

AIR-O-MECH

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HO-HUM DEPT.

Deep gratitude is extended to USO Camp Shows, Inc. for the units that have been playing Seymour Johnson Field every two weeks during the last few months.

"Hollywood on Parade," here this week, proved to be worth the extra edition that AIR-O-MECH felt was warranted when it was learned that the two Hollywood stars, John Garfield and Anne Gwynne would join the unit at Johnson Field.

The attendance at all four performances on Tuesday and Wednesday speaks the appreciation of the G.I. It was necessary to turn soldiers away from the door at each performance when the theater filled to capacity and not even standing room was left.

The appearance of the unit at the Hospital Auditorium was a swell gesture. In spite of the three shows scheduled for one day, which is a hard day's work in anyone's language, a small group appeared at the Station Hospital in addition to the schedule.

The entire cast proved to be "regular fellows" and really put forth effort to give a sparkling performance. And every part of the show was heartily received.

But there always has to be a few "wise guys" who forget that they are there to see the show and not to give it. "Wise guys" who think they are being sophisticated and on the beam by shouting disrespectful remarks at the girls in the show. The girls in the cast resent this just as would your wife, sister or sweetheart resent such disparaging remarks tossed at her.

Instead of being sophisticated, the remarks are nothing but pure corn. Instead of being funny, the wise cracks are embarrassing to even your buddies sitting with you to know that such ill manners exist in their midst.

The number of "wise guys" in the audience has been small, but nevertheless stand out like a sore thumb, a very unwanted sore thumb. At the next USO Camp Show or entertainment of any kind, let's disperse with all such remarks and prove to these show people, who are willing to undergo a tough grind just to entertain you that they are really appreciated.

GENERAL WEAVER SAYS:

"Our flying heroes could not do the job if it were not for the unworn heroes of the show line and the clerks and mechanics who patiently do the dirty work while the fliers get the glory."

DON'T BE



THE NUT BEHIND
THE NUT BEHIND
THE PROP

WORK CAREFULLY

There are hangar rumors going around saying Gremlins aren't causing half as much trouble to front line planes as "The Nut Behind The Nut Behind The Prop."

The Gremlin theory, says Hangar Harry, may eventually be disproved. "The AAF can't keep all the loose screws out of planes," says Harry, "especially when they walk by themselves."

Then there was the story of the Mech who was afraid he would get

the nuts too tight and he couldn't get them off again when the ship got back. The only trouble was that the ship didn't come back. The Mech doesn't tighten nuts anymore. He's in a safe place -- for nuts.

This may sound like a nutty story to you, but there must be a lot of well-tightened nuts if we're to march down the Unter Den Linden in Berlin and say to that biggest of all nuts: "Nuts to you, Adolf!"

Scale of 5/2
1 1/2" DIA. HOLES FROM
DRAWING U. S.

IF EVERYBODY WOULD
Laugh more and whine less,
Hustle more and crab less,
Work more and loaf less,
Boost more and beef less,
Give more and grab less,
SOLDIERING WOULD GET BETTER DAMN FAST.

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

All personnel of Seymour Johnson Field will undergo inspection in a military formation once each week. Headquarters announced this week.

The best two percent of the men as selected by the inspector will be rewarded with extra length passes or in some other suitable manner. Selection will be by groups. Student personnel and permanent party personnel will be judged separately.

Each man in the ranks will be inspected carefully as to appearance, cleanliness, military bearing, etc. The inspection will be augmented by inspection of quarters and asking questions of military subjects and on the execution of commands.

All personnel, including students, officers and permanent party assigned or attached, will attend this weekly inspection in ranks. No one will be excused unless his services are needed elsewhere in the performance of other duties. If it is necessary to excuse personnel, arrangements will be made so that no one will miss more than one consecutive inspection. Records of attendance will be maintained.

Separate inspections will be held for separate shifts. This inspection is to be held during one of the hours assigned to military training.

POLICY CHANGED

According to the Army Times, a non-commissioned officer will no longer lose his stripes if chosen to attend the Army's new specialized college training program. Heretofore a non-com would be reduced to the rank of private on entering the course.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE EDITORIALS

ABSOLUTELY NIL
"There must be some mistake in my examination marking," said the candidate for OCS. "I don't think I deserve an absolute zero."
"Neither do I," agreed the officer, "but it is the lowest mark I am allowed to give."

PING PONG!
Though aces, diagoned and double crossed
By each elusive little ball,
It's better to have pinged and lost
Than never to have pinged at all!

TWO STRIPES
Then there is the story of two WAACS who puzzled over a dead animal they saw at the roadside.
"It has two stripes," said one.
"That settles it," said the other. "It is either a skunk or a corporal!"

POEM of the WEEK
By
Sgt. Alex Karandras

THOUGHTS OF A MECH

Last night my plane did not return.
My heart is asking why,
For fear that careless hands were mine,
In fixing it to fly.
Could I have done a better job
Before it sped on high?

In dread I wonder if they died
With curses in their soul
Because that gadget I put on
Was not made well to hold.
Did I my comrades thus destroy
And play a traitor's role?

O God, please let not be my fate
To hear them in my dream
As they go spinning down to earth
In fire and smoke and scream,
Or have them greet me when I die
With blame and scorn and gleam.

The Chaplain

Confidence is one of the key words of life. We have been living in a day in which we have been taught to be suspicious of everyone and that no one could be trusted. This attitude was not entirely ill-founded. On every hand we have seen men and women, boys and girls, betray one another until we, too, wondered if we could trust anyone.

Our life in the army is no different than any other. We have all too many reasons to lose confidence in those who are working with us. But this dare not be. Here we have a wonderful example of how much we must depend upon one another. Whether we are officers or enlisted men, leader or follower, we cannot successfully perform our job unless we believe in the other fellow. We must at least assume that he is as willing to play the game fairly as are we and then see to it personally that we are as reliable as we expect him to be.

This is a big order and on the surface appears to be a foolhardy one, but it is not. It is one of the enigmas of life that nothing is gained without a real risk. The risk that we take in trusting those about us will be repaid countless times in happier and more successful relationships and victory will be nearer as a new-found confidence in each other comes within our ranks.

-By Chaplain Lester E. Olson

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
- Chapel No. 3
Liturgical Holy Communion...0800
General Service...0900
General Service...0930
General Service...1030
General Service...1400
General Service...1930
- Midweek Services**
Liturgical Holy Communion Wed. 0800
" " " Thurs. 1330
(Chaplains Green and Quick)
- Chapel No. 2 (Chpl. Davis, Olson)
General Service...0900
General Service...1030
General Service...1400
General Service...1930
Midweek Services Wednesday...1930
- CATHOLIC SERVICES**
- Chapel No. 1
Masses...0730
Masses...0900
Masses...1000
Masses...1100
Masses...1315
Masses...1900
Daily Mass...0730 and 1830
(Chaplains McQuire and Tainter)

- JEWISH SERVICES**
- Chapel No. 2
Sabbath Services Friday...0730
- Chapel No. 4
Sabbath Services Sat. 0930 & 1030
" " " " " " 1530
" " " " " " Sun...1030
Daily, Mon.-Fri...1000 & 1930
(Chaplain Goldberg)
- Hospital Services**
Red Cross Auditorium
Protestant...0900
Jewish (Annex)...0900
Catholic...1000

LET US FORGET

Sunday being Easter Sunday, the Air-O-Mech reminds service men that both Post and Goldsboro churches solicit their attendance this weekend. The downtown churches will hold open-house for men in uniform and details on their programs will be found in another part of the paper.