, his Texas fighting partner, was pinned the Distinguished Service Cross.

Unable to fly in combat again after the CMH award, Maj. Shomo served in Formosa, Okinawa and Korea, as a member of Brig. Gen. David W. Hutchinson's staff as operational officer. Gen. Hutchinson commands the 308th Bomb Wing, now based in Korea.

What the major didn't like as he received the Medal was being forced to give up his squadron which he had led in 201 missions. As he completes processing, the young major says that he plans to stay in the AAF and train further at Applied Tactics School, Orlando, Fla. He has a total of 166 points.

Film Flickers

After two weeks, we again give you a double feature Saturday night. The first is RIVERBOAT RHYTHM, featuring Leon Errol and Frankie Carle's Orchestra.

This should provide plenty of laughs and music. The second is DANNY BOY, starring Robert "Buzz" Henry and Ralph Lewis. The plot deals with a dog discharged from the armed forces and should prove entertaining for canine fanciers. Sunday and Monday brings Robert Montgomery and John Wayne in THEY WERE EXPENDABLE. The picture opens in Manila, the day before the news about Pearl Harbor is received, with Montgomery and Wayne arriving on the scene with Torpedo Squadron 3, composed of P-T boats which are held in light esteem by the Navy at large. Gradually, as disaster follows disaster, the light swift craft are called upon for more and more important duty, finally to perform the hazardous job of taking MacArthur to Mindanao and the takeoff for Australia.

Christmas night Chester Morris and Marguerite Chapman appear in ONE WAY TO LOVE. It is a story of two radio writers trying to get back into the good graces of their sponsors. The sponsor heads back to Chicago on a business call and the boys, accompanied by their girl friends, follow on the same train in an effort to reinstate themselves. March of Time and a Noveltoon add to the entertainment on Christmas Night. Wednesday's feature, HOUSE OF DRACULA, features Lon Chaney and John Carradine. This picture combines all the monsters of previous pictures and is said to be the most horrific picture yet put out by the producers of these films. Accompanying this feature is a Scilling and Lane Comedy, Melody Master Band, and World of Sports. A WALK IN THE SUN, starring Dana Andrews and Richard Conte, starts its post run Thursday. It is a tightly woven story of one platoon, the Lee Platoon of the Texas division, and that platoon's first half-day on the Salerno beach. By ignoring and discarding the grand-scale battle scenes, the war is brought forward with pointed intensity. This picture is acclaimed as an intensely personal document, carefully and excitingly made. On the same program is Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Movietone News.

PFC. JOSEPH H. FRIESS

The Air Forces offer you a career. Enlist now.

Bill Of Rights

Things Every Ex-GI Should Think About

Joe Dough, the typical ex-GI, found it easy to get rid of his mustering out pay in resuming civilian life, but he found it just as easy to get information on the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, popularly called the GI Bill of Rights.

He learned last week that veterans can get free hospitalization, and that agencies have been established to help ex-servicemen get their old jobs back.

As for getting a new job, Joe discovered that:

What To Do?

Where you are going to find a job depends on many factors, among them being what you are trained to do, what industries offer the best prospects, and what areas have the brightest outlook.

Soldiers would do well to list on a sheet of paper their education, pre-war experience, hobbies, skills acquired in the Army, USAFI courses, and any other pertinent information. This list might be presented to the I&E officer, an appropriate veteran's counselor, or any qualified officer or EM who conceivably might be of help. If a man would like to open a haberdashery, he would do well to visit several local ones, if any, and ask the proprietor his advice: how much experience is necessary; what hours he works; what capital is required; what income might be expected; and so on. A soldier overseas could—and should—write General Electric, for example, if he would like to become a dealer in electrical appliances, stating his qualifications and requesting information.

The important thing is for men to take steps NOW to find their niche, and not wait until they are discharged.

Lines which at present seem to offer better opportunities are the manufacturing, retail and wholesale distributive trades, insurance sales, building and construction. In some cases, job opportunities will have to wait for the completion of reconversion.

In general, sections of the country where the population is on the increase are most prosperous. Men who are free to move around should take advantage of this fact. The Missouri Valley, for example, should become such an area when the power-electricification-flood control projects there get going.

Soldiers with a banking to buy their own business, should proceed with caution. Right now, they're likely to have to pay a war-inflated price. Men should not go in for either project without considerable experience and study of local conditions affecting success. The Department of Agriculture, on the one hand, and the Smaller War Plants Corp. and Department of Commerce, on the other, can provide helpful information.

Kid Christmas Party Invites Santa To Come

Santa Claus isn't going to be so busy this year that he will neglect the children of assigned ORD officers and enlisted men.

Since it would take up too much of his time to see each child separately, he has arranged to see them all at a Party in Post Theatre No. 3 the day before Christmas.

Between two and four o'clock in the afternoon, presents will be given each child and all will see a movie and stage show.

Chaplain Roland C. Probst will introduce Old Nick. Party arrangements have been made by the Post Chaplain, Special Services and the Officer's Wives Club with Mrs. Chauncey W. Webster as chairman. Invitations to send in names of children who will attend the Party were extended by Chaplain Leo Geiger during the past week to all the Squadrons and Sections.

Gifts For GIs At High Point Dance

Santa has promised to bring gifts for all GIs who attend the annual USO Christmas dance and party tomorrow night at the High Point Y. M. C. A., from 8:30 p. m. to midnight.

Light refreshments will be served and games played during the intermission. An orchestra has been hired to furnish the music for the formal dance. Everyone is invited to attend.

O'Connor Shows Talent Learned In Vaudeville

Hollywood Star Draws Assignment As Post Band Drummer-Entertainer

By SGT. JOHN PLACE

There is nothing upstage about Pfc. Donald O'Connor, recently assigned to the post band.



PFC. DONALD O'CONNOR
... he croons

Salvage Sales Reach \$25,129 Total In Year

Sales of discarded clothing and scraps turned in by post police to the salvage warehouse during this year amounted to \$25,129.12, it was stated today by Lt. I. J. Exper, officer in charge of warehouse activities.

Salvaged materials, such as torn shirts, cardboard scraps, paper and garbage were sold to concerns throughout the country in informal spot sales conducted by Purchasing and Contracts, under the direction of Capt. J. P. Collins.

There was no financial profit for the post. The total sales amount has been turned over to the United States Treasury department.

Contracts ranging from three months to a year were maintained with local concerns, such as the Greensboro Junk Co., T. K. Causey and Carolina By-Products. These purchases concerned mostly engineering and plumbing supplies baled cardboard and excess garbage.

At the salvage yard, baling and shredding machines pack the restricted and surplus paper picked up daily by post police trucks in their tours, and kitchen fats, ferrous metals and numerous other items are readied for shipment to buyers.

A permanent staff of six enlisted men works continually at the warehouse under Cpl. Walter Peacock with the additional help of 20 men detailed from Squadrons V. and O.

Discharges Slow As Week's Total Climbs To 1674

Discharges slowed this week as the separation total for the post climbed to 22,541, only a slight lead over last week's record.

Including the separation of enlisted men and officers, the latest report shows that 1,674 personnel have been released to civilian status since December 11. Enlisted men's discharges totaled 1,345, while 329 officers were separated from the service.

Figures in the daily totals vary, with the week's high mark being 318 enlisted men discharged last Friday.

The week's totals for enlisted men, day-by-day, are as follows: Wednesday, 206; Thursday, 193; Friday, 318; Saturday, 153; Monday, 250; Tuesday, 153 and Wednesday, 72.

WAR DOGS RETURN

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Some 1,250 war dogs are coming home when space is available, says the QM, but 30,000 GI mules and 50 horses will stay where they are. While the dogs haven't been complaining about the rate of demobilization, their owners—and some of the soldiers who handled them—are eager for their return.

MILITARY TRAINING

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The War Department declared that it "still remains squarely behind" President Truman's recommendations to Congress for a full year of military training for American youth in denying the statement of an unnamed officer that it was prepared to compromise on a 4-month program.

The laugh-contagious, young Hollywood star and GI is a born entertainer.

He first went before lights in his mother's arms—at the early age of six months—during the family's vaudeville act as a song-dance-comedy team. They were in Chicago when Donald was born, Aug. 30, 1925.

At 13 months, he had his own part in the act. Costumed in girl's dress, he turned his back to the orchestra and wiggled his legs to the tune of the "black bottom."

The years went by and he ripened in the atmosphere of grease paint and backstage antics. He learned the feel of an audience.

In 1938, while the O'Connors were staging a benefit performance for the motion picture relief fund, a talent scout for Paramount saw the act and singled 13-year-old Donald out for an audition.

Two weeks after reading the script for Wesley Ruggles, he was signed for a part in "Sing You Singers," his first great hit. Returning to vaudeville after the picture, he was all set to go to Australia with the family when his brother Billy died, and the trip was canceled.

Good Fighter

It was in Milwaukee that Donald met Primo Carnera, who was billed at the same theatre. The gargantuan heavyweight taught young O'Connor how to box. Since then, he has fought four golden glove champions and kayoed a 230 pound wrestler in exhibition bouts.

Despite pleas to return to Hollywood, O'Connor stayed with the act, replacing Billy as the comedian. Then, while playing at Peru, Ill., he got a wire from Universal Pictures to do "What's Cooking" with Woody Herman and Gloria Jean and he decided to accept.

"It's funny," he says, "that I should get the telegram—and my real start in pictures—on Dec. 7, 1941."

The first picture in which he starred was "Mr. Big," his last film with Gloria Jean. From there, he went to "Top Man" and "This Is the Life" with Suzanna Foster, "Chip Off the Old Block" with Ann Dwight and "The Merry Monarchs" with Jack Oakie. His last show before entering the Army was "Patrick the Great." The picture was finished on Christmas Day, two years ago.

In all, O'Connor made 11 pictures in one year, but they were released by Universal in three month periods to preserve his popularity with the public. Many believed that he made films while in "the Army."

"I enjoy pictures," he remarks, "but it's nice to get before an audience and hear the applause." Oddly enough, the kid star who helped make jitterbugging the nation's fad, prefers slow dances. "It's not as strenuous," he says.

Meets Wife

While in pictures, O'Connor met his wife, Gwen Carter, of California, "a strikingly beautiful girl, with sort of golden-red hair and lark brown eyes." When he entered the Army, she turned down a contract with the 20th Century Fox studio in order to travel with him.

He met her through Joyce Etchell, who had played the same stand with him at the Club Moderne in Chicago. "I happened to see Joyce one day in a Hollywood drug store. She was with Gwen and introduced me." He tried to get Gwen's telephone number, but neither she nor Joyce would comply.

Later, he discovered that Gwen's boy friend had been sitting beside her, "and the only reason he didn't flatten me is that I had the reputation as a good fighter."

Eventually, O'Connor was Gwen's steady date, though she "didn't think much of the idea" at first. After a year and a half, they decided to become engaged, and he planned the exact moment when he would give her the ring.

One night at the Florentine Gardens, just as the lights went out before curtain time, he put the ring on her finger. But, as the lights went up, he found that he'd put it on the finger of another girl.

"I almost pulled her hand off getting the ring back," he laughs, "but I tried it again and put it on Gwen's finger."

About six months later, the pair eloped to Tia Juana, Mexico, to get married, with Alan Kirk as best man. They arrived in the city at 4 a. m. when the car developed motor trouble.

Unable to find a mechanic, O'Connor bent over the engine with a nail file and pair of pliers. Two hours later, they were touring the

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A Christmas Message

As we approach this Christmas Season, we do so with our minds and hearts full of sincere gratitude and thankfulness to Almighty God. Many and diverse are the blessings we have received from Him during the past year. We are perhaps most deeply grateful for the truth that peace has once more come to the earth.

As we reflect upon the recent changes, present status, and future policy of the governments of the world which now exist, or are now in the making, we shall do well to ponder a statement from the Prophet Isaiah: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

We should be sincerely thankful for the countless material blessings that we, in America, enjoy at this season, especially when we realize that thousands in other countries are destitute of food, clothing, and shelter. But, above all this, the one central truth that brings forth sincere thankfulness and true rejoicing is the historical fact that on the twenty-fifth of December we celebrate the birth of a child whose name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. That fact is just cause for deep and true rejoicing.

As Christian Soldiers and Citizens, representing a Christian nation, to whom Victory over our enemies has come, and by whose efforts worldly peace may be spread abroad, we should do our highest and best to have and maintain the proper conception and attitude in celebrating rightly the Birth of Christ.

It is easy and rather natural to let the spirit of festivity and a tidal wave of commercialism overshadow the central truth of The Prince of Peace and The Saviour of the world. Rather, let us reflect upon the meaning power, and glory of the Name of the child whose birthday we celebrate—Jesus.

The angel of the Lord told Joseph that the name of God's son was to be Jesus, meaning "God is our salvation," or "Saviour." To use Matthew's words: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." These words simply mean that Christmas brings to us a Day of Hope, of Inspiration, and Life Eternal.

The power of the name Jesus resides in the truth that He, and He alone, is the one and only Saviour of the world. It is with this conception and attitude toward Christmas that we celebrate properly the birth of Jesus Christ.

It is the wish and the prayer of your Chaplains that the true spirit of Christmas, the spirit of Love, Joy, and Peace may pervade our lives and mould our thinking, not only at this season but throughout all the days to come, to the end that we may be instrumental in bringing Joy, Hope, and Peace to all men everywhere.

JAMES R. DAVIDSON, JR.
 Base Chaplain



"The Japs and their blinkin' Cherry-blossom propaganda—"



MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE G.I. Talks Back

THE QUESTION
 How and where did you spend Christmas in 1944?

PVT. ROBERT E. BRASHER, Shelby, Ala.—Christmas Day I was practically on the boat at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, going over to France in the 42nd division on January 3. I went on pass to Baltimore on a visit to a friend's family. It snowed outside and we had a swell dinner, making it a good time as Christmas goes. But they shocked me the next day and New Year's Day by putting me on kappie both times.



T/5 JAMES LINK, Lexington, N. C.—My Christmas Day was chiefly spent in a general hospital near London, England. I had been previously wounded in Normandy, was already Z'ed and sweating out shipment back to the United States in 1945. Dinner in the hospital was very poor, being a mixture of English and American food. Being in a cast reaching above my knee, I "took off" on crutches and visited some pubs. I wound up returning without my crutches, supported by my buddies.

PVT. LOUIS F. AMATO, Cleveland, O.—Before Christmas I had had the good luck to be on detached service on Staten Island, New York State. But during the holiday I was a medical corpsman on a hospital train full of wounded infantrymen bound for Texas. I had routine hospital chores to perform and had to eat Christmas dinner standing up. I spent most of the day battling the breeze with the patients and asking them about their battle experience.



PFC. WARNER H. BENTON, North Wilkesboro, N. C.—My Christmas story really began in France after D-Day when I was with the 90th Division in the famous 3rd Army. I received a wound and was rushed back to the United States. So when Christmas Day rolled around, I was well enough to receive a wonderful 30 day furlough home to North Carolina. It was a swell Christmas what with my mother's cooking and being with her and dad, and most of my four sisters and five brothers. Later on in the day, I rushed over to my girl friend's home, also in Wilkesboro and filling out the rest of my time with her.



The Christmas season is here once again with all of its traditional warmth and happiness.

It's pleasant to hear the aged carols and to lapse into sentimental vagaries of lumpy stockings by the fireplace and hunting for gifts left by Santa Claus during the night under the Christmas tree.

But just a year ago at this same time, there was bitter struggling in the Pacific and the Battle of the Bulge was taking its terrible toll of American lives.

I can recall observing holidays as a member of the 13th Air Force in the Pacific and trying to bolster the men's worn spirits. Now, this country is at peace, but there is still war in the world. The words of "Peace on earth and good will towards men" are not yet a reality.

It is the lesson of Christ's birth to give us hope. We should remember that as we observe this Christmas season.

This is not a lecture. I have the utmost confidence in your continued success. Each of you has displayed, to one another's benefit, the combined energy and co-operation that makes me proud to be your post commander.

I wish to extend to every one of you my sincerest greetings and wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

Paul R. Larkin
 Colonel, Air Corps
 Commanding

NO SALUTING

PARIS (CNS)—The signals are off in Paris—no more saluting is required. M/Gen. T. B. Larkin, acting theatre service forces commander, issued the order, because GIs in the city are for the most part furloughing. Heretofore, MPs did a big business in catching offenders, and in some cases, men who failed to salute were given a summary court-martial.



FAST TALKER: So you think that Bob Hawk, Ralph Edwards and the Tobacco Auctioneers can sling the language with terrific speed, eh? Well pull up a chair down at Immunization and lend your ears to a champion talker. He's Cpl. Joe Wilson from New Jersey and his job is receptionist, telling incoming officers and EM how many shots they will get and not to be afraid of the dentist and not to get lost in the big line. Well, if the squadrons would send their people up according to the appointment schedule, Joe would only have to exercise his lungs ten times a day. But the lads insist on coming in dribblets of three and four, and so poor receptionist Wilson goes on giving the same talk, over and over and over . . .

QUIZ ADULTS: If you belong to the dwindling minority who firmly believe that all quiz shows are on the qui vive, these salient facts should batter your faith. Most of the question-and-answer broadcasts are legitimate, what with the usual cross-section of American citizens being hauled before that terrible mike. But Broadway columns like Earl Wilson's and Maurice Zolotow's have been giving writeups lately to people who make a living by appearing on these shows. We admit it requires a definite knack to get by eagle-eyed announcers all the time, and bouquets shouldn't be snatched from these professional Quiz Adults. However it shows to go you that you shouldn't believe everything you hear over the air.

FLYING HOME: The Stampede to points north, south and west for the Christmas holidays is beginning and it's nice to hear that a chartered bus is being made available for boys going as far as Washington. To anyone with giant binoculars gazing down on the Gold Rush home and the weary stream of GIs back, it must appear that a series of volcanic eruptions are occurring in the vicinity of Greensboro.

DREAM JOB: We know about a photographer whose only job is to regularly snap photos of the famed Radio City Rockettes. Perhaps you saw the article in the national magazine explaining his extremely difficult and disagreeable task of snapping the precision dancing beauties.

QUARTERBACKS COUNT: Drug store mentors can take courage from the way quarterbacks handled the nation's football clubs this season. Although Arnold Tucker of Army, Navy's Bruce Smith and the Fighting Irishman Frank Danciewicz sparked their clubs to sensational records, a man whom coaches admired is little Sammy Dermigny of Miami U. The 150-pound Philly back had little more than a caustic tongue, but he lashed his indifferent team-mates so sharply that they whipped Michigan State and Auburn and are now slated to face Holy Cross in the Orange Bowl.

HOT BAND FROM MIAMI: Plenty of compliments have been flung around the new 725th Band. Coming up from the redistribution station at Miami Beach, Fla., the group wowed a large crowd at the Big Top Sunday in "Show Time." With those swing arrangements by pianist Murray Singer, the outfit sounds like a name band. Benny Rupert showed bright promise on that "Concerto for Cozy" drums number. Has he any more up his GI sleeve?

INSANITY ROW: When you walk past any of Squadron A-B-C's monastic barracks, you'll hear strange gibberish and walls resembling those of the Widow of Ashur. Don't be alarmed, brethren, it's only Johnny Mason, Mike Bizarrri and the lads with over 36 months of service. They spend all their waking hours feverishly tuning in the radio on newscasts, and bending an ear to latinograms, all in the interest of finding out whether they will soon be called Mr. or forced to keep on wearing khaki shirts.

SHOPPING for Santa: This sounds like shoppers' guide talk, but as the calendar reads, it's only three days before Christmas and for the first time in five years, the shops in Greensboro will be closed on "The Day." But with the war over, even strikes, inflation and critical shortages shouldn't put the damper on this glorious peacetime Yuletide.



"It was so thoughtful of you to get these tickets. I'm sure Mother and Dad will enjoy the concert!"



INSIDE the waist of a large C-47 at the Greensboro-High Point airport, Cpl. Lowell S. Heerman points to the harness equipment used to support a stretcher in evacuating wounded men from battle areas. This type of plane carried many men to hospitals behind the lines.



CROWDED by bobby-sox admirers after his Sunday afternoon appearance at the post Big Top, newly arrived Pfc. Donald O'Connor appears to be losing his necktie while he tries to sign an autograph album.

Public Attends

OPEN HOUSE AT ORD

With a well-balanced blend of sports, aviation and entertainment, ORD welcomed its civilian guests at Open House last Sunday.

A sky parade of AAF bombers, fighters and trainer planes featured the program at Greensboro-High Point Airport. Greensboro citizens inspected a Navy Privateer search plane, a Liberator bomber and other aircraft on public display.

At the Post Big Top, "Show Time", starring film comedian Pfc. Donald O'Connor, proved itself to be a big stage success. However the 725th Band, direct from duty at Miami Beach, also grabbed foot-

light honors with vocals by Sgt. Charley Fisher and drum playing by Sgt. Benny Rupert. The show was rounded off with orchestra music, vocals and a hand balancing act.

Supplementing the Army Air Forces recruiting program, displays of the motor pool, the air corps supply warehouse and processing facilities were arranged for public inspection. Recruiting personnel were ready to answer enlistment questions and sign up prospective airmen.

Open House included a decisive victory by the ORD Hawks over the Fort Bragg basketball team, 72 to 32, at the post gym.



THERE was plenty of fast action and lots of thrills in the ORD Hawks-Ft. Bragg contest at the post gym which the Hawks won quite easily by 72 to 32. Many post visitors watched the game.



AMONG the many different types of aircraft displayed at the Greensboro-High Point airport were some AT-6 planes. Guests are shown here by the wing of one of the AT-6 type, used to train single-engine fighter pilots. There were also AT11 and L-5 type aircraft on display.



ON THE STEPS of a C-47, Mrs. Frank Sych learns from one of the several recruiting sergeants at the Greensboro-High Point airport how airborne troops drop from the door in parachute invasions behind enemy lines. This type plane carried American troops into Burma to smash Japanese installations.

A Grand Time

The weekly activity held at the 118 Club was an excellent one this past week. A Hill Billy band known as the Hickory Nuts supplied the music for dancing and the hilarious all-male burlesque show. Refreshments were served and a grand time was had by all. The familiar faces of the girls who attended were girls from different departments on the base. Although they were few their attendance helped greatly in making the party a success. This week's "Farewell" was given to a man who has done an excellent job as Adjutant of Sqdns. ABC for the past two years. Lt. Woolhouse has been very well known on this base by men who have passed through and men who have worked with him directly. He has now joined the ranks of "Misters", replacing Lt. Woolhouse as Adjutant in addition to his other duties we have Capt. John L. Bryce. "So you think your Dept. is busy" . . . Have you walked into Sq. A orderly room lately and noticed the pass and furlough section? The boys in that section have been engaged in getting all those anxiously waited for furloughs prepared so the EM can get home for that "Merry Christmas". Those boys have done an excellent job and deserve recognition.

F & X News

With the Christmas spirit being heightened by the season's first snowfall, Squadron F&X were hosts to over 300 Greensboro lads, and not one was sorry he came. Our club 499 band supplied the music for the occasion, and Pfc. V. S. Smith together with Calvin Boze gave out with the vocals. The program was MC'd by Howard Cottman, who did a fine job. Speaking of Cottman, that lad really looked and sounded well at the 'jam session' the band gave out with last Thursday at the club 499. He plays drums good enough for any big time band.

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Cpl. Joseph (Badman from Brimstone) Patterson still thrives on the ladies' tears. Cpl. Roger Watson, who was here last year on his way overseas came back here to be discharged from the service. Lt. Norman S. Torrence, formerly of this station visited the post for a few minutes last week and greeted many of his old friends. Good luck to Lt. Torrence. Flash! Sgt. Howard Washington has in his possession a picture of himself when he had all of his hair. It was taken at the end of the war, and we don't mean World War II. T/Sgt. Daingerfield made a thousand faces when he was told that his mechanic was last seen headed toward the Salvage Yard with the Dodge. The separates are to be congratulated on their conduct at our public affairs so far. It is the hope of all concerned that the enlistees will fall in line for their share of compliments for good conduct.

To properly locate those you miss around the camp in the future, we're inaugurating a portion of this column that will be known as the 'STEM BOUND LIMITED' and opening this week's is Pfc. Roscoe McLeory, former cook here; Sgt. William Suggs, of supply; Lucian Taliferro and John Bellamy of Plans & Training department both athletes deluxe; Pfc. Nathaniel Wiggins, Chief Inspector of the MP department and Sgt. Paul Miles M/R executive. All received their discharges this week and are aboard the one way train. To all of you the best of luck and we certainly will miss seeing you in GI's, but don't pass us up when in your 'civies'. The alarm was sounded this week from barracks 514 that the 'BEAR' was turned loose, but Cpl. Horace Bell states if you see him and the bear approaching each other don't help the 'bear'. We believe Bell will have the situation well in hand too. The Christmas recital featuring guest artist 1st Sgt. Henry L. Grant was indeed splendid, Sunday evening at Bennett College. Those of us that also attended A&T's earlier Sunday evening really attended two fine programs. Sgt. Grant also sang with the A&T Choir, which makes quite a bit of singing for such a little fellow, (or is he little?) No fellows, Pfc. William Wright is not a teacher at Bennett, but is just building up his morale as is Pfc. James Logan. They really know where morale is 'built' too. Don't forget that only one guest with every GI when Billy Eckstein and his band appear at the 499 Club the 22nd of this month. Knowing how hard this will be to adhere to for some of you, a hint to the wise should help. Former Pfc. now Cpl. Harry Smith stopped by on his way home for a furlough. You will better remember Harry Smith as a former ORD Fox basketball player. Now stationed in Florida, Smith asserts his furlough is taking him to heaven. P. S. he spent more time at Bennett than he did with the boys (naturally). Let's not forget those gifts and cards for those we want to remember during the coming holidays, and right now the posts PX's are holding everything you might need. See you all next week.

CPL. EMANUEL E. DICKERSON,
CPL. BRADFORD E. SANDS

The Chapel Bell

CATHOLIC MASSES
Sunday
8 A. M. Chapel No. 3, Bldg. T-605.
9:00 A. M. Catholic Mass, Red Cross auditorium.
11 A. M. Theater 2, Bldg. T-907.
5:30 P. M. Chapel No. 3, Bldg. 605.
Weekday Mass
11:50 A. M. Daily Chapel 3, Bldg. T-605. Confessions before and after all masses and every night at 7:15 in Chapel 3, T-605.

PROTESTANT SERVICES
Sunday Services
9 A. M. Episcopal Holy Communion, Chapel 3, Bldg. T-605.
10 A. M. Morning worship Chapel 3, Bldg. T-605.
10:30 A. M. Protestant worship, Red Cross auditorium.
10 a. m. Morning Worship Chapel 4, Bldg. T-504.
7:00 P. M. Evening service, Red

Cross auditorium.
7:00 P. M. Vespers, Chapel No. 4.

Weekday Services
7 P. M. Tuesday (Christian Science) Chapel 5, Bldg. T-402.
7 P. M. Wednesday Jewish Discussion Group, Chapel 3, Bldg. T-605.
7 P. M. Thursday Service Men's Christian League, Chapel 4, Bldg. T-504.
7:00 P. M. Wednesday, Latter Day Saints meeting, Chapel No. 5.

JEWISH SERVICES
7:30 P. M. Friday Chapel 5, Bldg. T-402.
7:30 P. M. Wednesday-Discussion Group, meets each Wednesday, Chapel 3, Bldg. T-605.
A chaplain is on duty each night in Chapel 3, Bldg. T-605, from 6:30 to 9:30, and Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m.

A Thought For Christmas

Once again we pause in our daily occupation to commemorate the event that is the central event in all history, namely, the Nativity of Christ. That event has influenced history to such an extent that we reckon time according to before or after it. The commemoration comes this year to a world again at peace. That peace is something for which persons all over the world have constantly prayed. They have prayed particularly at Christmas time in these past four years. It is true that the peace which prevails at present is much like the "Pax Romana" that was in effect on the first Christmas Night. It is a peace that is maintained by force. However, we are grateful that the fighting has ceased in most of the world and men can now turn their minds and efforts to the work of construction rather than destruction.

On the first Christmas Night the message announced to the world by the angels was, "Peace on earth to men of good will." The first half of that message has been restored but it cannot endure without the second half. Good will toward men is the only basis for a just and lasting peace. This good will must begin with the relationship between individual and individual and spread out to the groups within the nation, then finally to the relationship between nations. This good will is simply the application in the daily life and the affairs of men of those principles that Christ came to teach. On this new commemoration of the first coming of Christ we should devote some attention to the real meaning of His coming. If our observance of the season is limited to the mailing of Christmas cards, the exchange of gifts and the customary festivities we've missed the point completely. No one should let this Christmas pass without a thoughtful consideration of the full meaning of the Incarnation.

STANLEY M. POWERS
Chaplain, Captain.

H Inside H

The first sign of the Christmas Spirit was revealed to us by Cpl. Bill Maresh, in his fine construction of Santa Claus. With excellent workmanship, Biss has succeeded, (through the Santa Dummy in front of the Orderly Room), in presenting the feeling of gaiety to many men here at the base. The photographers took pictures of this "art," and we announce that it is the first Christmas Decoration completed on the post. A really fine job, Willie. . . . When an Enlisted Man walks into the Officers' barracks, thinking it his own, that's news; but when the situation is reversed, and the Officer says, "This can't be the Officers' barracks, it's too clean, excuse me," that's something strictly SNAFU. Barracks T-264 has a new theme song, "Lights Out Sweetheart"; adding to their misery, the boys there are really getting the business in that nightly game of hearts. It should turn into a bloody battle very soon. Whose turn tonight, men? . . . We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartiest congratulations to Lt. and Mrs. Murray Heilwell on the arrival of their 8-pound baby boy. I'll give ten to one that he grows up to be a basket ball player. . . . We appreciate the many troubles that the Squadron Special Service men have gone through to arrange for the busses to Washington for Christmas and New Year's. It really helps the men out on their problems of transportation 100 per cent. . . . Likewise do we appreciate the gift from the Squadron Commander of a carton of cigarettes to each P. P. man in H. . . . Cpl. Malcombe Foley, the "Big Gun" of T-218, is really turning on that Virginian power. Most of his talk is about "Me, the assistant 'Coach' of the O. R. D. Hawks." We're just riding you, Foley, so don't take it to heart. . . . The Finance Department is really having it rough. Seems as though every time someone figures it's about time he got paid, he leases a room in town for three months; after which time he is finally reimbursed (financially) by faithful Uncle Sam. The hotels in town are really doing a profitable business, especially around Christmas. . . . The Basket Ball teams (both Officers' and Enlisted Man's) have canceled all games until after the Holidays. The Officers' team has won one and lost none, and the E. M. have lost one and won none, so we expect to see a lot of men in T-218 signing up to play ball. All are welcome and everyone will get more than his share of playing. . . . Well, without a little proverb for this time of the year, we would all feel bitter toward the world, so remember, "All is for the best in the best possible worlds." . . . A Merry, Merry Christmas and a better and Happy New Year to all men everywhere. . . . Follow Inside H next week and every week.

S/Sgt. Bill Hassel

O Merry Xmas

Peace on earth good will toward men . . . especially men of Sq. "O" . . . Colonel Bullock, our CO, firmly believes this maxim; for, he has extended Holiday furloughs to all the permanent party and when one walks through Headquarters all you can hear . . . train reservations, Holiday parties . . . and trips to Durham for the less fortunate. . . . For those who are dreaming of a white Christmas, the white morsels that blanketed the ground here, made this dream a reality. Undue hardships were suffered however, as ice formed on the uphill path to the Snack Bar. . . . Ask Sgt. Kirven to show you his bruises. . . . We are wondering if "Cuddles" Sinitzky got his combat boots in time to make the last lap up "that" hill! The line forms in front of Sgt. Small's desk for discharges (married, got 7 kids, too old, lumbago, feel tired after a 50 mile hike. . . . See him, he might fix you up) . . . Calling Sherlock Holmes; Lost a one runner, was last seen leaving T-944. . . . If found dead or alive, please contact Pfc. Wozniak immediately. Pfc. Sweeney patiently awaits the orders he went after. . . . Has anyone seen the Sick Book Clerk? . . . Do you hear us callin' Patsy? . . . Due to reasons beyond ours and their control, our family of five "muts" have hibernated to Finance. . . . Missing enough service time for Cpl. Hardwick, the last of the 14 tail gunners of the 15th AF to be working in M/R. . . . So long, Sgt. Trainor. . . . With Christmas only a few days off it's an arduous job selecting all those gifts. . . . (Woolworths for your information is open till nine each night) . . . Jenny is doing a wonderful job at the Red Cross wrapping all the things with gay paper and ribbon to add more to the joy of giving (who's kidding' who?) . . . So now till we pick ourselves up again after the New Years and get back in the "rut" of more work. . . . Here's wishing you a Brighter Christmas and a Happy New Year.

(Morning Report Section)—
CPL. O'CONNOR.

Furloughs

WZZO is 10-8 again. Sgt. Flash Wilcox is doing a bang-up job in Prison Supply. The big question of the week at Post Prison is why is Cpl. DePriest receiving so much mail of late from so many different parts of the country? With the manpower shortage as it is Pfc. Burris was double welcome back from furlough. Some people sure will gain weight if they keep visiting the mess hall so frequently; how about it, Sal? The "Chief" went to a two-alarm while on his pass in the great city of Baltimore. With the Christmas shopping so near we wonder why the Post Prison Finance Clerk is always a little short when balancing his books. . . . Sgt. Aiken, our



one and only Mail Man, has been confined to the Regional Hospital with a high temperature. Everyone is wondering if the temperature was caused by his girl friend or the weather. Anyway, here's hope for his quick recovery. Sgt. Mandara, our motorcycle man with the "Charlie Chaplin" mustache and answering to the name of "Blue-Eyes" has been holding revival meetings in the barracks these evenings. However, at this writing, we haven't heard how many converts he has to date. . . . Lover Durkin was left standing on a certain Street Corner the other night. I wonder which one it was that stood him up, the School Teacher. Sgt. Belfi is sweating out his Christmas furlough. . . . Well, well, well, Fellows, I see that Jackson is still carrying his eagle on his hat. Hope he doesn't fly away. Our long lost boy Trainum has finally returned after 32 days in Virginia. Fellows, here's one for the books: "Pop" Trimbach went sliding down the back stairs of the barracks the other morning and I hear made a three-point landing. Don't ask me what three points he landed on. . . . Horizontal Jimmy Greene is now doing a bang-up job on the motorcycle. The great "Merle A. Farabaugh," the Winston-Salem Flash, is now looking forward to returning to his old job on the Winston-Salem Patrol. Cpl. Becker has just announced to the boys that he is going to take the great step in the near future. Hope all your children will be Ash-Cart Drivers, Cpl. . . . I wonder where Kirsch, our Day Room Orderly, spent the other afternoon, when he asked the 1st Sgt. to go to town and get Christmas Decorations and returned very late with no Decorations. We were sorry to hear that Sgt. Pharr has left on Emergency Furlough due to the critical illness of his brother. We wonder why "Wong," our Chinese boy, receives so many long distance calls from Gibsonville. We hear that he is planning to spend his next furlough in Gibsonville. What's this we hear about Sgt. Wirth chasing "Rose Marie"? . . . S/Sgt. (Sherlock) Douglass has practically lost all his hair trying to figure out how he can get out of the Army. Cheer up, Johnny, 1946 is just around the corner. Hey, folks, here it is! . . . Dot Hedrick has converted her Chevrolet into a rolling kitchen. Hamburgers with onions are her specialty. . . . Pfc. (Shaky) Hocker is sporting a new pair of shoes, the reason for the change, Hocker states, is the old pair was constantly squeaking. "No discharge, no discharge." . . . This ought to be encouraging to shave-tails, for Polly, our receptionist, is recommending their promotion. It seems that 2nd Lts. are reluctant to wait their turn for processing. . . . Welcome to the PM office, Lt. Calamine. . . . The boys from the post police are doing a swell job around the post. They are being noticed by all concerned. Keep up the good work, boys.

WZZO—Pop

Joyous Noel

Before another column rolls around, Xmas will have passed. So at this time we shall take the opportunity to bid everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. . . . May all your Xmas be bright and merry. This past year has seen a transition in this activity which probably no other department has experienced. Hundreds of men have joined and departed from the Pool. The civilian personnel problem has changed frequently. . . . It has been a year of many changes on the Post in general, but yet the people of the Motor Transportation Department have performed their duties in a superior manner. Everyone worked hard and everyone can take credit for a job well done. . . . Motor Pool side lights—Lura Abercrombie took a couple of days off this week. 'Tis said that Lura took those days off for an exceptional reason. Wonder why chum. Rachael Payne took in her Xmas shopping on Tuesday last. What makes with slippers, Major Vandenberg? . . . Jimmie Fisher, the Colonel's driver, had Wednesday afternoon off. Fifty percent of the men are enjoying Xmas furloughs throughout the country at this time. The other fifty percent leave on the 27th. The "Whip" buying a Xmas present for the "Wheel." Nick Eanes paid a visit on Open House day. Hulda Martin Looking nicer each day. Sweet kid, Hulda. Hachel Payne buzzing around like a jet propelled plane. Howard Holman giving assistance to Jim Slattery. . . . PW's shoveling the snow. Capt. Lewis wearing rubber boots. Yes, it has been a lot of fun being here for the past year. We've enjoyed every minute of it. We hope that the coming year brings on more pleasure moments than we have had this outgoing year.

MOTOR
POOL

AMERICAN THEATER
WASHINGTON (CNS)—Personnel who served one year or more within the continental limits of the U. S. are now entitled to wear the red-white-and-blue American theater campaign ribbon.

What To Do, Off, On Post During Week On Fun Calendar

The complete calendar of entertainment activities for the coming week, both on and off the post, is announced by the Post Special Services office as follows:

- Friday—21 December**
Theaters—No. 1 and No. 3, "Getting Gertie's Garter" with Dennis O'Keefe and Marie McDonald; No. 2, "Vacation From Marriage" with Robert Donat and Deborah Kerr.
Dances—NCO Club, 8 p. m.; Y. W. C. A., Greensboro, 8 p. m.; Club 499, 8 p. m.
Special Events—Bingo and GI Movies, Service Club No. 1, 8 p. m.
- Saturday—22 December**
Theaters—No. 1 and No. 3, (Double Feature) "Riverboat Rhythm" with Leon Errol, Frankie Carle and Orchestra, and "Danny Boy" with Robert "Buzz" Henry and Ralph Lewis; No. 2, "Getting Gertie's Garter" with Dennis O'Keefe and Marie McDonald.
Dances—Greensboro USO, 8 p. m.; High Point USA, 8 p. m.; Winston-Salem Y. W. C. A., 9 p. m.; NCO Club, Members and Guests, 8 p. m.; Women's College, U. N. C. (See Sq. Reps. for Tickets).
Special Events—Special Show, Big Top, 8 p. m.; Dancing, Club 499, 8 p. m.
- Sunday—23 December**
Theaters—No. 1 and No. 3, "They Were Expendable" with Robert Montgomery and John Wayne; No. 2, "Getting Gertie's Garter" with Dennis O'Keefe and Marie McDonald.
Special Events—Church Parties and Suppers, Tickets at USO, Busses leave USO at 5 p. m.; Battleground Tour, Busses leave USO at 3 p. m.
- Monday—24 December**
Theaters—No. 1 and No. 3, "They Were Expendable" with Robert Montgomery and John Wayne; No. 2, (Double Feature) "Riverboat Rhythm" with Leon Errol, Frankie Carle and Orchestra, and "Danny Boy" with Robert "Buzz" Henry and Ralph Lewis.
Dances—NCO Club, Members and Guests, 8 p. m.
Special Events—Dancing, Big Top Club, 8 p. m., Bob Chester Orchestra; Dancing, Club 499, 8 p. m.
- Tuesday—25 December**
Theaters—No. 1 and No. 3, "One Way To Love" with Chester Morris and Marguerite Chapman; No. 2, "They Were Expendable" with Robert Montgomery and John Wayne.
Dances—Y. W. C. A., Greensboro, 8 p. m.
Special Events—Dancing Lessons, Service Club No. 1, 7:30 p. m.; Dancing, NCO Club, Members and Guests, 8 p. m.; USO Show, Big Top, 7 and 9 p. m.
- Wednesday—26 December**
Theaters—No. 1 and No. 3, "House of Dracula" with Lon Chaney and John Carradine Schilling and Lane; No. 2, "They Were Expendable" with Robert Montgomery and John Wayne.
Dances—Greensboro USO, 8 p. m.; NCO Club, Members and Guests, 8 p. m.
Special Events—Music Listening Hour, Service Club No. 1, 8:30 p. m.; Dancing, Big Top Club, 8 p. m.; Dancing, Club 499, 8 p. m.
- Thursday—27 December**
Theaters—No. 1 and No. 3, "A Walk In The Sun" with Dana Andrews and Richard Conte; No. 2, "One To Love" with Chester Morris and Marguerite Chapman.
Dances—East Market USO, 8 p. m.
Special Events—GI Movies, Club 499, 8 p. m.; Dancing, Big Top Club, 8:30 p. m.
- McNarney Sees Long Occupation**
FRANKFORT, Germany (CNS)—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, who succeeded Gen. Eisenhower as head of the U. S. forces in Europe, predicted that the occupation of Germany would last at least 10 years. During this period, he went on, the Germans would have time to establish a democratic government and perfect a self-sufficient economic program. Gen. McNarney said he would adhere strictly to our denazification policy. "I have not forgotten who started the war," he declared. "The German people must realize that they are responsible, and that their debt has not been paid."
He favors bringing the families of occupation troops to Germany beginning next spring.
- STILL FLOATS**
Pacific.—(CNS)—The first Liberty ship, the Patrick Henry, which was launched September 21, 1941, and was the forerunner of some 2,700 more, is returning from here to enter the transatlantic service.

Christmas Is Treat For Staying GIs

Tables Stuffed With Delicacies

With skeleton crews staffing the Post administrative machinery, Christmas promises to be a real peacetime holiday this year.

A liberal policy has permitted half of the ORDMen to go home for furloughs beginning December 21 and closing December 27.

But a culinary treat is in store for GIs who chose or were forced to spend their Christmas Day on the post. Under the supervision of Lt. Col. Charles A. Rose, Jr., mess officer, and Sgt. G. M. Stewart, general mess sergeant, the tempting menu for all mess halls runs as follows:

- Roast tom turkey
- giblet gravy
- sage dressing
- cranberry sauce
- mashed potatoes
- green peas
- lettuce salad and french dressing
- celery olives hot rolls
- assorted fruits nuts and candy
- fruit cake and ice cream
- coffee

FROM OUR FILES

With half of the Post personnel entraining home for Christmas with their families and friends, Yule celebrations here at ORD-RS 5 included religious services for GIs of Protestant and Catholic faiths, and a delicious dinner at all the various mess halls. Emerging unharmed from the annual inspection tours, the Post spruced up for the holiday season. The Post news for one year and two years ago ran as follows:

One Year Back

Twelve months ago Maj. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, then commanding general of PDC, in an address before Colonel Younts, State Governor J. M. Broughton and 2,500 officers and men, lauded the vital work being done in the States by GIs and praised the rapid development of this ORD.

A concert was presented by the famous 110 piece Royal Air Force Band to soldier audiences at ORD. One of the greatest military bands in the world, the RAF organization presented a similar show at Aycock Auditorium in Greensboro, a bond purchase being the price of admission.

Three technical knockouts were furnished as ring thrills at Big Top before 1,000 absorbed GIs. Feature battle of the evening was fought between Ennis Bianchi of Lynn, Mass., and Ed Singleton of New Albany, Ind., in a sluggish match which saw the Indiana middleweight score a sharp victory.

Two Years Ago

Following a Presidential address to the nation, "On the Beam," the BTC all star radio show was aired over a national hookup by Post special services. A blend of comedy, drama and music, this broadcast paid special tribute to the forgotten soldier in this man's Army, the mighty Pfc.

Cpl. Charlie Trippi and his buddies on the Tech-Hawk football team, the only gridiron club in the country with a perfect record for 1943, wound up their season undefeated, untied and unscored upon.

Lt. Gen. B. K. Yount, commanding officer of the AAF Training Command, wrote an editorial in the "10-SHUN," predecessor of the "Rotator," announcing that the huge outfit he led had become the largest unit in the U. S. Army.



SNOW that turned the post into a Winter Wonderland this week promises to make Christmas a real, old-fashioned holiday this year. Beginning to fall last Thursday, the white flakes set a record in the post's history of continuous snowfall.

Shoe Business, Printing Good Job Bets For Vets

Job Prospects Good In Both Fields, According To GI Employment Survey

The shoe business is booming like it never boomed before, even in the inflated and prosperous '20s, according to Camp Newspaper Service's survey of employment prospects for veterans.

Wartime leather shortages cut the supply of footwear available to the public and made necessary production of inferior products because of lack of high quality materials. Now, however, shoe rationing is over and better quality leather and other materials are beginning to return to the market. The public is replacing wartime footwear, including GI shoes, as fast as it can.

Ex-Pvt. Tom Fuqua, sales manager of the Jarman Shoe Co., Nashville, Tenn., told CNS that "current conditions in the shoe business have never had a parallel." According to his information sources in the industry, "there is a much greater demand for shoes, particularly men's shoes, than there has ever been." And there's no reconversion problem.

Major manufacturers are re-employing all vets now in the service. Fuqua, speaking for his company, adds that in addition "there will probably be room for more, by present sales indications." George W. Johnson, president of Endicott Johnson corporation, Endicott, N. Y., declares: "From time to time, we hope to be able to give work to other men and women."

As for shoe sales, vets without experience are advised not to open their own shops. It's difficult to make a success without suitable background. If you know what you're doing, that's another story; retail shoe stores are selling their merchandise as fast as they place it on their shelves.

The shoe boom is keeping manufacturers of shoe-making and shoe-repairing machinery busy, and some shoe firms complain that they are not getting machinery fast enough to suit them. As in other industries, this machinery was overworked during the war and spare parts were often not available.

Aside from domestic trade, the state of export markets will affect the industry. There is a colossal demand for shoes and shoe machinery abroad, particularly in war-devastated countries. If foreign nations can arrange the credits to purchase here, the shoe boom will be even greater.

Good Jobs in Printing
Printing establishments are doing a land-office business these days. Some are short of help.

Scores of new magazines and other publications are cropping up and the old ones will increase in the number of pages and in circulation when paper shortages end, which may not be for some time.

Here's one example of the volume of business which printing firms are enjoying: the publisher of a 10-volume encyclopedia was told by his printer that it would take a year before he could run off a new printing. (A new printing—not a revised edition.)

Two of the biggest companies in the field are short of manpower. R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., of Chicago, informs CNS, according to E. D. Chapman, personnel director, that post-war employment is expected to exceed prewar and peak wartime employment. In addition, Chapman told CNS, completion of a new plant next summer will create jobs for men and women in unskilled positions.

Raymond P. Fischer, vice-president of the Cuneo Press, also of Chicago, wrote 3 months ago: "We are pleased to tell you that the expansion of our normal printing activities has been such that we are still experiencing a manpower shortage in nearly every department of our organization, which carries on almost every known type of printing operation, from composition to binding and printing."

"We anticipate no difficulty in absorbing all our own men as they return from the service and our personnel director, Mr. Joseph Bartulis, will be glad to discuss employment with any other discharged veterans from the Chicago area."

Plan your future with the AAF. Enlist now.

Handbag Lost

A blue handbag was left in the KP shack at the Greensboro-High Point airport Monday by Pvt. Wallace Wajda, of Squadron O. The bag contained toilet articles, spectacles and case, and a towel. Will the finder please return the bag to Squadron O orderly room or to barrack T-964.

O'Connor Has Long Career Before Lights

(Continued From Page Three)
city to find a Justice of the Peace. The best answer they could get from the Mexicans was "hot tamale?"
At last, they were directed to a Justice and wed. After a one-night honeymoon in Mexico, O'Connor left for Ft. MacArthur to be inducted.

Old Story

He volunteered for training as an Aviation Cadet, took basic at Amarillo, and was classified as a pilot. A day before he was to enter CTD, the cadet program was disbanded. Transferred to Special Services, he was prepared to go overseas as an entertainer, but instead, was sent out to recruit Wacs.

"That's when I really became wacky," he quips. He toured theatres throughout California, doing four and five shows each day, attending dinners and banquets.

Then, after a short illness, he was assigned to RS No. 1 at Atlantic City. Alerted there for overseas, he was taken from the shipment and sent to Plattsburg, N. Y., to help organize a bond drive.

It was during this drive that he visited ORD. "I spent two days in this wonderful metropolis of Greensboro, and I'll never forget it!" Working with Lt. Taylor, of the band, and Major Fitch, he sold over \$500,000 worth of bonds.

While stationed at Atlantic City, he gave performances in the hospital wards, "sneaking out of the office to do it," he recalls. After 16 months in the Army, he was promoted to Pfc., at Atlantic City. He was prepared to go overseas the third time to do a show in Germany with Peter Lynd Hayes when the Japanese surrendered and, again the plan was dropped.

As for his discharge, O'Connor has an open ear for all rumors but says "It looks as though I'll be an old man before the points catch up with me."

When he is released, he would like to organize a show and make an overseas tour for the occupied troops.

Veterans Take Technical Studies In Universities

Almost every university in the country has an ex-GI in its classroom today and enrollment figures are expected to climb over 100,000 before the year ends, according to results of a survey made by the New York Times.

Indications that ex-servicemen are employing the privileges of the GI Bill of Rights and the Rehabilitation Bill are shown by comparing last year's 5,000 enrollment with today's 40,000 veterans.

Many colleges have experienced a substantial expansion, ranging as high as 500 per cent, in the veteran enrollment.

The survey shows that the ex-GIs are adjusting themselves to their educational programs with no difficulty. Many of them have taken the lead in extra-curricular activities about the campuses.

Reports from a majority of the institutions polled say that ex-servicemen are making as good—or better—scholastic records than their civilian classmates.

Although veterans do not shun the liberal arts courses, the trend is more toward technical and vocational or professional subjects. Favorite fields for many are: engineering, business, law, pharmacy and medicine.

Courses and tests for college credits are provided for ORD personnel at the Information and Education office.

ASKS DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Bill Mauldin, 24, Pulitzer Prize winner, GI cartoonist, who was recently discharged, sued his wife for divorce, charging adultery. He named a former friend as correspondent. Married 4 years during most of which time he was away from his wife, he sought custody of their 2-year-old baby.

SPEEDY JOB

LONDON—(CNS)—A British jet plane, a Gloster Meteor, established what is claimed to be a world speed record of 606 miles an hour, in four test runs off the south coast of England. The ship was of standard design but was specially groomed for a crack at the recognized record of 469.2 mph, set by a German in an ME 109 in 1939.

ARROWHEADS

Washington (CNS)—ETO, MTO, and North African personnel can find out whether they're entitled to wear a bronze arrowhead indicating participation in an assault landing, either airborne or amphibious, by consulting General Orders No. 70, dated Aug. 20. Units credited with landing in Attu are also included.

Eleven Ideas Get Approval Of Committee

Proposals Pay-Off In 72-Hour Passes

Eleven of the 23 improvements suggested by ORD military and civilian personnel were adopted by the post suggestion committee at its last meeting, November 19.

Two of the proposals are pending and have been forwarded to Special Services and the Bandleader for further action and possible adoption.

Headed by Lt. Col. Chauncey W. Webster, the committee recommended eight letters of commendation and three awards of three-day passes. Declared unnecessary, 10 of the ideas were rejected.

Passes were awarded to Pfc. A. M. Turnbull, Sqdn. D, who proposed stabilizing the road shoulder at the bus stop near Warehouse No. 27; Pfc. J. E. Fisher, Sqdn. C, for suggesting that posts be placed at the north end of Warehouse No. 32, and to T/Sgt. H. L. Rofinot, for his idea of lighting the emergency room sign at the ambulance entrance to the Regional hospital.

Since submitting their ideas, three of those who received letters of commendation have left the post. Cpl. L. S. Heilbrunn, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been discharged, and Cpl. B. L. Frankel, transferred to Bowman Field, Kentucky. Cpl. A. C. Abrahamson is now serving overseas.

Suggesting that a white line be drawn through the E. Bessemer Ave. bridge to show its narrowness won a letter of commendation for Mrs. T. S. Dillon, a driver at the motor pool. Another civilian employe to gain recognition was Miss Edith Maness, who received a letter for her suggestion of installing a clock in the commissary.

S/Sgt. J. F. Durden's Sqdn. K, proposal of erecting a partition to divide the pool tables from the radio-phonograph upstairs in the service club was not adopted, but led to the proposed erection of three music rooms in the club and he was sent a letter of commendation.

Post Choir Sings At Candle-Light Xmas-Eve Service

A special choral, candle-light service for all Protestant personnel of the post will be held Christmas Eve at 8 p. m. in Chapel No. 4, located in Squadron F and X area.

The congregation will be led in singing the traditional carols by a choir of 25 enlisted men, Wacs and civilians, directed by Lt. William F. Munster, and the Christmas lesson, according to the Gospel of St. Luke, will be read by Base Chaplain James R. Davidson, Jr.

The program follows:
Opening Sentences, Chaplain Davidson.
"Oh Come All Ye Faithful," Congregation.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Congregation.

"Good King Wenceslas," Men's Choir with baritone and tenor.

Christmas Lesson, Chaplain Davidson.
"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," Congregation.

"O Holy Night," Choir.

Responsive Reading.
"The First Noel the Angels Did Say," Congregation.

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing," Congregation.

Christmas Prayer, Chaplain Davidson.
Benediction.

"Silent Night, Holy Night," Congregation.

Some Pumpkins



THIS IS Lorraine Miller, an MGM starlet. Her picture is printed by popular request of her press agent, but it wasn't a bad idea at that.

Post Bandsmen Give Lowdown On Jam Session Explain The 'Holy War' Between Jazz Stylists

By PFC. PAUL GAVAGHAN

To those who do not understand jazz, an explanation is in order. A popular misconception is that it has no pattern and is merely an emotional outburst. Even enthusiasts sometimes believe that jazz is a break with the past and that its greatest work lies in the future.

Members of the 724-725th Band have definite views on the subject. One tenor saxophonist says: "The musician likes to keep his mind alert, but the present crop of songs is too flat and commercial to use his talent properly."

In his opinion, music is a constant strain on the player. A jam session gives him a chance to work intricate scores and preserves him from going stale. Ideas are constantly changing and

it's helpful to blend his vibretos with a new group.

A trombonist gives his sentiment of a jam session, as a way to relax, play his drums or horn. His motive is to get away from commercial demands and corny rhythms. "Jazz is not new," says a trumpeter. Jazz traces back to Beethoven; Stravinsky used its rhythms.

A trombonist who played for Blue Barron admits that more musicians are in a jam session audience than ordinary listeners. The master of ceremonies announces a number of calls for the necessary musicians to play. If the player is unable to raise his sax or horn every four bars or so, he drops out and is replaced.

"Ultramodern trumpeters like Dizzy Gillespie, drummers like

Cozy Cole, or saxmen like Charlie Ventura influence the general run of players," says one tenor sideman.

Recently, a "Holy War" has raged between Dixieland stylists (Bob Crosby, J. Scott Trotter, Muggsy Spanier) and the disciples of Ellington music. It's symbolized by Woody Herman's switch from Dixie music to a fast-tempoed, weirdly beautiful style.

Interest in the money angle of true jazz has increased recordings. It's a standard joke in Tin Pan Alley that anyone with over a hundred dollars in his jeans is a disc jockey, with at least a few artists under contract to him.

Jazz merits attention and there are musical meccas throughout America—the native habitat of jazz—with sincere musicians.

ORD Beats Gliders In Major Cage Upset

Best Two Bragg Quintets Within Four-Day Period

Polishing off their second name team within two weeks, the ORD basketball Hawks defeated the 326th Glider Infantry of Fort Bragg, 63-51, before a medium-sized crowd at the post gym Wednesday night.

The Glidermen, defeated only by Norfolk Navy in thirteen starts, tied the game only once, at 49-up, during the final period of the upset victory. The Hawks won going away as they laid up three baskets in the final two minutes of play.

Responsible for the upset victory were the big four of the Hawks' attack, Center Fred Taylor, Guard Earl Spencer and Forwards Earl Shannon and Tee Frye.

Both Taylor and Spencer matched the Infantry's polished floor games and scored 12 and 21 points, respectively, in their best form of the season. Frye consistently broke clear of his man to register 14 counters. Earl Shannon lived up to all past build-ups in the role of play-maker for the hard-driving four.

Hanes Hosiery called off tomorrow night's game at Winston-Salem due to inclement weather and Christmas festivities. The Hawks play again on December 30th when they clash against the Cherry Point Marines.

In their highest-scoring victory of the season, the Hawks completely crushed Ft. Bragg, 72-32, before a small open house crowd Sunday afternoon.

The rout gave early indications of respectability as the Hawks muffed numerous layup shots and passes to hold only a 26-19 lead at the half.

Using the starting five for the next half, the Hawks scored 46 points to Bragg's 13. Bragg was completely ineffective against the Hawks' speeded-up offense.

Guard Earl Spencer set a new scoring mark of 22 points, seventeen of which were tallied during the third period. Guard Mike Poja dribbled through Bragg for 15 counters. All told, eleven Hawks entered the scoring column.

Despite a speedy attack, Bragg was forced to shoot from beyond the foul circle for most of the game. Sticking to an almost exclusively dribbling attack, the Bragg men were no match for the Hawks, who combined fast passing and quick breaking for an almost monotonous succession of baskets.

WRONG SENESKY

Fans were impressed when they read recently that George Senesky, nation's highest scorer several seasons ago, was to play with a visiting semi-pro quintet in Carolina. Investigation revealed that the former ORD athlete has been overseas for several months.

Varsity Beats Yannigans In F&X Thriller

In one of the fastest-moving cage thrillers of the season, Squadron F and X Foxes defeated their Yannigans, 58-56, before a crowd of 400 at the A&T College gym in Greensboro Tuesday night.

Originally billed between Winston-Salem Teachers and the Foxes, the squad game was played when weather conditions made travel impossible.

With the lead changing several times, the Yannigans gave the Varsity a hard fight to keep their superiority. Jewell "Big Train" Blackwell paced the Yannigans with 24 counters, followed by Center Cross of the Varsity with 20. The score was tied at 38-up at the half, but the Varsity took a slight lead in the third period which they held until the final whistle.

The Yannigans fought a game battle despite their relative lack of experience. Hill and Johnson kept Pres Wilcox, Morehead (Ga.) Junior College star, well in check for the Yannigans, while Stevens and Blackwell scored from the bucket.

Refereeing the contest was Cpl. Brad Sands, former New York semi-pro star, and coach of the Foxes this season.

List Schedule For Post 'Gym'

Capt. David Sanders, PT department head, today announced the following schedule of activity at the post gym, T-908, for the coming weeks:

- 0800-0930 post basketball team
- 0930-1100 open period
- 1100-1200 officers' program
- 1200-1300 open period
- 1300-1400 Squadron H
- 1400-1600 intra-mural program
- 1600-1700 officers' program
- 1700-2130 open time

The gym will remain open, seven days a week, during the Christmas holidays.

Recently discharged from the AAF, Staff Sgt. Taft Wright, former ORD athlete, will report for spring training with the Chicago White Sox. Here during basic training and early ORD days, Taft was a member of ORD baseball teams.



PVT. WALT KUCEWICH of the Hellcats gets off a final strike to set the week's high total of 602 pins. Bowling 189, 209 and 204 in successive ten-frame games, Kucewicz led Bomber league play last week. The Corning (N. J.) keglers has a current game average of 187 pins. The Hellcats knocked down 2607 pins to decision the Medics, two games to one, last Thursday.

Cats And Medics Roll Record Bowling Match

With six individual games above the 200 mark, the Hellcats defeated the Medics, two to one, last Thursday night in the highest match bowled to date by ORD keglers. The Hellcats set a new team total of 2607 pins in the Bomber League highlight.

Starting out with a record game of 954, the Hellcats won by 203 pins but fell off in the second game, 854-801. The Medics climaxed their steady rise to win the finale, 882-799.

Kline of the Medics set the month's individual high game score of 232. He was followed by Hellcats' Sgt. Jerry Quiter with 219, Sgt. Cosmo Robertello with 210, Pvt. Walter Kucewicz with 209, and Buziak of the Medics with 210. With successive 200-pin games, Kucewicz registered the week's high total of 602.

In a minor-upset, the fifth-place Mess team took two out of three games from the fourth-place Medics. Miko ran up 528 pins to pace the losers. Taking an option on the cellar position, Vitamins forfeited their match to the Orioles.

Pvt. Fred Maute continued to keep the Avengers on top of the Wednesday night Fighter loop. Last week's leader rolled 181, 212 and 206 for a 599 total, only three pins below Kucewicz's winning score. The Avengers defeated Preparation for Separation in straight games.

Stat Control entered the first division with a clean sweep over Service Records. Sgt. Jerry DeFelice led the Stat men for the second straight week with a total of 525-pins.

The second-place Aces found difficulty in decisioning the fifth-place Classification No. 2 team. Classification sneaked in a second game victory, 759-748, as the Aces fell off their game. Last-place Classification No. 1 did the same against Awards and Decorations, 711-709, in their second game but also dropped the match.

Squadrons A and H continued their two-way tie for first place in the Officers' league as both won forfeit victories. Capt. Bryce kept in shape with a 192-high game for Squadron A, while May rolled a 523-pin total for the unopposed Squadron H keglers.

Finance went out of the cellar with straight victories over Squadron O. Capt. Jules Fish set the officers' high total of 532.

Medics 1 won two out of three games from Squadron V to enter a two-way tie for second place. Schroeder led the Medics with 509 pins.

Teammates Here With ORD Hawks

Teammate of Center Fred Taylor at Alexandria AAF, Cpl. Larry McColloch has put in some timely buckets for the Hawks this season. The Burlington (Ia.) guard played three seasons under Coach Burl Huffman at Texas Tech. The Texans faced most of the southwest's greatest teams, including the famous West Texas giants.

Beavers And Vets Defeat Cage Leaders

League To Resume After New Year's

Basketball gear went into mothballs over the Christmas furloughs but not before several squadrons had shown complete changes of form in their second league starts.

Snapping back from their initial setback, the Beavers knocked off the Outlaws, 30-25, last Thursday afternoon. The Beavers never yielded their opening 4-point lead despite continuous Outlaws' attacks.

Meiners, Feltey and Souder combined for 24 points as the Beavers demonstrated excellent ballhandling and spot passing. One of the fastest men in the league, Adleson scored 15 points for the Outlaws.

Vets Win

The once-beaten Vets evened their record against the undefeated Hoopsters, 21-15, Thursday afternoon. Scoring honors were shared by seven of the Vets, who used fast breaks and cuts to good advantage. Williams and Brandt paced the Hoopsters with nine and five points, respectively, while Demoro led the Vets with six.

Orioles Continue

Only the Orioles continued as the class of the league as they rolled up their second landslide victory, 51-27, over the Avengers Friday afternoon. The Orioles had previously smothered the Chowhounds, 65-19, last Tuesday.

Fodrea racked up 17 counters to set a new league record while fellow Orioles Nance and Leon followed with 14 and 10 tallies. The Orioles called time only once in their continuous scoring barrage.

Fechter Dominates Comets' Statistics

First place in the statistics of the PDC football Comets, who trained here at Greensboro, was run up by Fullback Russ Fechter from the University of South Dakota and prisoner-of-war in Germany last winter.

Fechter was the leading scorer with 30 points on five touchdowns; lugged the ball from scrimmage more times than any back, 82; had the best net rushing aggregate, 412 yards, and the best average yards gained, 5.15 yards per carry.

CALLS FOR PLAYERS

With a full January slate of games, Coach Dave Sanders today invited past-college cagers to try out for the ORD Hawks. Prospective Hawks are requested to contact Sanders at the physical training office, T-11, Ext. 66. Next month's schedule lists games with Camp LeJeune, Glider Infantry, Cherry Point Marines and Norfolk Navy Station.

Bowling League standings are as follows:

Bomber League (Dec. 19)		Won.	Lost.
Vultures	.....	13	2
Hellcats	.....	12	3
Owls	.....	11	4
Medics	.....	8	7
Mess	.....	6	9
Eagles	.....	5	10
Orioles	.....	4	11
Vitamins	.....	1	14

Fighter League (Dec. 18)		Won.	Lost.
Avengers	.....	13	2
Aces	.....	10	5
Prep. for Sep.	.....	9	6
Stat. Control	.....	8	6
Awards and Dec.	.....	8	7
Class. No. 2	.....	6	9
Serv. Records	.....	3	12
Class. No. 1	.....	2	13

Officers' League (Dec. 16)		Won.	Lost.
Sq. A	.....	12	3
Sq. H	.....	12	3
Sq. V	.....	10	5
Medics	.....	10	5
Medics 2	.....	6	9
Finance	.....	4	11
Dentists	.....	2	13
Sq. O	.....	1	14

ACTIVITY AT GYM

Practice basketball games will be staged at the post gym throughout the next two weeks. Attached personnel are invited to play on squadron teams during that period. Lt. Earl Spencer and others of the PT staff will referee the contests.



By CPL. GENE GERSTMAN

Berne, Indiana, is a small Swiss community of 2,700, and Perryville, Missouri, isn't much larger with 3,900. Two of their residents, however, are high school phys. ed. teachers—small town operators—who make this page possible: Staff Sgts. John Bauman and Hugh Henderson of the post PT office.

Bauman, who's been at his desk in T-11 for the past half year, is the official record keeper of the department. These include PFR tests, athletic contests, ORD teams and all the athletic equipment assigned to the post. He's a combination stock control manager, supply clerk and first sergeant.

Because of his one month's seniority over Bauman, Henderson holds the official title, NCO in charge of athletics. He's the voice on the phone, without which squadron athletics would never be. He schedules the games, notifies the teams, checks the gym and does the on hundred odd jobs necessary to insure a will-run contest.

Bauman and Henderson, the main sources of PT publicity, have parallel careers. Bauman is 33 and married, Henderson, 30 and single, but age isn't a big factor in the deal.

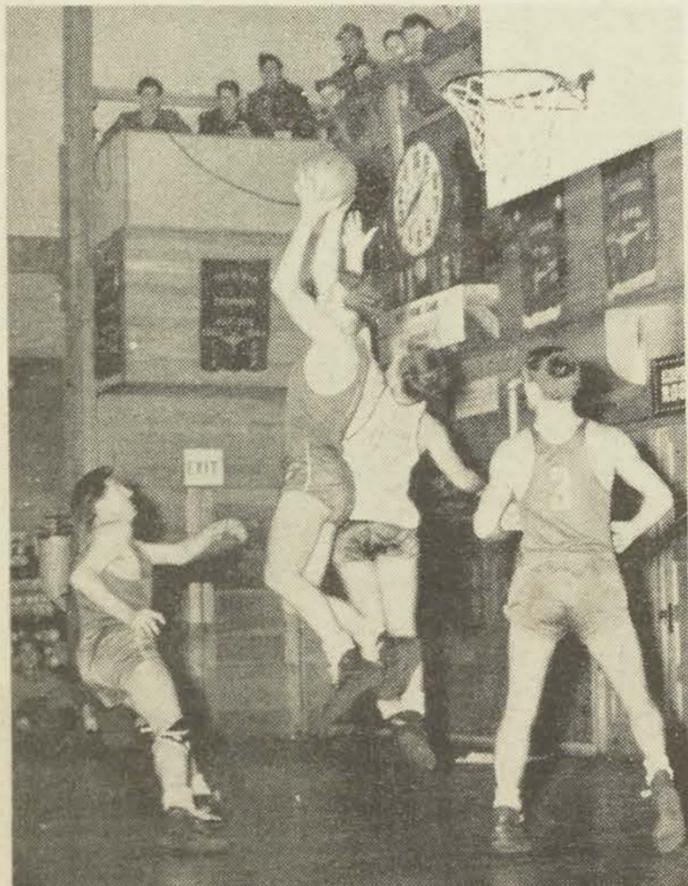
Berne and Geneva

Bauman was raised in Berne, but when time came for college he went to Ball Teachers' at Muncie. The Swiss community of Geneva, ten miles away, is the traditional rival of Berne, but jobs were jobs, and Bauman became phys. ed teacher and basketball coach at Geneva High School.

Henderson and Perryville

Henderson played basketball and aspired to be a half-miler at Perryville High. He took a few years off at State Teachers' College at nearby Girardeau, but returned home to coach and teach at Perryville Junior High.

There's no secret to the interest and friendliness at the post PT office. That's just another way of saying that Bauman and Henderson are on the ball . . . and incidentally, a Merry Christmas to yo' all.



Center Fred Taylor goes high to intercept a Fort Bragg pass as team-mates Tee Frye (4) and Mike Poja (3) wait to tally another Hawk basket. The Hawks routed Fort Bragg as the varsity ran wild for 46 points in the second half. Spencer collected 22 points, and Poja 15 in the lop-sided victory.