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## Monmouth Will Have USO Center

### Powers That Be are Interested in Place Offered for Service

Faber Stevenson, Portland, regional representative of the USO, and Robert Boardman, USO director for the Camp Adair area, meeting with the local recreation center committee at Monmouth, indicated that the USO will help organize and finance a service center there if the federal security agency, whose representative is Don Orput, Portland, will accept responsibility for renovation and equipment of the building chosen by the committee.

No commitment can be made without approval of the national USO on field operations, Stevenson explained, adding that he is ready to recommend from the regional office that Monmouth should receive USO assistance. Clarifying the division of responsibility between the USO and FSA, he stated that FSA is an agency of the federal government responsible for providing recreational buildings and equipment in communities which face a need and cannot meet the financial problem alone. Orput, as FSA representative, has authority to recommend approval of a federal allotment for renovation and equipment of the local building.

If this is done, the USO is responsible for aid in helping the local committee plan and conduct its recreational program. The USO is a private, non-governmental agency, dependent on contributed financial support from the citizens of the United States.

The conjectural probability is that increasingly large numbers of soldiers will continue to come to Monmouth. The enthusiasm and initiative of the local committees are convincing evidence that Monmouth is wholeheartedly behind the recreational center project all of which contribute encouragement to Boardman to come in with USO help here.

### Executive Officer is Located in Monmouth

Captain and Mrs. Avery W. Masters, who are occupying the Leonard Moore home on Jackson street, came here from Fort Lewis where he had been stationed for nearly three years. He is executive officer in a field artillery unit at Camp Adair.

Mrs. Masters is a former Salt Lake girl, and the captain's boyhood home was at Bingham Canyon, Utah. They have a young son, David. Mrs. Masters says she definitely likes Monmouth and hopes they may remain here for a long stay.

### Corvallis Red Cross Provides Recreation

Workers at the Red Cross headquarters in Corvallis, corner of Jefferson and Fourth streets, have provided games, magazines, writing materials and refreshments for soldiers.

The service is free and the doors are open during daytimes, including Sundays. Service men are welcome, officers announce.

## Dallas Preparing for Visitors From Camp

### Armory is Renovated As Service Men's Club

Members of the executive board of the Dallas Service Men's club are making plans for the renovation and use of the armory as a new Service Men's club. The armory is a two story brick building with a large room upstairs complete with a fireplace which will be used as the main club room and dance floor. Reading and writing rooms, showers and sleeping accommodations will occupy the first floor of the building.

At least one lady of the committee will be on hand at all times to assist with sewing, mending, pressing and other needs of the service men. The canteen of the club will be open each evening and will be amply stocked with home-made cakes, cookies and other delicacies for the visitors.

The board is also planning a series of Friday night dances for the service men and have already arranged the aid of Junior Hostesses, a sufficient number, to assure the men a good time. The exact opening date is as yet undecided but until that opening the citizens of Dallas extend a cordial invitation to the service men of the area to visit their community.

### Graders Start Work On Monmouth Highway

Clearing and grading has begun on the west side highway north from the camp to Monmouth.

The highway is relocated from the north boundary of camp to Monmouth, requiring a new grade and a new bridge across the Luckiamute river.

## 96th Division Real Army Unit

### Activation Ceremony Is Held Here Saturday Without Big Fanfare

The first army division ever to be organized in the Willamette valley became an active part of the army of the United States at Camp Adair Saturday, when Major General James L. Bradley, commanding general, presented the national colors to the senior officer of the line.

The adjutant general of the 96th division read the activation order of the war department. The ceremony marked the end of an organizational period by the division's officer and non-commissioned officer personnel, and the beginning of a period of intensive training with the fillers who will arrive to bring the unit to full strength.

A brief history of the division and the story of Lt. Henry Rodney Adair, for whom the camp was named, preceded an address to the officers and men by General Bradley.

Activation of the 96th is the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the division. It was first born, a war baby, September 5, 1918, with Major General Guy Carlton commanding. The division was a square division with two brigades of infantry, one of artillery, and attached units. The signing of the Armistice on November 11, arrested the development of the division before it was completed, and on January 9, 1919, it ceased to exist.

In 1922, the 96th division was assigned to the organized reserves and was located in Oregon and

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## What Buck Private Can Tell the Best Fish Story? Question Will Be Settled In Cash Prize Contest Announced Today

For Buck Privates only, The Sentry herewith announces a "Fish Story Contest," beginning immediately and closing Saturday night, September 19, 1942. Cash prizes of \$10, \$6 and \$4 will be awarded to the first three winners in the contest as adjudged by a panel of three judges, two of whom will be army men from Camp Adair and the third, a civilian.

The idea is that of Tom Smith, Independence grocer, who says he is tired of the fish stories told by various Independence men, and who wants to show his hometown liars that there are men at Camp Adair from the South, East, North or West, who can tell bigger ones. Mr. Smith offers the first prize of \$10. The Camp Adair Sentry will duplicate the amount for the other two prizes.

"We want this contest for the buck privates," Mr. Smith said, in outlining his idea. "I am not so sure that my Independence friends here can compete with the officers in any such contest, but I want to show them that there are privates who can put them in the shade."

As will be seen in the rules herewith, stories must be confined to 50 words or less. They must be fish stories. And they must be mailed or taken to the camp Public Relations office to reach there by the deadline, September 19. Otherwise the sky is the limit.

Anything from tarpon to tadpoles may be the basis of the story

submitted. Locale may be anywhere from Florida to the parlor goldfish bowl. No limits. Let your imagination run wild, be funny if you can, but tell a whopper! Even lie! If authors cannot vouch for the authenticity of their stories, an effort will be made to get judges who will do it.

The Public Relations office will not answer inquiries nor questions about the contest. Govern yourselves by the rules as published and be sure your story gets to the right place. Then plan what you will do with your prize.

The winning stories will be published in The Sentry. Others deserving honorable mention by the judges may be included and all stories submitted may be used for publication at the discretion of the Public Relations section.

#### RULES

1. Contest closes Saturday, September 19, 1942. No stories received thereafter will be considered.
2. Stories must be 50 words or less.
3. Judgment will be made upon general interest, the idea presented and cleverness in presentation.
4. Three judges will be announced. Their decision will be final.
5. Address all stories to "Fish Story Contest, Public Relations Section, Camp Adair, Oregon." (Stories may be brought to Public Relations Office.)
6. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: First, \$10; Second, \$6; Third, \$4. Winners will be announced in The Sentry and checks will be mailed as soon after September 19, as judges may reach a decision.

## Four Builders Win City Title

Behind next to perfect pitching of The Great Griffin, the 4-Builders from Camp Adair won the Corvallis City league title Wednesday night when they defeated the U. S. Engineers team 7 to 2. The win was their last hurdle toward the state softball tournament to be played in Corvallis this year.

The 4-Builders team was presented with a big trophy, significant of the league championship.

## Those Engineers are Capable of Doing the Impossible, It Seems

That exceedingly clever fellow who used to build ships inside of beer bottles must have been inducted into the army. If not, some of his best students have been.

Because some time last week, between reveille and retreat while the boys in barracks T-404 were out drilling (question mark) a huge boiler was delivered to the center of the first floor. The boiler, to the naked eye at least, is too large to have come through doors or windows—yet the barracks is still intact. Maybe it was done with mirrors.

## Camp Talent is Used In Program at Albany

Albany continues its weekly "Victory Day" program in its Linn county bond and stamp sales campaign.

Talent from the camp personnel has been assisting in the victory center programs.

## Three New Generals Named Wednesday

### Major General Now in Command of 104th

Camp Adair was the scene of three important promotions this week.

Brigadier General Gilbert R. Cook, commanding general of the 104th infantry division, was advanced to the rank of major general, Colonel Claudius M. Easley of the 96th infantry division was promoted to brigadier general, and Col. William C. Dunchell was promoted to brigadier general in command of field artillery of the 104th division.

General Cook, 52, a native of Texarkana, Ark., was graduated in 1912 from West Point, where he won the army "A" in football and baseball. He served on the Mexican border with the 18th infantry from 1912 to 1915 and saw action in the Aisen-Marne, St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne offensives during the first world war.

He received the silver star decoration for gallantry in action near Chevillon on July 18, 1918, and the oak leaf cluster for the silver star for gallantry in the Meuse-Argonne engagement. The French government awarded him the Croix de Guerre with gilt star. He was assistant commanding general of an infantry division in Hawaii and saw first action in this war in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The promotion of Colonel Easley to the rank of brigadier general was announced by Major General James L. Bradley, commanding general of the 96th division.

## HE IS HEAD MAN AT CEREMONY



Major General James L. Bradley, commanding officer of the 96th division, which was activated here Saturday in simple ceremony. Public was not invited owing to continued construction