

Chaplain Puts Out Low Down for Gals

Wishes of Soldiers Told Hostess League

(By Pfc. Raymond C. Johnson)
 "What does the serviceman expect from a Junior Hostess?"

So you've been wondering, too! Well, the one army man with all the answers—the chaplain—knows the answer.

It seems this question had been troubling the Junior Hostesses, those lovely girls in Corvallis who help make the regular Tuesday and Friday night dances there so much fun, and the answer was presented by the Camp Adair Chaplain, Capt. Lloyd V. Harmon when he spoke to the Junior Hostess league at their meeting last week.

Soldiers want intelligent and understanding companionship combined with the ability to carry on a conversation, Chaplain Harmon told the group. He went on to emphasize the fact that soldiers are sometimes more self-conscious than the girls who are serving in the capacity of Junior Hostesses, and he urged the girls to "take the lead in carrying on the conversation," adding that often it is necessary to wiggle a conversation from the boys.

"Don't be sentimental," was another point made by the Chaplain. In explaining this, he said that girls should always keep in mind the fact that many of the men in uniform are already married or engaged to girls back home," that the length of their stay in this vicinity is undeterminable. He warned against the unhappy outcome frequently resulting in "war marriages."

Chaplain Harmon reminded the Junior Hostesses that a soldier cannot tell all the truth about military subjects and illustrated this fact with instances he had known when it was impossible for a soldier to tell the truth.

In listing the qualities desired in a Junior Hostess, he told the group that a soldier expects his companion to be respectable at all times and to be cheerful and not to bother him with her own grief. "The soldier has the huge task of winning the war facing him and already has enough worry and grief of his own," the speaker added.

"The average private," he went on to say, "is the man responsible for fighting the war and Junior Hostesses could do much for the morale of these men if they would stress their importance in the war effort. The men with the stripes and the bars," the Chaplain added, "only train the great mass of privates and direct them in what they are to do."

In conclusion, Chaplain Harmon said that nothing so honors a young man in the armed forces as an invitation to a girl's home, where he may meet her family and enjoy life as he remembered it before entering the army.

It May Look Dusty Now But Just Wait and See

In the young blades of grass and the vivid flower beds around the headquarters of the 96th and 104th Infantry divisions it is possible to see, even now, a bit of the landscaping which could transform Camp Adair from a dust heap to a garden, if only the camp personnel care enough to do the job and the money could be found.

Natives of this region know how easily plants grow here and already soldiers from distant parts have noted it, in nearby towns where all summer new roses have been budding and coming to bloom along residence streets. One reason soldiers like to get away from camp nowadays is that they tire of the

sun tan soil that matches the sun tans they wear.

Commanding officers are aware of the need and the opportunity. At his conference with officers of the 104th Infantry division recently, Major General Gilbert R. Cook said this:

"I am very much interested in making the divisional areas as nice looking as possible. Mr. Gillette is in charge. It might pay you to contact him regarding indigenous plants and roses. When calling or contacting either construction or camp headquarters or personnel, indicate your interest in the subject for your area."

"Mr. Gillette" is James Gillette, area engineers gardener transferred here from Bonneville dam. Here his staff have planted zinnias in profusion around the two divisional headquarters and have set out other flowers not yet in bloom.

But the big job along this line so far has been one of salvage

David Thompson, associate engineer with Lt. Col. R. E. M. Des Islets, area engineer, had shrubs and small trees taken from the grounds of deserted farm houses in the camp area and placed in a nursery, where they will be available for whatever camp landscaping is done. Money for grand-scale camp landscaping is not available.

Reliable Sign That Winter Is on Way Is Found in H. Q. Order

You wouldn't know it from the present weather but winter, believe it or not, is definitely on its way. First sign of it was the following order from H.Q.:

"Attention will be directed by all commissioned officers to 'seasonal burning' of leather and rubber shoes and boots by enlisted men seeking to warm their feet. Particular reference will be made

to out-door small fires, stoves, ranges and steampipes. All rubber, leather goods and equipment should be kept a sufficient distance from heat to avoid deterioration." In order words, soldier, don't burn up your "G.I." shoes and rubbers, or it will really be a tough winter.

G. I. — Army lingo for anything that isn't good enough to be called "lousy."

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