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

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Brownie...

"Brownie", mascot of the 7th AAF Band, died last week. At that simple sentence, six months of devotion to a bunch of fellows, each as few dogs ever give. Brownie, who stood with the Band as they moved from area to area, didn't live to see the latest move, as the entire outfit was attached to the Hq and Hq Squadron, with Captain Roland Seabury as Commanding Officer. After two weeks illness, nursed night and day by loyal men in the squadron Brownie passed away.

Open Non-Com's Club On Field!

Long-awaited since Seymour Johnson Field first emerged from the cotton and tobacco-fields of North Carolina, the Post Non-Com's Club is now a working reality. Opening one wing this week, the Club got under way to a fast start, with lounging facilities, and games already installed for members' convenience.

'Schlepperman' In USO Show Here Next Week!

You dig us reet, Jackson! Still another in the long smash parade of USO Campshow presentations hits Seymour Johnson Field next week-end for a three-day stop-over. It's a hefty, laugh-packed show the lads and lassies of the USO are bringing with them this time — "Step Lively" is the title and that's just what it does.

Remember "Schlepperman" from the Jack Benny show? He's here under his regular name of Sam Hearn, bringing you a passle of guffaws straight from the lights of old Broadway. Dig this joker if you don't mind getting your OD's dusty from rolling in the skies.

Remember Benny Goodman and Charlie Barnet, those twin kings of the job-stick and the agony-pipe respectively. Nope... they won't be here this time, but Linda B. an eye filling cutie who used to dance at Radio City's Rainbow Room to the music of these solid senders will be in the cast of "Step Lively" to titillate your eye muscles and set those metatarsals tapping.

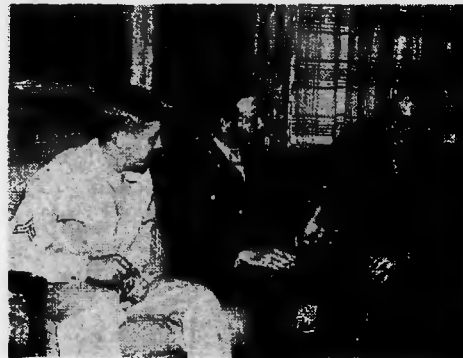
Remember "Hellzapoppin'," "It Happened On Ice," and "Streets of Paris?" No, you won't get Olsen and Johnson or Sonja Henie, but you will get the Read Sisters, Floy and Martha, those sun-bronzed daughters of the Lone Star State. They've just come back from overseas, and what's good enough for the lads in Bizet is good enough for us.

Doing the honors as Master of Ceremonies will be glib Joe Lane and he will also hold up another part of the show when he does a comedy, singing and glib act with his female foil Pear Harbor. The timely and topical act which has

taured Army camps and Navy bases throughout the country is said to be real provocative of old-fashioned belly laughs. It was good enough to merit their appearing in motion pictures with Joe E. Brown. If The Mouth liked them, we will.

Frodgy of a standard juggling act, Raymond Pike, Jr. rounds out the USO presentation with his applause-grabbing stunts with the clubs, balls, etc. Taught by his dad, the youngster is now recognized as one of the best in the business. His comic juggling has been featured on the leading vaudeville circuits and at the best hotels in the U. S.

Rereading the lineup, it does seem as though we've got a swell little compact and diversified troupe visiting us. It starts on next Friday, the 22nd, and runs through Saturday and Sunday. Two shows a day at 1500 and 3000 at Theater No. 1. Got everything straight? Okay, we'll see you there.



When good fellows get together at the Non-Coms Club, just opened, the old con flies thick and fast in the bright, convivial surroundings. Here's (left to right) Cpl. Howard Davis, Hq & Hq, listening while Cpl. John Thompson of the same outfit spins a tale for the president of the Non-Com's Club, M. Sgt. George Craft.

The building situated at 5th Street between C and D streets, is the work of the Post Engineers and several squadron mechanics. When the Club reaches its peak of operation, officials state, all wings of the building will be open.

On tap within a few weeks will be a canteen selling soft drinks, candy and cigarettes, also available at that time will be many games, reading material, radios, and comfortable furniture. Big attractions in weeks to come are the dinners, dances, and shows put on for the benefit of members.

With the coming of a Post Non-Com's club, rules and regulations were drawn up. President M. Sgt. Charles B. Benson and his staff are expected, may be brought in any time. But friends may not. Soldiers from other fields, whether they are non-coms or not, may be brought in by a member friend, however.

A \$2.50 initiation fee with \$1.00 per month dues are standard rates of membership, and the privileges are open for all non-coms from Corporal to Master Sergeant, inclusive. Membership cards may be obtained either through the squadron 1st Sergeant, or through an executive member of the club living in the organization. Although many men have already joined, openings are still available and will continue to be as long as the club is in operation.

President M. Sgt. George Craft announced the list of staff members who began planning the club back in October of 1941. They were, Vice-President M. Sgt. Charles B. Benson and S. Sgt. Harold G. Faulkner, M. Sgt. Glenn Carmine and Joe Suter. Board of Governors for the club includes M. Sgts John A. Fields, Roger E. Wood (Acting Treasurer), T. Sgt. George V. Wright, and 1st Sgts George Campbell and Alma L. Davies (WAC). Executive members from whom information and memberships may be obtained are:

- M. Sgt. John T. Lynsme, 233d Bq. AB Sq.; M. Sgt. John A. Fields, Hq and Hq Sq.; 1st Sgt. Paul E. Sampson, 36th T. S. S.; 1st Sgt. Homer E. Wood, 11th Aeronautic Sq.; T. Sgt. George V. Wright, Medical Det. T. Sgt. William Kurts, 7th AAF Band; T. Sgt. Curtis V. Fromme, 34th Mess Sq.; T. Sgt. Benson B. Benson, 90th QM Det.; T. Sgt. Victor C. Wolfe, 4th Mess Sq.; T. Sgt. Vernon E. Sala, 2061st Ord Det.; T. Sgt. Raymond L. Krueger, 797th T. S. S.; S. Sgt. Harvey E. Hatched, 794th T. S. S.; S. Sgt. Adrian L. Full, 71st Bus. Gp.; S. Sgt. Robert B. Corrigan, 793d T. S. S.; Cpl. Norman C. Sutherland, 855th Sig C Det.; Cpl. Howard E. Newkirk, 715th Tng. Gp. With Major J. B. Murray as Chaplain and Captain David Esper-

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Yank Troops Gain In Italy; 60 Flying Forts Lost Over Germany

The U. S. and British troops are gaining ground in Italy. Allied headquarters. Algiers reports as the main forces of the Allied Fifth Army poured across the Volturno River into the newly won bridge-heads Friday and despatches from Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's battle headquarters said the British and Americans were throwing the enemy back along the entire front from the west coast to the moun-

tain backbone of Italy. Rolling up the enemy's coastal anchor, an amphibious force of British infantry and tanks that landed from British vessels on the north side of the Volturno's mouth early Wednesday, dug in positions along a canal while British naval guns belched steel into the strong German defensive positions behind the coastal railroad line on high ground four miles north of

the river. U. S. Fortresses Lost Sixty American Flying Fortresses were shot down Thursday in a heavy force that made a shambles out of three Nazi roller and ball bearing plants at Schweinfurt.

The Fortresses, with their fighter escorts downed at least 104 enemy planes as probably the greatest ever fought over the continent raged for two hours all the way from the European coast to the targets in Central Germany and back again.

Dam Wrecked The waters of the great Dnieper dam—the largest in Europe—were sent rolling over the Russian countryside once more by German troops. The Berlin radio reported Friday in acknowledging their flight from Zaporozhe, their long-held southern key base and guard-fortress of the Crimea. News that the \$110,000,000 Dnieper dam had been blown to bits by the enemy, indicated that they

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Students Hear 'All-Guns' Brown, Pacific Air Vet



A veteran of World War II at the age of 23, 2nd Lt. Russell D. (All Guns) Brown, of Galesburg, Ill., was heard in an informal talk on his experiences in the Southwest Pacific where he served fifteen months on thirty-eight missions as combat crewman in a Flying Fortress. An avid audience of A. M. students crowded the floor of Hanger No. 4 as Lt. Brown addressed them from an elevated runway.

Brown enlisted at Chanute Field in 1939 while he was a freshman at Knox College, Galesburg. He went from there to Scott Field and thence to Lowry Field, Denver. He thus attended three major posts of the Training Command and is a bombardier maintenance expert as well as an armament graduate. He sailed for Clark Field, Manila, in October 1942 and was on that field when most of the American air power was destroyed on the ground by the first Japanese raid.

However, a few B-17s did get away to Mindanao and one of these, of which Captain (now Lt. Col.) Shorty Wheelus was pilot, had Sgt. Brown as a waist gunner. This ship figured in a memorable ex-

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SJF and G'boro Golfers to Play

The cream of Seymour Johnson Field's golfing talent will compete with top players from Goldsboro in a special tournament held tomorrow, Sunday, October 17, at the Goldsboro Country Club near the field.

Drawn from commissioned and enlisted ranks, soldier-golfers will include such players as Col. Donald B. Smith, Commanding Officer, Major Ralph M. Giles, Major Bayle McKee, Major Charles Ladson, Capt. A. M. Knapp, Capt. E. D. Truitt, Capt. W. L. Forter, Lt. E. F. Eckman, Lt. Horton Smith, Lt. Michael Ricci, and Lt. Roy E. Ahrens.

Enlisted men who have accepted invitations are T-Sgt. Charles Lowe, Cpl. Frank Moore, Cpl. Joe Malla, Pvt. Vernon Smith, and Pvt. William Wright. Planned as a friendly get-together in answer to the competition of some weeks back when Goldsboro players took our team 10-5, the play will be by foursomes using the "best ball" plan of scoring.

Teasing off from Holes 1 and 10 simultaneously, the tournament will begin at 1300. Civilian golfers (Continued on Page Three)