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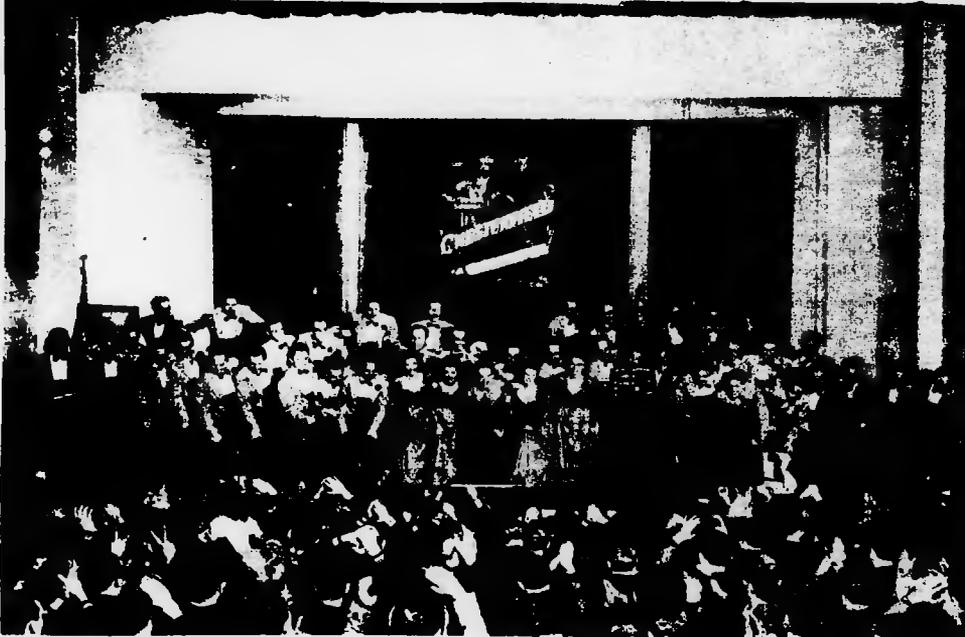
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FRED WARING TO SALUTE SEYMOUR JOHNSON FIELD MAY 26

WARING AND HIS PENNSYLVANIANS



"VICTORY TUNE" BROADCAST TO BE DEDICATED TO FIELD OVER NBC

Fred Waring — master of radio sweet swing — next Wednesday night will salute Seymour Johnson Field on the "Victory Tune Program."

Not only will the master baton wielder figuratively tip his hat to the GIs of Seymour Johnson, but will also play for them the tunes which they have chosen as their favorites.

A poll of soldiers was conducted to determine the favorite numbers. These included Johnny Zero — You'd Be So Nice To Love, and Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.

GIs who want to hear the "Victory Tune Program" should have their radios tuned to the NBC outlet

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STAMP DRIVE NEARS HALF WAY MARK

The drive to sell enough war stamps and bonds to equal the price of a P-40 pursuit plane was just shy of half its goal as the middle of the month, indicating the half-way mark in the campaign rolled by.

Over \$27,000 in war stamps and bonds have been bought by enlisted men, officers, and civilians from the AIR-O-MECH division of the Special Service Section, sponsors of the drive, since the opening of the campaign on April 30.

The drive to raise \$75,000, the price of a P-40 pursuit plane will close June 1. Weekly progress of the drive can be readily determined by the mock-up plane outside the AIR-O-MECH office in Building T-30. The amount of sales of war stamps and bonds is shown by blocking off a portion of the plane that the sales to date would purchase.

MEDALS AWARDED G.I.S FOR GOOD CONDUCT

According to Yank magazine, the War Department has amended the requirements for the Good Conduct Medal to include the following:

"It may be awarded by the CO of a unit for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" to any GI who on or after Aug. 27, 1940, had or shall have completed three years of active military service or who after Dec. 7, 1941, has or shall

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"FLYING COLORS" U.S.O. CAMP SHOW SCHEDULED TO PLAY FIELD MAY 28 AND 29

FLYING COLORS, the musical comedy extravaganza which USO-CAMP SHOWS presents here at Seymour Johnson Field on May 28th and 29th, for a two day run, is a big show filled with big-time performers. Produced and staged on Broadway, it's an eye filler, lavishly costumed, with songs, dances and socko comedy smartly interwoven into the "books." The shows will be held at Theatre No 1. Time will be announced later.

The rubber-legged dancing and comedy routines of Hal Sherman, theatrical audiences rolling in the

aisles for three years at "Hellzapoppin'," will again be on display. Hal has been featured in the famous "Music Box Revue" of Irving Berlin, and has been starred in London's midnight Frolics, as well as at the Casino De Farree in New York

Talented Johnny Woods, ace comedian and imitator, keeps the show running smoothly at a fast pace Johnny has appeared with such famous name bands as Tommy Dorsey's, Henry Busse's, Jan Savitt's and Benny Goodman's.

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NEW TRANSITION SCHOOL ESTABLISHED HERE

Providing an all-important "stepping stone" in the training program of the Army Air Forces, a Lockheed Transition School has been established here at Seymour Johnson Field and is scheduled to start operations immediately.

Filling a long felt need, the newly established school will provide for pilots from advanced flying training schools a month's valuable experience in the handling of airplanes, twin-engined and heavier than those they have met heretofore.

Because of its location at a field in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, the newly-established school which is a part of the Air Forces Flying Training Command, becomes unique in itself and the first one of its kind in the United States.

Establishment of the school See TRANSITION page 3

FREE MEDICAL CARE TO SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS

Free medical care will be extended to wives and dependents of all soldiers at Seymour Johnson Field in conjunction with a health service offered by the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, it was announced in Washington this week. Practically all of the states will have the plan in operation this month, Army Times stated.

Congress recently appropriated \$1,200,000 for the current year, ending June 30, to provide medical care of expectant mothers whose husbands are of the prescribed ranks in the armed services. The President has asked for an additional \$6,000,000.

Any enlisted man's wife in a See MEDICAL page 3

IN MEMORIAM

There's a note of sadness around Barracks 340 of the 793rd T.S.S. these days — for the three little kittens are dead.

Sgt August V. Sanchioni found the tiny animals one day last week when he heard them mewling under the barracks. Newborn, blind and not a bit larger — hardly — than mice, the kittens had been abandoned by their mother.

Sanchioni settle the three in a padded box near his bed and fed them warm milk through a medicine dropper. Soon, others were helping.

The GIs in Barracks 340 were up more than one night with the tiny babies they had adopted. One day the kittens snored right through an inspection.

Then, this week — one by one — sickness claimed the kittens. "Gosh," said one GI, "it was just like losing three members of the family."

ONE YEAR AGO

A year ago, Sunday, May 23, the contract to build Seymour Johnson Field was let. A year ago, a call for 10,000 to 12,000 workers was made. A year ago, the Area Engineers were already busily at work.

A year ago, an Army Air Base at Goldsboro became a reality instead of a rumor. A year ago this past Tuesday, May 18, the first enlisted men, a group of ten, arrived from Chanute Field. A small group of officers had already reported for duty at this station. A year ago, Seymour Johnson Field was in the making.

NO PHYSICAL NECESSARY FOR INSURANCE

The Personal Service Officer disclosed that legislation had been passed making every member of the army eligible for National Service Life Insurance.

It will not be necessary to take a physical examination in order to obtain a policy, Major MacDonald pointed out.

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