

Dallas Center Given To Camp Adair Men

Ceremony Invitation From Citizens to You

The new enlisted men's center in the Armory at Dallas, was officially accepted in behalf of Camp Adair at ceremonies during the opening celebration last Thursday night. Captain Frank C. Wimer, special service officer, accepted the club in behalf of Col. Gordon H. McCoy who was unable to attend due to last-minute military commitments. The Dallas Service Men's club, as it is officially called, was turned over to the soldiers by the mayor of Dallas, Lief S. Finseth.

The program started with the singing of "God Bless America" by Josephine Albert Spaulding, soprano, and was followed by the invocation pronounced by Chaplain Alf. F. Jorgenson.

Capt. Wimer, in a brief message to the audience, stressed the need for similar clubs "where our men can find relaxation and entertainment in healthful and wholesome surroundings" and praised the people of Dallas and those instrumental in organizing the club for their "patriotic gesture in behalf of this nation's defenses." The captain further pointed out that clubs of this kind, the nation over, are aiding materially with keeping the morale of the men in service at a peak.

Hollis Smith, chairman of the executive committee in charge of planning and seeing the completion of this project, thanked his committee and all others who had contributed time and money to the club.

The entertainment portion of the program featured the Dallas band augmented by entertainers from the camp. Pvt. Angelo Calabrese was master of ceremonies and introduced Pvt. John Walsh, operatic baritone, Pvt. Nick Sansonia, pianist and singer, and Pvt. Andy Dahl who played selections on the banjo.

Following the dedication and entertainment, the club hostesses served refreshments and the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing.

The upper floor of the Armory has been converted into clubrooms and reading rooms for the soldiers and there is a large dance floor, where regularly scheduled dances will be conducted.

Shower facilities are also available and plenty of soap and towels have been furnished by the residents of Dallas.

The club will be open from 7 p. m. until 11 p. m. each evening, excepting Friday- and from 2 p. m. until 11 p. m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The people of Dallas extend a cordial invitation to the enlisted men of Camp Adair to "drop in" whenever they're in town. The welcome mat is always out.

Pfc. Struve Offers New Traffic System, Priorities or Not!

Pfc. Kenneth Struve, Hq. Co. postmaster, is the first to respond to the Camp Adair Sentry's offer to publish suggestions on how to reform the army or how to do anything in camp better than it is done at present.

His idea, though, is to improve soldier transportation between the camp and nearby towns and certainly no subject could be more popular. In that respect, at least, Pfc. Struve has made a 10-strike, and the expression is apt, because he owns a bowling pin factory in New Jersey, managed a bowling alley there, and is probably the only

ing pins, each weighing about three pounds and six ounces.

He even has a plan to have bowling alleys donate their old pins so that he can rebuild them at cost, for the army. Also he used to be a railway postal clerk and has the railroad mania, or complex, so that when it comes to transportation he thinks of a train rather than a bus.

So here is his idea, and let it ride:

"On the way out of camp recently I noticed an engine and string of empty cars about to pull out, standing just north of Wellsdale station. 'What am I waiting for?' I said to myself and approached the engineer, who turned out to have a son in the navy and a son in the army air corps. He explained the workings of the antique little kettle and the fireman told me that if I would sit on the cushion beside him I was welcome to ride to town in the cab. Thus I had the honor, so far as I know, of being the first soldier to use the railroad as an unofficial means of transportation to Corvallis.

"This single track is a direct route. Although we crawled along at 20 miles an hour we soon reached Corvallis Junction, where the Albany-bound trains make a sharp U-turn to the left and connect with the line from Corvallis to Albany. This intersection forms a triangle and in railroad language is called a wye.

"Now I hear that the single track passing through the camp was once an electrified railroad complete with a catenary system and five red electric cars, running between Corvallis and Portland. What better way of going to town? With the catenary system restored to Albany and Corvallis, and possibly Portland, the electric cars can make the trip to Corvallis in 15 minutes and to Albany in 25.

"Soon the part of the line near the west gate will be torn up in favor of the recently constructed but not yet integrated new track behind post headquarters. This new section skirts the main part of camp to the east and rejoins the old line near the Medical section. Why can't the Southern Pacific system, while in a constructive mood, replace the simple system of electrification over these tracks and once more service it as a regular passenger line as well as for freight?

"To the north, and somewhat to the east, stretching across the mighty Columbia river, is the immense Bonneville dam. Here, one of nature's most abundant sources of energy is harnessed and cheap electric power is sent into the countryside. No tank cars, tank trucks or valuable ocean-going ships are necessary to bring it to the consumer.

"Aside from soldiers, many civilians come to camp from nearby communities. All use cars or buses, using valuable rubber and gasoline. Yet the river is always there, turning the giant turbines of Bonneville and producing a never-ending stream of electric power. Why not use it?

"On the east coast the gasoline and rubber shortage grows acute. Months ago the electrified lines that had been abandoned were put back into service. They use steel tires, easily replaceable, and common electric current.

"Most of us in camp now reach towns only through the kindness of civilians who must use their cars. Hitch hiking is haphazard and is discouraged. With the rebirth of a rapid transit system I am sure that every man in camp would give thanks—and patronize it."

SERGEANT — A real sweet, good natured chappy. One who eats raw eggs and sits in boiling

One Way to Be Sure Is to Read This List

Col. Gordon H. McCoy requests that all officers and enlisted men concerned pay particular attention to the following directives which have appeared in the Post Daily Bulletins. The Sentry publishes the list as a handy way to keep track of what you should know; bulletin numbers are first, followed by paragraph numbers and subject:

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Band Tooters Wanted, But Not for Reveille

Are you musically inclined? Have people laughed when you sat down at the piano and you had the last laugh when you showed them

you could handle the ivories?

Well, if you can play any instrument from an Egyptian lyre to a zither, but preferably piano, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, drums, etc., add your talents to the SCU 1911 orchestra now in the process of formation. Musicians are needed, so why not join up with this new band. Make application at the Special Service office, Building T-7-502 on 1st street north or phone Extension 2941. Let's get a dance band started!

Dance Band Jobs Open For Men Who Can Toot

Joe Cosby's dance band of Corvallis has openings for several musicians if they can cut the mustard, the band leader told The Sentry yesterday.

Those interested should get in touch with Joe Cosby, 1356-W, Corvallis.

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