



# AIR-O-MECH



FROM THE CLASSROOM... TO THE LINE...

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## FIELD-WIDE PROMOTIONS OF EM ANNOUNCED

### Sales Of War Stamps and Bonds Zoom On Field During First Week Of Gigantic Drive To Raise \$75,000

Seymour Johnson Field G.I.s are now some \$14,000 richer in war stamps and bonds after the first five days of the AIR-O-MECH drive to sell \$75,000, the price of a P-40 pursuit plane, in war stamps.

The greater portion of the \$14,000 represents purchases by enlisted men and organization commanders. Enlisted men were not solicited, but voluntarily entered the campaign. At the time AIR-O-MECH went to press Tuesday night, no direct solicitations had been made to Officers and civilian personnel. Before June 1, however, each officer and civilian will be given the chance to take an active part in the drive.

The campaign officially opened April 30 when Colonel Donald B. Smith, Commanding Officer, pasted a war stamp on the nose of the mock P-40, erected alongside of the AIR-O-MECH office at Building T-30. The Commanding Officer's staff was present. Major J. B. Murr, special service officer, announced that the purpose of the drive was to raise \$75,000, which is the price of a pursuit plane. The Post Band played under the direction of Warrant Officer Freeman Russell.

To date, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron leads all other organizations in stamp purchases with a total sales of \$1757.25. Other squadron sales include:

38th T.S.S., \$1400; 333rd Air Base, \$1375; 802nd T.S.S., \$808.25; 801st T.S.S., \$763.25; 796th T.S.S.

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### Deadline In PX Mural Contest Is Extended To Middle Of May

The deadline for entries in the contest for murals for the Main Post Exchange Store has been extended from April 28 to May 15, Capt. David A. Saperstone, exchange officer, announced this week.

Capt. Saperstone said that 40 murals had been turned in, and that fiber boards for 30 more are available.

Subject of the entries may be any one consistent with morale uplift, such as would not be of a controversial nature, political, racial nor vulgar. Simplicity and humor, rather than symbolism should be the keynote. Color, expression, mood, are dependent on the competitors.

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### First WAACS Report For Duty

First representative of a Women's auxiliary Army Corps detachment, Third Officer Betty L. Treeman reported for duty Monday at this station of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. In Civilian life, Third Officer Treeman was employed by Mrs. Doris Duke Cronwell at Duke Farms, Somerville, N. J.

The daughter of Mrs. Anna Rodin, 4034 Westminster avenue, Phil-

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### POST QUIZ PROGRAM BECOMES "DOCTOR G.I."

The weekly Radio Quiz Program which is sponsored by the Radio Division has drawn up a real "mean" bunch of rules which will make the programs more colorful and much tougher for the contestants. According to AIR-O-MECH, the questions asked will be harder and penalties will be given for answers that are too far-fetched from the correct answer. A high stool will be present for the "unlucky" persons who fail to answer the questions. A "dunce" hat will be worn until he or she can re-see JOST QUIZ Page 3

### MOTHER'S DAY

Since tomorrow — Sunday — is Mother's Day, this issue of the Air-O-Mech is dedicated in honor of the Mothers of the Men on Seymour Johnson Field.

We pay tribute to all Mothers everywhere, and especially to you r Mother — no doubt the most wonderful Mother in the world.

Without such Mothers we would not be fighting for the things we hold most dear, including them.

So that your Mother may get a better idea of Seymour Johnson Field, the Air-O-Mech urges that you take this issue and mail it to her. She will enjoy the pictures, and you may care to tell her where in it she may find news of your squadron or activity.

You may mail it for only a cent and one-half stamp.

### School Groups, 333rd Air Base, 913th Guard, and Hq. Advance Men

Promotions of Enlisted Men of Seymour Johnson Field as announced this week by the War Department included three technical sergeants to master sergeants:

John A. Fields, Richard B. Tait and Robert C. Hilsheimer.

Other promotions were: 1st sergeant: Carl C. Dickey, Jr., Paul E. Sampson.

To Tech Sergeant:

William E. Graffius, Manfield J. Freese, Raymond A. Murdaugh, James L. Merideth, Roy P. Freeman, Jr., Leonard W. Bartow; Edward W. Portney, Edgar W. Faceley, Lyle R. Hlademan, William F. Bowen, Floyd W. Bowerman, Andrew S. Chapman; Marshall R. Dawsonport, Arthur G. Fisk, Jerome J. Dritz; William A. Generke; Milan F. Rownan and Fred W. Staaben.

Bromley to T/Sgt Curtis V. Bromley, Roger F. Barklow, David H. Williams, James V. Raney.

To Staff Sergeant:

Thomas B. Barry, James A. Parr, Frank A. Fitzgerald, Laurent Fortin, Herbert S. Merlands, Walter C. Kincheloe, Alva J. Salsbury, Bruce F. Templin, Edgar R. Burkland, Edmund W. Fitzgerald, Thomas F. Flaherty, Bernard Friedenber, N. J. Hummel, William A. Morrison, David Sobel, Lawrence H. Whittemore, Curtis F. Garrard, John B. Antezak, William A. Olah, Richard I. Weiford, James T. Wingard, Walter H. Jordan.

Knestrict to Staff

George W. Knestrict, Robert W. Ball, Jr., Vincent J. Outrons, Cyril W. Gallagher, Thomas C. McMaster, Robert J. Green, Alden M. Stroud, Newell E. Hearn, John A. Gray, Raymond B. Boesenberg, Louis B. Ulary, Glenn E. Greer, Allan O. Riikinen, Robert E. Hughes, Wallace L. Dellmont, Charles E. Dean.

DAVIS TO S/SGT

Charles L. Davis, Darrell D. McComas, Matthew Stephens, Clifford T. Wood, Alfred J. Cayo, Howard B.

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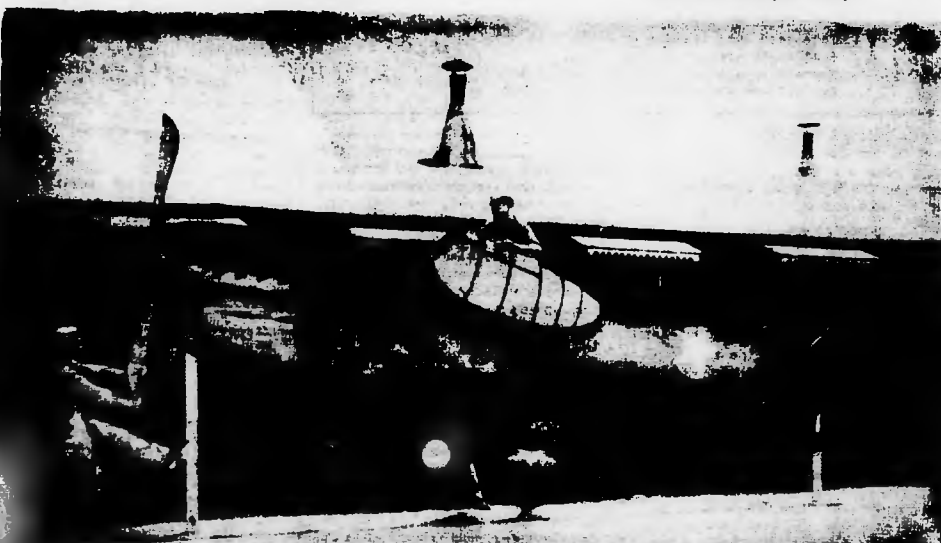
### Johnson Field G. I.'s To See "Arsenic And Old Lace", May 14, 15

With an array of top-notch movie, stage and radio stars playing in one of Broadway's resounding smash hits, the fabulously successful stage comedy, ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, will be presented by USO-CAMP SHOWS At Seymour Johnson Field on May 14-15 with shows starting at 1930 on the 14th and 1900 and 1900 o'clock on the 15th. All shows will be held at theatre No. 1.

Written by Joseph Kesselring and produced by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, ARSENIC AND OLD LACE has regaled thousands of theatre goers in all the large cities of the country where the several touring companies of the show have played.

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### SWITCH OFF!...SWITCH ON!



CONTACT: This ship, a mock P-40, made a good take-off last Friday when the war stamp drive, sponsored by the AIR-O-MECH, to raise \$75,000, the amount necessary to purchase a pursuit plane, got underway. After five days of the drive, \$14,000 in stamps and bonds were sold. This represents nearly one-fifth of the total cost of a pursuit plane. Pvt. P. M. Hard, at the prop, and Cpl. Joe Butera, climbing into the cockpit, both members of the AIR-O-MECH staff, are shown helping the plane to get underway on its flight to collect the \$75,000 by June 1.