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## Seymour Johnson Field Observes Easter

### HOLLYWOOD COMES TO POST WITH USO CAMP SHOW

"Hollywood on Parade," USO Camp Show, was heartily received by G.I. at Seymour Johnson Field who filled Post Theater No. 1 to capacity at all four performances Tuesday and Wednesday.

All entertainers gave the kind of performance that brought thunderous applause and roars of cheers.

John Garfield, well known movie actor, headlined the unit and was ably supported by the lovely Miss Anne Gwynne, Hollywood starlet, who brought cheers of approval from the house.

Garfield, whose movie, "Air Force" appeared at Post theaters just two weeks ago, highly praised the work of the men in the Air Force.

"These fellows in the Training Command really have an important job on their hands," he stated. "It seemed to me that guys in the Technical

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### DICK POWELL SAYS SOLDIERS MAKE SWELL AUDIENCE

Soldiers make the greatest audiences in the world, Movie Actor Dick Powell said Monday night when he was in Goldsboro a few hours on his way to Toronto, Canada, to participate in a victory loan drive.

Although the singing star did not have time to make an appearance at Seymour Johnson Field, he greeted many soldiers in the Hotel Goldsboro. He was greeted by the camp in the person of Maj. J. B. Murr, Special Services Officer.

Powell, whose latest picture, "Happy Go Lucky," played at the Post theaters recently, has been on this tour three weeks and has appeared at about 35 camps. The present tour began with the Red Cross drive in Chicago and proceeded east and then south. His last stop was Fort Bragg. He was due in Toronto on April 21.

From Toronto he will travel back to California through Texas.

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### Four Officers Receive Promotions

Four Seymour Johnson Field Officers were promoted during the last week, according to a war department announcement.

They were Capt. Charles L. Roser, Medical Corps, to major, and 1st Lt. McGill, Harris and Gainsy to first lieutenants.

Maj. Roser has been in charge of the ear, nose and throat department at the Station Hospital, and has also done a great deal of plastic surgery. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville, Ky., a native of Louisville, and entered Army service May 26, 1942.

The three new 1st lieutenants all held air force administrative positions on the Field.

### MESS HALLS EMBELLISHED

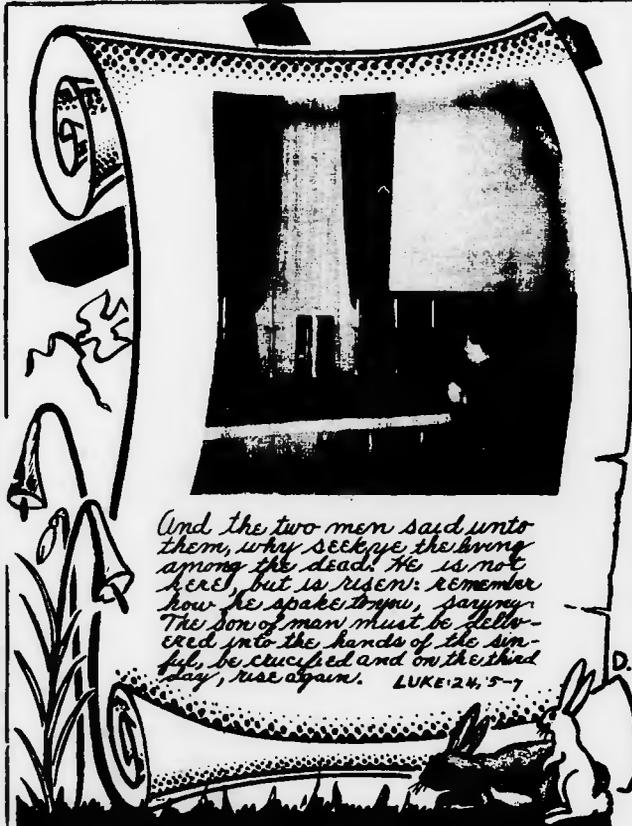
Mess Halls at Seymour Johnson Field are soon to be dressed up, it was announced this week.

Upon the suggestion of Colonel Donald B. Smith, commanding officer, a committee composed of members of the Special Services Council met last Saturday to discuss ways in which the Mess Halls could be embellished.

Committee members, Lieutenants Molen, Holshouser, Ricci, Henderson and Baker considered the possibilities

of curtains, asphalt tile floors, placing of plaques, pictures and murals on the walls and arrangement for music during chow periods.

The Special Services Officer estimated that final plans would be completed within two weeks and the beautification program will begin as soon after plans are completed as materials can be procured.



And the two men said unto them, why seekest thou the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of the sinners, be crucified and on the third day, rise again. LUKE 24:5-7

### Girls Club Boosts War Bond Drive

The Girls Club at Seymour Johnson Field, an organization composed of girls employed on the Post who meet weekly at the Service Club for the purpose of entertaining G. I., will launch a War Bond Rally at the Service Club Tuesday, May 4, Miss Clara Reardon, club president, announced.

A dance will be held - dances to be strictly a dime-war-stamp a dance affair. Other plans for entertainment were not complete at the time AIR-O-MECH went to press.

The Bond Rally is held in conjunction with the \$15,000,000,000 liberty loan drive launched by the U.S. Treasury Department last week.

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### JOHNSON FIELD POST EXCHANGE PAYS FIRST DIVIDEND CHECKS

Participating organizations of Seymour Johnson Field's Post Exchange this week were receiving dividends, the first issued since the PX system was established during the hot days of last July.

Capt. David A. Saperstone, exchange officer, began passing out checks Saturday afternoon, just prior to leaving Monday on a buying trip to New York.

Organizations to benefit from the efficiency of what has been rated the top PX operation in the corps area, will range from the Chaplain's fund to every squadron on the field.

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### Special Religious Services To Be Held On Post, In Town

Men in uniform this week were extended invitations to attend Goldsboro churches for Easter Sunday services, offerings ranging from sacred music to special dinners.

Social and recreational hours, as well as "get-acquainted" periods are planned by the churches, and ministers pointed out that their congregations took particular pride in the appearance of service men during the hours of worship.

At the First Baptist Church, 125 South John, the 11 a. m. service will feature Easter music by a 30-voice choir. Open house for soldiers will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 with refreshments to be served.

Celebration of Holy Communion will be observed at 8 a. m. and at 11 a. m., with the sermon, at St Stephen's (Episcopal) Church at 200 N. James. Another celebration of Holy Communion will be held at 7 p. m. for service men unable to attend the earlier services. At 8 p. m. supper will be served service men at the Parish House Annex, 113 West Mulberry.

The Tabernacle Church (Evangelical), 1000 E. Ash, will have special Easter services at 11 a. m. and service men will be guests of the congregation for lunch. At 6:15 the get-together time will be held.

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### General Reed Is Reported In Hawaii

Many officers and enlisted men of Johnson Field this week for the first time learned the whereabouts of Brig. Gen. Walter J. Reed, their former commanding officer.

General Reed is now attached to the service staff of any air units in Hawaii, according to announcement from the Seventh Air Force at Honolulu.

Leaving here in mid-March, Gen. Reed's new assignment was unannounced.

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### SIX ENGINEERING

#### CADETS LEAVE

Six more Seymour Johnson men left this week for Boca Raton, Fla., and training as aviation maintenance engineering cadets.

They were 3/Sgt. Stanley J. Alkonis, Two Rivers, Wis.; 3/Sgt. Harry Ghodacki, Chicago; 3/Sgt. Joseph A. Carowicz, Peashtigo, Wis.; 3/Sgt. George W. Steinman, Kalamazoo; 3/Sgt. Richard P. Thompson, Springfield, Mo., and 3/Sgt. Joseph W. DeLitta, Manassas, N. Y.

### WAACS

Summer this week coined a new motto for those seeking to win that carton of cigarets offered by the Aer-O-Mech to the first G.I. to date a WAAC following their arrival here in the near future.

The motto: "Where there's a WAAC there's a way!"