

2 GMP Men Perish in Air Crash Near Here

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New Term Launched at ECES



Two of the many courses offered at the European Command Engineer School in Murnau are pictured here. An instructor, above, gives a lecture to his class in the utility repair course. Two students, lower picture, look over a problem in the welding course. —PIO Photos.

Army Education Center Reopens After Christmas Holiday Season

The Garmisch Post Army Education has now been reopened after being closed for the holidays. Capt. Albert B. Landis, Post T&E officer, has announced. The center is located in the troop area on the right of the fire station.

As before, the center offers many educational services to all officers, enlisted men and U.S.

civilians. These include spoken German language classes, a good reference library, and well-lighted study rooms for those participating in the USAFI's self-teaching and correspondence courses.

USAFI correspondence courses offer both officer and men and opportunity to continue their education. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Lt. Col. Brown Named to Head Dimes Campaign

The March of Dimes drive of 1948 will be a success here in Garmisch if the committee just appointed to conduct the drive has its way.

Lt. Col. Gerald E. Brown, post executive officer, heads the committee with Miss Reba Taylor, hostess of the Bavarian Retreat, Jimmie Lynch, manager of the Casa Carioeca, Mr. C. W. Carlson, director of hotels and clubs, Dick Slayton, Special Service officer, Capt. F. C. Taylor, troop commander 7808 SCU and Capt. Harry T. Lundquist, Public Information Officer, completing the roster.

Plans for conducting the drive are still in the embryo stage, but, by the time this paper comes off the press the second meeting will have taken place, and those embryo plans will have started to hatch. One plan is certain to be placed in effect—there will be at least one ball.

The March of Dimes supports the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Inc. The foundation leads, unites, and directs the fight against this dread disease.

The foundation's policy is that no victim of polio shall be deprived of care and treatment for lack of funds.

Cop Becomes Sitter

Chicago (APPS) — Joseph O'Connor, a 63 year old policeman, recently retired. He plans to take up another profession where he can continue to keep an eye on the youngsters. He's turning professional baby sitter.

L-5 Plunges in Swamp After Bad Tolz Flight

By BOB FORMAN, Staff Writer

The entire Garmisch Military Post was saddened this past week by the news that two of its men, one officer and one enlisted man, were killed in an L-5 crash about 35 kilometers north of Garmisch, outside the town of Koehl.

The men, Lt. Ralph P. Parsons, attached to the 7712 ECES, and Pfc. Thomas J. Glyn, of the 7808 SCU, were killed Tuesday afternoon when they were returning from Bad Tolz on a routine flight.

A 17-year old German youth, who heard the plane crash, saw the plane flying in the valley, in which it crashed, a few second before hearing the loud thud. The plane, piloted by Lt. Parson, ran into a high tension wire across the valley containing 110,000 volts and the two occupants were immediately electrocuted.

The plane then caught fire and crashed about 50 yards away in a swamp containing three feet of water and almost two feet of mud. The part of the plane above the water line was thoroughly burned, and the bodies were also partially burned.

The youth saw the plane pass in the valley and then saw a blinding flash and heard a thud. Thinking

the plane was bombing a target, the youth ran down into the valley to witness the bombing. Instead, he saw the burning and notified his father who called the German police, who in turn notified the MPs.

Records indicate the plane left Bad Tolz at 1630 hours and was due to arrive at the Garmisch air strip at 1655. However, the plane was apparently delayed by a slight fog. A clock, which automatically switches when the high tension wires are broken, stopped at 1641, thereby fixing the time of the accident.

The bodies were removed the following day under the supervision of Capt. Prince D. Beach, medical officer, and taken to the 98th General Hospital in Munich.

Vacationing Yanks 'Stomp' To Andre's Budapest Band

By LOREN F. WOLFE, Staff Writer

Perhaps nobody in the world can so quickly take a GI back home than the strains of a favorite American song. Particularly so in this true if the music is styled in the American tempo, taste and variety.

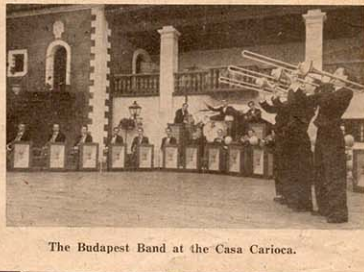
Currently appearing at G.R.C. night spots is the Budapest Band, an ensemble of some of the outstanding musicians from Hungary. Boasting an assortment of over 200 American tunes, both old and new, the Budapest Band has, and continues to create a sensation in local circles.

The success of this smooth working orchestra (call it a band if you like) dates back only two years ago. An American occupational division (the 88th Infantry) in search for talent to stage shows for the division hit upon the idea of assembling a large cast from a nearby displaced persons camp, where native Hungarians were in the majority. A few select individuals from this camp were recruited to seek talent. Musicians, dancers, acrobats, etc., were taken under the expert wing of these "scouts" who produced a show for

the division. ~~They~~ ~~was~~ ~~generally~~ ~~outstanding.~~

Shortly after this, however, the redeployment situation started taking its effect and this "show" had very few places to play to audiences of any size that would warrant such a cast. The business manager and assistant leader of the then 8-piece orchestra, Andre Zaiszman, together with the conductor-arranger, Fritz Fridl, began touring various Army installations with the small combo. Before long, the boys were being warmly received everywhere. Still the band was not content with its status. Everywhere they went, Andre, with his knowledge of the English language, picked up helpful tips from willing Americans, musicians and promoters alike, until in September 1945, he decided that his orchestra would be styled more along American lines, inasmuch as audience, GIs and officers, wanted American songs.

In that September of 1945, the men were playing American songs by ear alone, satisfying the request of the music-hungry Americans. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



The Budapest Band at the Casa Carioeca.

Scenic Rail Ride Up To Zugspitz Offers Thrills

Perhaps one of the outstanding features of the Garmisch Recreation Center (and not considered, or listed as such because of its "we take it for granted" predominance) is the Bavarian Zugspitz Railway, which runs from the valley station, near the Winterland Ice Stadium, to the Schneefarn-Haus Hotel, atop the Zugspitz mountain in Germany's highest peak.

By means of cog-railway, the tourist is transported from the hub-bub of town traffic up into the Alpine region of eternal snow, where indescribable beauties are afforded the naked eyes, as never before anticipated. Dark pine forests, mountain villages, crystal-clear lakes, and precipitous cliffs drop beneath you as you soar higher and higher in the climbing railway cars, as if being majestically boosted to a higher throne of glory.

From the spacious windows of the car journey you see the top of the Kreuzteufel Mountain, where one of Garmisch's two mountain resort hotels are located.

Natures Beauty Revealed

Hammersbach, a short distance from the Kreuzteufel station is the next scenic point of interest, and another stopover. The beautiful Höllethal Gorge is a beautiful nature winding path leads one through precipitous cliffs, almost reaching hundreds of feet above the roaring gorge. The incessant sound of rushing water, and the subdued, eerie light in the gorge mystifies one, as one curve after another in the foot path reveals more astounding wonders of nature.

The picturesque mountain village of Grainau, steeped in tradition and landmarked by the white village church is the point where the cog-railway is first utilized. The engine switches to the back of the train, and the cog in the center of the track is then utilized, as the remainder of the journey becomes one of climbing into the Alpine atmosphere.

Climbing past Grainau, and following the road leads to Eibsee, (as far as an automobile can possibly go), the tourist begins to feel that he is above the valleys, as turn after turn in the track, reveals his ascension into the land above the timber line.

Photographer's Paradise

A brief halt is made at the Eibsee station, where down through a wooded lane, one approaches the Eibsee Hotel, situated on the side of the beautiful lake, where swimming, sail-boating, and fishing are to be had in abundance.

Now the climb really begins as the track assumes a 25 degree incline and the engine rises toward the Rifflers, the last momentary stop before entering the long tunnel.

Cameras appear as if by magic, and shutters click with the rapidity of machine-guns as the Eibsee unfolds like a scenic ink blot below the climbing cars.

1947 Chronology of Military Affairs

by Armed Forces Press Service

JANUARY—Plans for Universal Military Training test unit revealed. Furlough rates discontinued. General Marshall named Secretary of State.

FEBRUARY—Navy plans Pacific Fleet Maneuvers, mock attacks on West Coast and Hawaii. Secretary of War Patterson says U.M.T. is a "must."

MARCH—End of draft announced. Secretary of War approves recommendations for changes in Articles of War and courtmartial procedures. Higher rank for mess personnel approved.

APRIL—U.S.A.F.I. enters sixth year of educational services to Armed Forces. Army-Navy-Air Force units rush to relief of disaster victims, Texas City, Texas.

MAY—"Career" plan announced. Tentative plans for career system sent theater and Army commanders for comments and recommendations.

JUNE—General Eisenhower states intention to accept presidency of Columbia University. New discharge types approved: Honorable, General, Undesirable and Dishonorable.

JULY—Enlistments up to five years approved by President Truman, first of "career" plan moves.

AUGUST—President Truman names heads of Armed Forces under Secretary of Defense James Forrestal: Secretary of Army, Kenneth C. Royall; Secretary of Navy, John L. Sullivan; Secretary for Air, W. Stuart Symington. Permitting cashing of terminal leave bonds signed by President.

SEPTEMBER—Unification of Armed Forces becomes effective. General Walnwright, hero of Bataan and Corregidor, retires.

OCTOBER—First war dead shipment arrives in San Francisco. General Carl Spaatz becomes Chief of Staff for Air Forces. Major General Kenneth C. Kramer heads National Guard.

NOVEMBER—Air Force Cadet Program expanded, 3,000 cadets quota for 1948. Admiral Donfield selected to succeed Admiral Nimitz as Chief of Naval Operations.

DECEMBER—General Omar N. Bradley chosen as General Eisenhower's successor. Major General B. Gates to be Marine Corps Commandant. Major General Carl R. Gray, Jr., becomes Veterans Administrator.

Multi-Featured Sports Program Prepared For Rieseensee Guests

The Rieseensee Hotel, one of the Garmisch Recreation Center's finest in the line of accommodations for its guests is located but five minutes from the heart of the Recreation area, and is open to all officers, Allied civilians and dependents in the European Command.

Formerly a luxurious and exclusive lakeside resort spot for the elite travel of Germany, (not to mention the remainder of Europe), the multi-featured program sported by the staff of the Rieseensee today surpasses even the colorful schedule of events that the former management had set up for its guests not too many years ago.

Basketball/Clinic Conducted For Post, Sub-Post Officials

A basketball clinic was conducted on December 21st and 22nd with officials from post and sub-post units designated to officiate all games. M/Sgt. Marty Birkin and 1/Sgt. Edward Peters, both of the 7808th SCU and the Sports Section will act as chief officials, having attended the EUCOM Clinic earlier this past fall.

The schedule of games and the members of the Protest Committee will be announced in a bulletin to be published shortly.

In the summertime the beautiful lakeside hotel, situated at the foot of the impressive Waxenstein Mountains, was a haven for swimmers. The mirror-like surface of the lovely little lake has made it one of the most photographed mountain lakes in Europe, and vacationing trade spends hours basking in the rays of the hot sun.

During the days of the 1936 Winter Olympic Games, Rieseensee was a hectic scene of activity, what with speed skating competitions, curling events, and constant chatter regarding the relative merits of devil-may-care bob-sled drivers who braved the mile-long course down the mountain-side not too far from the lake itself.

During the winter months of the 1948 season, it is anticipated that an American and Allied trade unit will spend skating time and excitement when they partake of the colorful schedule that the new management, Al Mald and Lou B. Klinger have set up for swimmers.

With a ski tow to help ease the burden of novice skiers, (tutored by some of Germany's best skiers and instructors), ice skating to be done for the asking, and all the equipment imaginable to make a beginner feel like a veteran before he or she has even attempted the particular sport they are interested in, the outdoor problem around Rieseensee this winter will be a simple one.

For the weary winter sports enthusiasts, at the close of an especially busy day, the "SK-Bar," conveniently located off the hotel lobby, will serve the individual's personal tastes. The "observant" or spectator-type of winter sports fan will also find plenty to keep him occupied at this resort. A library, completely equipped with the latest "Book of the Month" novels, newspapers, and weekly magazines will afford hours of relaxation and entertainment.

Anny Rutz Recalls Passion Play Roles

By LOREN F. WOLFE, Staff Writer

Forty-one year old Anny Rutz, her hair tied in a snug knot at the nape of her neck, settled back in her plush chair in the lounge of the Kreuzteufel, a mountain hotel in the Garmisch Recreation Center, and told her tale of the world-famed Passion Plays of Oberammergau.

The occasion was a wedding reception of Jerry B. Porter, U.S. Civilian, who copped all the ski racing honors of the 1945 and 46 winter sporting seasons in Garmisch.

Miss Rutz has the distinction of having been the only woman to play the part of Mary, the Mother of Christ, more than one time, having enacted the role in 1930, and again in 1934, when, contrary to the traditional 10 year span in the Passion Plays, the 800th anniversary of the Passion of Christ was portrayed.

Visited U.S.

Speaking fluent English, Miss Rutz was both so happy to tell all she knew about the history of Oberammergau, and appeared a bit perturbed that many of her friends back in America had picked up rumors she had been imprisoned.

Born in Oberammergau in 1906, she has lived there her entire life except for the period of 1935-39 when she toured the United States, visiting 45 of the 48 states. While in America she discussed the history of Oberammergau, the Plays themselves, their staging, lighting, policies and ideals. She showed 129 colored slides of the Bavarian Alps and of Oberammergau itself.

She returned to Europe again in 1940, presumably to take part in the Passion Play to be staged that year, but with war clouds hanging over Europe at that time, the Play had to be postponed.

Held Every 10 Years

The history of the Passion Plays date back to the year 1653, when

Marines Vision New Weapons

Washington (AFPS) — Marine Corps planning experts have accepted the fact that amphibious tactics used in World War II are virtually obsolete. They know that new weapons are on the way.

But they take consolation from the knowledge that one thing will remain the same for a long time in the Marines' fast changing world. There is no evidence of a diminishing need for the aggressive spirit of the Marines.

New weapons are expected soon to replace the flamethrower, armor-piercing grenades, and recoilless shoulder artillery pieces, according to Gen. Ray A. Robinson, Director of the USMC Division of Plans and Policies.

A new theory of amphibious warfare now being evolved, will reduce to a minimum the length of time assault forces are concentrated but not yet in contact with the enemy. The new theory provides for fighting like a reconnoitering force, with a concentration of men and supplies, high speed transportation, and prompt contact with opposing forces, General Robinson said.

Sgt. Joyce Kilmer Honored

Brooklyn (AFPS) — The annual memorial mass and parade in honor of Sergeant Joyce Kilmer, World War I soldier-poet, was held here recently under auspices of Sergeant Joyce Kilmer Post, American Legion.

Kilmer, author of "Trees," was killed in action. He would have been 61 years old on December 6,

the population of Oberammergau, (then 850), pledged themselves to enact a play, depicting the Passion of Christ every ten years, should the village be spared another scourge of the Black Plague, which at the time had killed 10% of the population of the village. The first performance was held in 1634, on the meadows outside the village, as the theater had not yet been constructed.

In the year 1680 the Play was changed to an even-numbered year, with each succeeding performance to be held 10 years later. In 1870 there was no performance, nor in 1920 and 1940, all three cancellations due to European wars.

Eight Months Rehearsal

The first performance of a season is scheduled for May 20th, but the cast goes into rehearsals eight months before the first time. Trials are held by practicing small parts from the Book of the Old Testament. The people of the village of Oberammergau themselves act as judges for the portrayals. Various parts, with a select committee of 20 persons making the final decisions for the parts.

After May 20th the Passion Play year, performances are held two and three times weekly, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, continuing until 12:00 noon, and continuing from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the afternoon. The Plays extend until September 30th, approximately 75 performances each year that they are staged.

In 1921 the people of the village built a Passion Play Theater, with a seating capacity of 4,500, which was later enlarged to the present capacity of 6,000. In the first last Play, was held in 1934 and drew a crowd of 400,000 people, 80,000 of whom were Americans.

Restrictions Set

Besides having a religious background, the studied intently before candidates are accepted for parts, there are other restrictions imposed upon prospective performers. Women must be single and under 35 years of age. Miss Rutz is a bit dubious as to the possibility of her being awarded a part in the next Play, (which is tentatively set for 1950), because of the age limit, but feels that she may be given one of the roles if there is a lack of talent as a result of the war years. There are no restrictions on age limit or marital status regarding the men; consequently more than one man has played the part of Christ more than once.

The play is recited in script German, with text books issued to the audiences in English, French and Italian. One of the great features of the Play is the complete lack of makeup. Each individual portrays his or her part the way they actually are. All beads are real, and even today, the male population of Oberammergau looks like a hardy band of Santa Clauses.

Many Actors Missing

Many of the expensive costumes hanging in the dressing rooms of the Passion Play Theater today were used every year for the last two years prior to the next Play, dressmakers and seamstresses will be making minor repairs on some of the costumes. The complete additional wearing apparel that may be needed for the Play.

Miss Rutz would like very much to honor the U.S. in 1948, to begin lecturing for the Passion Play in 1950. The villagers are confident that the Plays will return to a normal 10-year span again in the future, but that she, Miss Rutz, was killed in the war, and many are still missing in Russia.

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7,300 German Children Feted at GMP Christmas Parties

Lt. Gen. Huebner Commends Youth Program in Garmisch

By BOB FORMAN, Staff Writer

Both the Garmisch Military Post and its two sub posts, Oberammergau and Murnau, played host to over 7,300 children in a series of parties, and programs over the past holiday season.

In Garmisch itself some 2,500 children were entertained at different GYA affairs. The Bavarian Retreat was the site of the first Garmisch GYA Boys Club party with some 250 children attending. The Festsaal Theater was the scene of the next two parties on Dec. 22 and 23 with approximately 1,250 children attending each affair. The fourth Boys Club party was held at the Alpine Theater with 350 in attendance. Sgt. Bernard J. Ypselaar is in charge of the GYA Boys Club in Garmisch.

The Garmisch GYA Girls Club, under Lt. Ethel Wardle, also held a series of parties. On Dec. 18 some 20 American dependents filled 1600 stockings in preparation for the coming parties. Then on Dec. 20 about 10 packages were distributed to the needy by the

older members of the girls group. Christmas parties were held on Dec. 22 for all members of the club in three groups, according to age, with 800 girls attending the three functions.

Gift packages, entertainment, food, candy and nuts were distributed to the children at all of the Girls and Boys Club affairs.

The highlight of the GYA Christmas program was the joint program of the dual clubs given on the evening of Dec. 29 in the Festsaal Theater—to an almost packed house. Lt. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, deputy commander EUCOM, attended the program and made a short speech before the program in which he commended the GYA program as a whole for cementing German-American relations and Garmisch GYA in special. The program was made up of a variety of acts featuring youths from the local clubs. Miss Pat Weeton, U.S. civilian, donated her vocal talents for the evening's program and was warmly received. *Continued on page 4.*



A little German girl proudly displays her wares on the accordian at the Christmas party in the Festsaal Theater.



Santa Claus and some of his ardent followers telling him what they would like for Christmas.



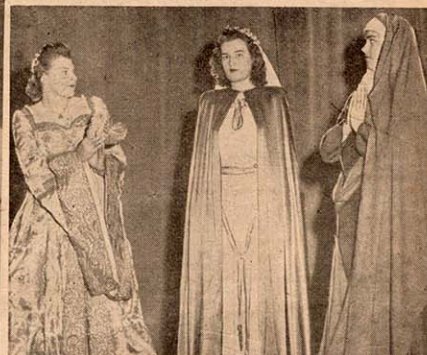
Old St. Nick gives out the gifts at the Bavarian Retreat GYA party while his helper checks his book to see if the children have been good enough to deserve a gift.



The dancing line, called the little "white snow drops" at the Christmas show given at the Festsaal Theater.

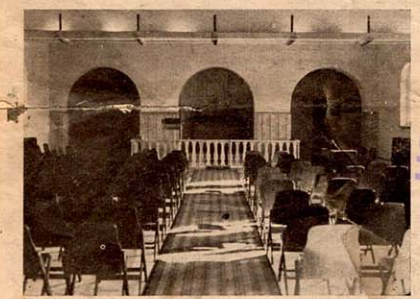
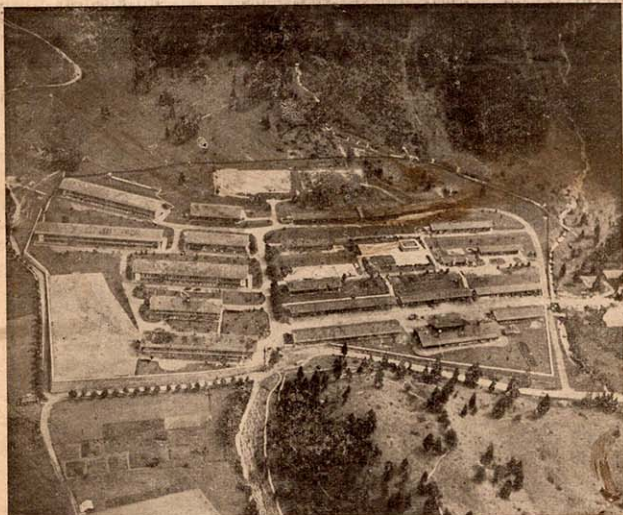


The children at the Bavarian Retreat GYA party watch the entertainment provided for them at their Christmas party.



The three madonnas as they were presented in a playlet at the Christmas show given on Dec. 29. —Sig. Corps photos by Houde.

ECIS as Seen From the Air



The top photograph is a superb air view of the European Command Intelligence School in Oberammergau. Nestling on the side of a mountain, the school overlooks a picturesque valley and the town of Oberammergau. The lower photo shows the interior of the ECIS chapel. —PIO Photos.

Sepp Weiler, German Skier, Sets New Garmisch Record

By BOB FORMAN, Staff Writer

Sepp Weiler set a stadium record when he jumped 86 meters on the 90-meter jump in the Olympic Ski Stadium in a New Years' Day ski jumping exhibition.

The Norwegian army ski team, which was at that time practicing here, and a number of top-flight German jumpers participated in the holiday meet which drew over 5,000 fans.

Weiler, who skis under the colors of the Ski Club Obersdorf, set the new mark in the second round of the exhibition jumping. The previous record for the 90-meter hill was set by Burger Ruud, top-notch Norwegian skier, in the 1936 winter Olympic games staged in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The mark had been tied three times previous to the holiday exhibition.

This match was Weiler's first of the season. In the first round he leaped 81 meters, then jumped 86 meters in the second round for the

record to set his record, and leaped 85 meters in the third and final round, but he fell at the bottom of the hill and the last jump was nullified.

The Norwegian team showed some magnificent form but since they had been jumping only five days previous to the meet they were unable to challenge the new distance mark set by Weiler in their first attempt at the Olympic Ski Stadium's 90-meter hill. The German jumpers seemingly leaped for distance only, disregarding form entirely.

Another contingent of Norwegian skiers is expected to arrive here at the beginning of next week. These will include the Norwegian Olympic men and women's downhill and slalom teams, as well as two members of the Olympic jumping team. They are expected to give several exhibition in their stay here.

AEC Reopens After Holidays

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ation by mail. Self-teaching courses for all personnel, both military and civilian, are popular for those who find it difficult to submit to lessons by mail. These courses cover high school and college level work. University extension courses at college level offer the soldier direct contact with colleges in the U.S.

For further information on the above it is suggested you call either Capt. Landis or M/Sgt. John R. Ammon at TIAE either by contacting them in person or calling Garmisch 3977 or 3855.

521 MPs' VD Record Noted

The 521st MP Sv. Ptl. has now gone four straight months without a single case of VD, 1/Sgt. Fred L. Hoskinson has reported.

The local gendarmes, 62 in number, are commanded by Capt. Matthew W. Chait and certainly have a record of which to be proud.

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The local GYA also distributed gift packages to groups of children residing in inaccessible places such as Klies, Elmau, Kohlgrub and Saugrubb.

At the European Command Intelligence School in Oberammergau about 2,500 children attended the parties there. One thousand one hundred and seven children attended the Oberammergau town party for expellees, refugees, orphans and the children of the town on Dec. 22.

The Oberammergau GYA gave a party for their members with some 350 children in attendance. Cookies, candy, fruit, ice cream and food were distributed at both parties. The ECIS GYA officer, chaplain Capt. H. G. Walker, also announced that the club had

ECIS, ECES Cage Teams Triumph in Opening Tilts To Lead Post League

By LOREN F. WOLFE, Staff Writer

The two sub-Post Schools of the Garmisch Military Post jumped off to an early lead in the local basketball loop last week as ECIS of Oberammergau and ECES, Murnau led the eight-team league with two wins against no losses.

The Owls of the Intelligence School tripped the 7808th Station Complement, 46-34, for their initial win and then downed the 314th Army Band, 41-21.

The Bulldozers of Murnau won a close 21-19 decision over the 314th Army Band in one overtime period, after trailing the Mustangs at half-time, 14-5. Murnau's second win came in a surprise rout of the favored Roter Hahn Civilians, 40-23.

Trailing the two leaders is the Roter Hahn quintet with two wins and one loss; the Civilians defeated the Garmisch Officers in the season opener, 33-22, and then breezed

through the 536th General Dispensary, 47-22.

In third place, with one win in two games is the 7808th SCI, as the Troopers downed the Garmisch Officers, 57-18, to register the highest individual team score in one game thus far this season.

Yet to break into the win column are the 536th General Dispensary with one loss, the Garmisch Officers with two setbacks, and the 314th Army Band, also with two defeats.

Jimmy Scheer, ECIS star leads the league in individual scoring with 15 field goals and two gift tosses for a total of 32 points in two games. Elmer Szafranky, center for the ECES club is second with 11 field goals and four free throws for a total of 26 points, also in two games played. Third

Holidaying GIs Swing, Sway to Budapest Band

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Once again, through cooperation with the Allied troops, Andre succeeded in obtaining a goodly number of American songs. He came to the conclusion that his orchestra wasn't big enough to justify the arrangement of American music. So, piece by piece, section by section, he built the band up to 14 pieces, filling out the saxophone section, then the trumpets, and then the string section.

With a 14-piece orchestra, Andre was nearing his goal. Still, long hours of rehearsal and continual trips to various outfits were made. Traveling sometimes as much as 60 miles daily the boys went from one unit to another to keep a booking, but the boys never failed, and though tired from journeys, they continued to fulfill all engagements.

Finally the almost total lack of Americans in the area between Passau and Munich necessitated the decision of moving on into Munich itself. Andre did not know for certain if the band was ready; the men didn't know themselves, but they were musicians, and to live, a musician must work.

The roundup of scores:

Roter Hahn	... 33	Officers	... 27
ECIS	... 21	7808th SCI	... 14
ECES	... 21	314th Band	... 19
Roter Hahn	... 47	536th Disp.	... 22
ECIS	... 49	Roter Hahn	... 23
7808th SCI	... 37	Officers	... 18
ECES	... 41	314th Band	... 21

The standings as of midnight tonight are as follows:

TEAM	Wins	Losses	Points
ECIS, Oberammergau	2	0	55, 1,000
ECES, Murnau	2	0	41, 2,000
Roter Hahn Civilians	1	1	81, 367
7808th Station Comp.	1	1	61, 435
536th General Dispensary	0	1	22, 47
314th Army Band	0	2	42, 500
Garmisch Officers	0	2	80, 800
321st Military Police	0	0	0, 0

7,300 Youths Feted at Yule Parties

distributed the holiday cheer, in the form of candy, food, etc., to the towns of Ettal and Saugrubb, who have now GYA club of their own.

Seven separate parties were given in Murnau, home of the European Command Engineer School, and were attended by a total of 2,250 German and DP youths. On Dec. 19 at Ohlstadt a party for 180 children was given at the children's hospital there under the auspices of Capt. Guarnaar Balinen and Mrs. W. C. Bennett. Refreshments and clothing were given out at this party. On Dec. 21 two parties were given, one at the GYA club with 750 children attending, and the other at the Service Club with 370 children of the post employees in attendance. Another party was held at the GYA club on Dec. 23 for the older children of the club.

One hundred twenty persons attended the dance at which Mrs. Bennett and Lt. Elmer Patterson, former GYA officer, were present. Questions for taking another standing party in GYA activities.

Three other parties took place on Dec. 24 with about 750 children in attendance. The Misses Julie and Susie Behm had charge of a morning party which included 300 girls. The afternoon party for 350 boys was presided over by Mrs. Ethel W. Culbertson, and the afternoon was given for another 100 children of the post employees and was presided over by Miss Grace Oettinger, a Special Service hostess. A group of people from ECES took clothing and fruit and clothing to 100 refugee children in Riegees. Forty Polish children were feted at a party on Christmas Eve by Lt. Franz Weiser, ECES GYA officer, and Capt. Grodosky.