

Trust your cause. Whatever is attempted is never well done unless the doer breathes himself into his deed. — S. Parkes Cadman.

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Center Opened In Independence

Camp Representatives Help in Dedication of New Place for Soldiers

Independence and Camp Adair together celebrated the opening Sunday evening of the new soldier recreation center in Independence, when Lt. Col. R. E. M. Des Islets, area engineer, accepted the center for the army. It was presented by Dr. M. J. Butler, mayor of Independence.

Mrs. Des Islets was also a guest, as were Lt. Col. John W. (Jack) Shuman and Mrs. Shuman, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. (Sven) Johnson, from Camp Adair. Col. Shuman is chief medical officer at the camp hospital and Mr. Johnson is coordinator. These guests of Independence were also dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Butler before the dedicatory ceremonies, and Col. Shuman was on the program. Music was furnished from the College of Education at Monmouth.

Opening a twilight baseball game with a Salem team, Col. Des Islets hit the first ball pitched by Dr. Butler. The colonel got a hit. He hit a three-bagger and probably could have stretched it to a homer were it not for the fact that he was operated on recently for appendicitis and must still be careful in his exercise.

The new center is located next to the telephone office on C street. It has been renovated and equipped largely through donations and is well furnished for rest and games. There is a bar for light drinks and sandwiches and other light refreshments will be served to soldiers from time to time. The room contains the office of E. L. Gray, Independence chamber of commerce coordinator.

There will be someone in attendance every evening at the new center and a program of relaxation and recreation for service men has been planned. Local USO funds and organization helped to equip the center. More than \$300 for this work was realized from the benefit Fourth of July celebration which the Independence community staged.

"Independence wants the soldiers to come here for evenings recreation," Mayor Butler said. "This whole community is interested in the soldiers, of course, and feels a responsibility to help take care of those who come here in their off hours. This center may be their meeting place and we hope they will use it a lot."

Griffin Pitches Ace No-Hit, No-Run Game

The Great Griffin was really great Wednesday night in the Corvallis City league game with the soldiers when he pitched a no-hit, no-run seven innings in the nightcap and won 1 to 0. No soldier reached first base.

The game was tight as a fiddle until the sixth when Smith for the soldiers filled his bases. Karamanos, league-leader in hitting, hit a twisting ground ball to Eisman, soldier shortstop, who muffed it and allowed the score. Eisman played perfect ball during all the rest of the game.

Griffin fanned 17 batters out of the 21 he faced.

SENTRY WANTS NEW SOLDIER REPORTERS

The Camp Adair Sentry wants contributors from your outfit, reporters to tell what is going on and who's who in your barracks. Time deadlines are necessary and contributions must be censored. If you are interested, turn in your name and qualifications to the Public Relations Section, Headquarters, Camp Adair.

Administrators on Program at Lebanon

Col. McCoy Bespeaks Help From City Dads

The Four County Cantonment council held its regular monthly meeting at the Lebanon hotel coffee shoppe Monday evening, Mayor J. C. Zimbrick acting as host. The council was honored by the presence of Col. Gordon H. McCoy, camp commanding officer, and Col. G. C. Ferch, both of whom gave interesting talks with highlights on army life in its present stage at Camp Adair. Col. McCoy stressed the importance of cooperation on the part of all mayors and their best efforts toward aiding him in the work now necessary throughout the training period, asking that they do all possible to maintain order, cleanliness and a happy and congenial atmosphere in their cities, especially in places of amusement for the soldiers.

H. C. (Sven) Johnson, coordinator, gave his monthly report, stating in particular that the housing situation was becoming more acute and urging the further attention of all members toward the solution of this phase, also the rent-ceiling situation and exorbitant prices being charged in some places, not only for rent, but food, he stated, should be immediately corrected before getting further out of bounds.

"The coordinator's office," Mr. Johnson said, "is now working on an entirely different plane than when first initiated, rapidly changing every day with the incoming of the troops, there being evidenced more of a military demand for coordination on matters pertaining to the welfare and working of the army forces than heretofore."

Salem Church Opens New Recreation Room

The First Baptist church of Salem located at the corner of Liberty and Marion streets invites service men to their recreation room every Saturday evening beginning with Saturday evening, August 1, between the hours of 7 and 10.

The Christian service club which is composed of mothers of boys now in the service of their country are the sponsors of this recreation room, and will entertain with program and refreshments.

S-H-W Foreman Leaves For Walla Walla Job

Uno Ahlenius, carpenter foreman for Smith-Hoffman and Wright, has been called to Walla Walla, Wash., from the job at Camp Adair.

Mr. Ahlenius left for his new job Wednesday.

At Home Away From Home



—Photo by Ball, Corvallis
When some of these colored troops looked lonesome in Corvallis recently, John Wagner, restaurant man, had an idea he thought might help. After making arrangements with "Public Relations," he brought out enough watermelons for the whole troop. Flashing smiles showed appreciation, but they're mostly covered up in this picture.

Camp Officer Finds Friends in Monmouth

Families Soldiered Together in Islands

An interesting coincidence which recalls the old saying about the world being small after all, was evidenced in Monmouth recently, when Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. A. B. Wilson from Spartansburg, South Carolina, arrived in Monmouth. While conversing with C. C. Powell, local banker, they learned that his brother and sister-in-law were Captain and Mrs. Herbert Powell, who had been in Honolulu while the Wilsons were there and had attended the Wilsons' wedding there a number of years ago. Captain Powell was born and reared in Monmouth.

The Wilsons have leased a house on Monmouth avenue which formerly served the Oregon College of Education as an infirmary and is locally known as East house. Prior to its purchase by the state, this building was a private residence, built and occupied by the late Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Remington. The Wilsons have three young sons who will attend school here.

Hospital Builder is Now Doing Other Jobs

Mike Didier, general superintendent for Smith-Hoffman and Wright, was at Camp Adair last week for a few days. He now lives in Walla Walla, Wash.

Mr. Didier now has responsibilities of construction at several points throughout the west for his company.

State Guard Troops Give Monmouth Drill

A demonstration of cavalry drill was given Sunday afternoon on the Fairgrounds' field at Monmouth by three Oregon state guard troops.

Participating were Amity, Dallas and Monmouth. Captain Alan Wright, troop commander, directed.

Monmouth Plans Soldier Center

Site Selected, Money Raised for Providing Service Entertainment

Continuing the drive in Monmouth for money to finance the recreation center for soldiers, F. J. Hill, chairman, reports that approximately \$1000 will be aggregated by the end of this week when all rural districts will have been contacted. Local enthusiasm is high over the prospects for immediate action in getting the building renovated. George W. Cooper is chairman of renovation work, and his assistants are Roy Clarke and Clarence Grund, who will look after fuel, light and water needs. Farmers in this area will be given the opportunity to contribute wood for heating the building as a definite part of their aid to the project, according to Mrs. F. E. Chambers, chairman of the center committee.

It is probable that M. R. Thompson, general chairman of all recreation and entertainment here, will call a meeting of residents of Monmouth and surrounding communities in the near future to work out further details of the center campaign plans.

E. A. Stebbins is consulting with Faber Stevenson, regional representative of the USO in Portland, and hopes to have some concrete information to give the committee workers very soon.

Another dance for soldiers was held Tuesday night, July 28, and it is reported by Mrs. H. W. Morlan of the Junior Hostess league that a good attendance was present. Patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Christensen. The final dance of the summer will occur Tuesday night, August 4, at Recreation hall on the Oregon College of Education campus. As the student population will go home at close of the summer session, dances will not be given here again until schools open, September 21.

Local Firm Has New 99-W Work

Hall-Compton Firm is Chosen to Build New Highway to Monmouth

Bids were let this week for highway improvement north of Camp Adair to Monmouth, which, upon completion, will make a 22-foot pavement with six-foot shoulders for 10 miles both north and south on Highway 99-W. E. C. Hall and J. C. Compton, contracting firm which has six grading and paving contracts in this vicinity, including those at the new Corvallis air base and the highway contract south of camp to Corvallis, was the successful bidder.

The state highway commission has been trying to let the work for some weeks. Bids were scarce with all other construction work, and readjustments in plans for the road were necessary.

The new contract work, which has already begun, starts where the present highway curves into the oak grove just north of Suver. From that point it will follow an almost straight line its entire length, will cut out the troublesome curves north of Suver, the bad crossing and curves at Helmick park, and the loop around the cemetery hill south of Monmouth.

The Hall and Compton crews are working seven days a week now wherever possible in order to get excavating and grading work done before fall rains. Approximately 500 men are now in the firm's employ and Mr. Hall is general superintendent in charge of all the work. The six contracts held by the firm are all within a stretch of 25 miles, from the Corvallis air base, to Camp Adair and now, on to Monmouth. The firm is supplying crushed rock from its plant on Coffin butte, west of the camp, for surfacing work on the highway contracts and also for the paving contractor within the camp.

No estimate could be obtained as to when the highway work, both north and south, would be finished but the firm will continue to work under a policy of allowing the least possible interference with traffic. Most of the work north will not interfere with traffic because of the relocation of the road. A minimum of traffic hold-ups has been maintained on the work between camp and Corvallis and crews have layed off during rush hours part of the time for Camp Adair peak traffic loads.

Camp Officer Families Find Monmouth Homes

Lieutenant William Rettie of the medical administrative corps at Camp Adair, with Mrs. Rettie and their two young sons, have occupied the Elliott house on North Broad street, Monmouth, for the last five weeks, and are now moving to the new house on Jackson and Echols built by George W. Cooper.

The Elliott home will be occupied by Lieutenant Benjamin Frank of the quartermaster corps at Camp Adair. Mrs. Frank will arrive here soon with their young son and daughter.