

# THE BIG JOB

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### HERE'S A STORY THAT WILL WARM YOUR HEART

Her jaw, hip and pelvis fractured as the result of an accident in which the car she occupied was hit by a drunken driver, Ruth Ann McBride of Basic Tabulating lay in Basic Hospital in an intensely critical condition. As the shock wore off and her mind regained clarity she began to worry. Two or three months in a plaster cast lay ahead of her. Operation charges, hospital costs weighed on her mind. Then Al Dunham, Basic Superintendent of Engineering Maintenance heard about it. He got in touch with Bruce McNeil and others and word went around the field, through the shops and Basic operations units. The boys dug down. Late one afternoon two workmen appeared at the bedside of Ruth Ann. One of them made a speech--and handed Ruth Ann a piece of paper. It was a check for \$662.03. That was from the McNeil field crews. Laborers under Ed Ball had contributed \$585.

Meantime Basic employees in the field got busy. They have already collected a tidy sum and are still going. Meanwhile too, the small crew of girls in Tabulating contributed \$30 and the steno pool girls rounded up about \$350.

Ruth Ann in her casts is better. Doctors at the hospital say that her gratitude for what her fellow employees have done may have saved her life. It probably helped her

stand the pain Sunday afternoon too, when a dental surgeon from Los Angeles operated on her jaw for three hours without administering an anaesthetic.

Ruth Ann thanks you--all of you. And you--well, we know this story makes you feel good, deep down in the cockles of your heart.

#### WORK STARTS ON SCHOOL ADDITION

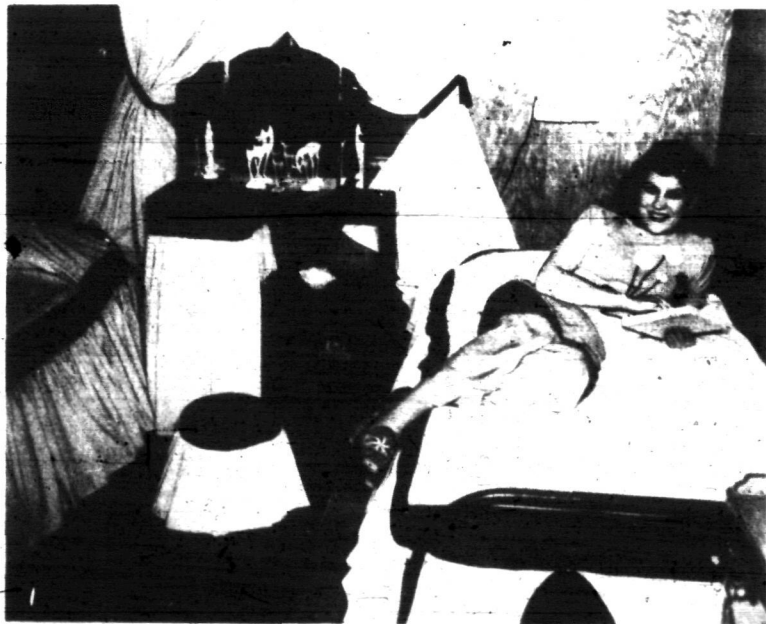
Work is well under way on the six-room addition to Victory School--and the students themselves have named it. Four classrooms are going up near the auditorium and two more at the other end of the site. The four will be used to relieve the crowded conditions in the elementary grades and the two will be allocated to the high school. Application for still more school facilities has been made to Washington. It includes a request for a shop, science lab and domestic science section.

#### SOLDIERS FETE MAGNESI-YUM YUMS

The boys of Battery A, Camp Williston, gave the girls of BMI (50 of 'em) a party last Saturday night. The guests were called for and returned home in military trucks and jeeps. Captain English and Lieutenant Truesdale saw that the party went off in good Army style. A refreshment bar was set up in one end of the mess hall which had been decorated by the men. The music was furnished by the Company's orchestra. A mid-

### HOLLYWOOD? No Siree ANDERSONS!

Charlene Greger is Commissary Clerk at Anderson's. Many of the girls living in the camp dormitory have made their rooms homelike, but Charlene's is outstanding both in appearance and ingenuity. The dressing table is an orange crate, the stool a nail keg, padded and covered. The drapes and coverings are of unbleached muslin banded with brown. Charlene sewed them by hand at night, after work. She works until 11:30. Sum total of expense: \$8.03. Hats off to you Charlene of Oklahoma!



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## SWINGAROO

When those Swing Shifters stage a party--they stage a PARTY. First of a series of Swingaroods is shown in the picture at the left. The boys sure "swung that gal from Arkansas. "Guards took charge of the first dance. Floyd Lamb, Bill Mainor and Ted Stewart spearheaded--plenty. Wives of the boys dished out grub hauled over from Anderson's by Jack Walsh in person. The party was so good that Hank Sargent, director of Basic Personnel stayed up



night supper, chicken, fruit salad and all the fixin's brought the evening to a grand finale. It was such a successful party the Basic Maggies are planning a return engagement.

### PICKED UP ON THE RUN

Woody, better known as "Happy" Smisson dropped in the other day. Showed us pictures of his only two sons: William with Chennault's "Flying Tigers" in China, and John Allen with the R.A.F. in England. "Happy" is one of the men who is sticking to the job--he's in Metals #2.....A desert lily to Charles Jennings of Union Pacific at Royson, and musician of no mean ability. Called on to accompany Norman Kelch in the rendering of some fine old ballads, Charles bicycled over from Boulder and helped entertain the LDS--he did it the last moment, with a smile, and our heartfelt thanks.....By the way, you Townsite plutocrats, what about giving the girls in the Townsite Apartments a lift to work in the morning? And at night too, if possible. Its a mile each way--and up hill going home. The girls say they would sure appreciate it.....An American who joined the Canadian 154th Field Artillery and saw some hard fighting in Egypt is Gordon Hall of Mechanical Maintenance. If you want some good yarns of this, our war, look up Gordon--he has plenty.....You badminton players who were disappointed last week because the lines had to be painted should be happy now with all those new yellow courts. Volley ball court is grey, basketball, black.....He doesn't like to boast, but for the second time Tex Norwood's Basic softball team has outplayed McNeil, last Sunday with 21 hits, 24 runs against McNeil's 20 hits and 22 runs. Tex said at times it was more a track meet than a ball game, but plenty good for the grandstand--if there was a grandstand.....Lynn Watt, Statistical (but we don't believe she is--very) played the lead with the Vegas Little Theatre group in the sensationally successful "The Eye of St. Mark.".....Basic High School

darned near all night and even made a speech. Next Swingaroo will be at 1 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26--that's Monday night, Jan. 25 to you. On that night there'll be an orchestra instead of a juke box. So get out them dancin' slippers and come on along. Pretty near forgot this--the first event sent \$171 jingling into the Recreation fund.

students staged the Townsite's first show last Friday. It was "Ever Since Eve" and the boys and girls did themselves and the community proud. Full house, too.....If you OT workers hear the strains of sweet music--it's the Hill Billy band, practicing in Room G-4 of the Administration Building. The old-time band is making nice progress under the leadership of Lieutenant Card of the Fire Station. The modern dance orchestra is making music under the leadership of W. W. Hughes of Masonry. They too, are practicing in G-4.

### RED CROSS SEWING GROUP

Sewing for the Red Cross is scheduled for Wednesday morning, Jan. 27 at 9:30 in the Lounge of the Women's Apartments in the Townsite. Participants are requested to bring portable sewing machines (if any), scissors and needles.

### WHAT'S COOKIN'

- THURSDAY, Jan. 21--Moving pictures, 7 and 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY, Jan. 23--Kiddies matinee, 2 p.m.
- MONDAY, Jan. 25--Volley ball, 7:30 p.m.--Arts and Crafts, 7:30 p.m.--Modern Dance Band 7:30 p.m. (In Room G-4 Administration Building)
- TUESDAY, Jan. 26--Square Dancing 8 to 12 p.m. (Instruction 7 to 8)--Class in Advanced first Aid 7:30 p.m. Room 11 at School.
- WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27--Badminton, 7:30 p.m.--Hill Billy Band practice in Room G-4, Administration Building.
- THURSDAY, Jan. 28--Moving pictures 7 and 9 p.m.--Advanced First Aid Class 7:30.