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Begin Fire Prevention Week Now

Fire prevention week will be observed all over the nation from October 5 to 11 this year, it was announced by Post Fire Chief Thomas A. Jones. Stressing the importance of preventing needless conflagrations, Chief Jones quoted several startling figures which brought home to everyone the waste of time, lives, and money involved in these catastrophes.

Every twenty seconds, he said, there is a fire somewhere in the country. Every twenty-four hours, fires destroy 1,311 buildings. This costs America \$48,300,000 every single hour around the clock. These fires interrupt business, cause loss of life, and hinder the war effort. The important thing to remember about them is that nine out of every ten fires of all kinds, could have been prevented.

He also announced the fact that a program has been set up by the Post Engineer to inspect every building on the post before Fire Prevention Week is over. "You can help the Fire Department as well as the war effort," Chief Jones said. "Clean up around your barracks, check anything that you think is a fire hazard. If in doubt, call us and we will be glad to help you."

Three fires a minute - every hour of the day, 40,000 lives a year. Think what that money would mean put into War Bonds. Think what that precious time would mean if used for the war effort. Fire is a needless and shameful waste of our country's resources. It's up to each and every one of us to help prevent fires, and this coming week is the best time to start in.

Campshow! Variety Acts and Dancing Sparks Traveling Show

USO Camp show 211, fresh out of New York City, hit Seymour Johnson Field last Thursday afternoon. Composed of five variety acts, the show made a hit with a lot of the boys in the audience who had been feeling homesick for the good old days.

Mistress of Ceremonies Jean Carter, a statuesque blonde, held the show together and did a small comedy bit later in the show. The first act was Tony Brodell, an acrobatic tapster who gave out with a couple of smart routines to popular tunes.

The Sons of the Purple Sage, two singing cowboys straight from radio and movie appearances, held the spotlight with their guitar and yodeling act. High spot was their routine in which one of them played a harmonica, smoked a cigarette, twirled a rope, and played a guitar. They finished up with some fancy whiplacking stunts.

A magic act with humor was Plato and Jewell, a fleet magician and his pretty assistant. They did several variations on standard tricks and then a few new ones of their own, to the accompaniment of a line of patter which had the audience in the aisles.

A unique dance number involving wired tapeobes and electric guitars was demonstrated by Valkey and Lynze. Connecting long wires to their shoes and instruments, they played, sang, and danced, ending up with a melodic George Gerahwin medley.

Manic King straight from Broadway was the highlight of the show in his closing spot. He and Miss Carter took over the stage for a fast line of comedy that brought belly-laughs from the audience.

3d War Loan Drive Goes Over Top With Six Days Left; Final Push Expected To Reach All-Time High

With less than six days to go, Seymour Johnson Field went soaring over the top of its quota in the War Bond Drive and surged on to reach new heights. Reaching the total of \$103,000, bond sales on the field showed no signs of diminishing as personnel strove for a new record in the nation's Third War Loan Drive.



GI Bowls 254

Prize knocker-downer of the pins at the Bowling Alleys for the week ending Saturday, September 18th, was Sgt. Lawrence Brown of the 9th Academic with a high tally of 254. Sgt. Brown thus won the Weekly High Score Prize for bowling of a cash award of \$1.00. Tabs are kept of all scores taken in at the Alleys.

Other high scorers were Pvt. Tom Larello, 333rd AB, 245; Pvt. Louis Galli, 40th Mess, 232; and Pvt. James E. McCulloch, 9th Acad., 223.

Brig. Gen. Edwin S. Perrin has been appointed deputy chief of the staff, Army Air Forces. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Sailer, Jr.

USO Starts Classes For Wives In Town

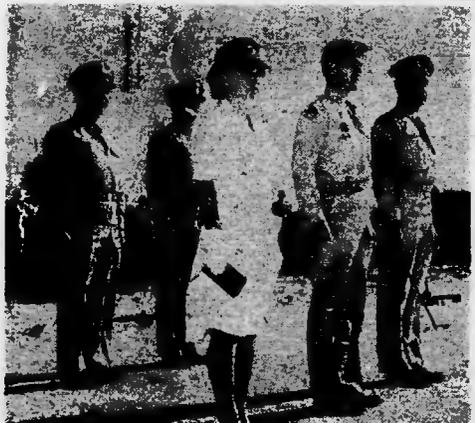
In collaboration with several civic organizations, the U.S.O. has started a program designed to give servicemen's wives courses in a variety of subjects during their free hours. Announced this week by Miss Ruth Bornmann of the Goldboro USO, the schedule goes into effect within the next few weeks. Some classes have already started, but all will be without fee.

French, Cooking and Nutrition, Infant and Pre-Natal Care, Sewing and Cross-stitching and instruction in arts and crafts are a few

planned. Taught by Opl. Arthur Orner, the classes in French have already been started. Enlisted men's and officers' wives, as well as those directly connected with Seymour Johnson Field have been attending, and future classes, Miss Bornmann stressed, will be open to all women who are interested. Those desiring to attend classes, she said, could contact the USO in town by phone at either 235 or 355.

Two technicians from the staff of the Wayne County Health Department have volunteered their services as instructors for the Infant Care and Cooking school. They are Miss Ronaldie Hickey and Mrs. W. D. Swanson, experts in their particular fields.

With space for classrooms donated by the Goldboro school system and the Red Cross, courses are open now for students. Times have been tentatively set for the evening, but will depend on the weather. (Continued on Page Three)



"Standing at attention as a special review formation passed by last Saturday were Colonel Donald B. Smith, Captain William Sharpsteen, and Pic. Virginia L. Hokenstad. Captain Sharpsteen, Post Operations Officer was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for action in the Solomons. Pic. Hokenstad, Women's Marine Reserve Corps, received the Air Medal on behalf of her husband who was reported missing in North Africa.

Guerrillas, USA Hit Together

Strong Yugoslav guerrilla forces were reported fighting German troops in the streets of Trieste and threatening Fiume in an apparently coordinate drive against two Italian ports at the northern end of the Adriatic.

The action was part of a series of new farcups by partisan armies against Nazi occupying forces at scattered points along some 400 miles of the eastern Adriatic shore, all conceivably inaugurated with Allied approval.

The Fifth Army launched a full-scale offensive against German garrisons in the area of the Adriatic coast to Naples, it was announced Friday, while Allied motor torpedo boats stabbed into Valona Harbor on the coast of Albania and sank two enemy vessels.

The onslaught by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's American and British troops in their drive west from Salerno positions was accompanied by an intensification of the blockade of the waning German position on the island of Corfu. There RAF bombers aloft into German air transport formations engaged at Corfu.

in evacuation the enemy forces and shot down seven of the planes. The commanding staff of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters said the Fifth Army had captured Oliveto-Citra, 24 miles east of Salerno, while British, 36 miles northwest of Salerno, had been captured on the British Front.

An official announcement said Altamura, 43 miles northwest of Salerno, and 10 miles north of Matera, also had been captured.

The drive against Naples, Italy's second greatest port, was launched after a period of consolidation of the Allied springboard and while the Germans were reported engaged in large-scale demolitions, apparently with the idea of making the harbor installations useless when the Allies occupy the city.

The Red Army has reached the Dnieper in force. A dispatch to the Army newspaper Red Star said Russian troops first reached this big objective through Novomoskovsk in the lower Ukraine on the upper left bank of the river in a drive from Poltava. The capture of Novomoskovsk was announced Friday.

Church Hour Big Success

With the initiation two weeks ago of a special "Church Hour" system and the Red Cross, attendance at services has increased more than 100 per cent, it was stated by Chaplain Lester E. Olson.

Encouraged by the setting aside of several free hours each Sunday, men from all over the post have been coming to church with more regularity. Services at Catholic, Jewish and Protestant chapels were packed to capacity, with further attendance is expected to be even greater.

On 15th and 16th of September, corresponding hours on Sunday for persons of the Jewish faith, have been designated as hours for worship. Several services in synagogues have been attempted, with equal success.

War Bond Golf Tournament Set For G'boro Club Sunday

A War Bond Day will be held at the Goldboro Golf Club on Sunday, September 26. The public is cordially invited and the tariff will be a purchase of \$1.00 in War Stamps.

The program will open at 1:30 with a "shot-making" exhibit by Lt. Horton Smith. Lt. Smith, one of golf's greatest names, has twice won the Masters' Tournament, held annually at Augusta, Ga. In addition to that coveted honor, he also has two wins to his credit in the Pinehurst (N. C.) North and South Open and has finished well up in every major tournament in American golf. He was a member of every United States Ryder Cup (Continued on Page Three)