

Found: A Gifted Young Lady Able to Predict the Love Life of Soldiers

Miss Lucile O. Torbet works in the Commissary Sales Dept. of SCU Quartermaster. She is young, unattached and attractive. But soldiers are advised — never take her to dinner — avoid holding her hand — never commit themselves in a letter to her — and above all forget their well polished lines.

Miss Torbet, in short, is an expert at reading tea leaves, analyzing handwriting, palmistry and telling the future by card reading. She is particularly well adapted at getting your number, in the shortest of possible time.

Miss Torbet's first interest in detecting the not so obvious was aroused by her grandmother who was a tea-leaf-reader-expert who invited lots of people to tea in her time. Miss Torbet proved an eager student, mastered tea reading, and soon went on to bigger things.

One of Miss Torbet's more accurate predictions concerned a girl friend of hers. "You will become engaged very soon," said Miss Torbet flatly — held a gloomy silence concerning any further steps. Sure enough the friend became engaged but full bliss was never hers — the engagement was later broken.

The average person, according to Miss Torbet, is interested in how long they will live, how prosperous this span will be — and how will

their love life come out, anyway? Miss Torbet, who now lives in Salem, has taken a peer into the misty future for soldiers at USO gatherings there. Soldiers were interested, all right, and wanted to know what sort of girl it would be their fate to meet next — when they would see their families again — and whom they would marry and when.

The strange thing about Miss Torbet is that, although an expert at so many forms of fortune telling, she's not a very strong believer in the accuracy of the art in general. She really does it for the amusement therein, getting an especial kick from watching people's reactions. But those who take her predictions too seriously worry her. She doesn't want her predictions to alter anyone's life.

Miss Torbet makes an open offer of her services to any soldier on the post. But if it's a tea-leaf-reading you're after waitin' — bring your own tea. Before he left, the Sentry reporter had a quick handwriting analysis. "You are extremely intelligent, have a strong will power, are a good mixer, succeed in most everything you attempt," said Miss Torbet. Miss Torbet is a very discerning person. Her powers of analysis are positively amazing.

of the people." The officers' rooms, he added, have been taken care of by the various officers' organizations, but the furnishing of day-rooms for the enlisted men was up to the residents of the six counties surrounding the cantonment, and their committees.

James Layton and Veri Lewis, field directors of the American Red Cross, stationed at the post, spoke of further needs of the camp and urged that the work be carried out as rapidly as possible so that the need may be met as soon as the camp is filled.

Miss Pauline Michael, hospital director for the Red Cross, told of the needs of the hospital and emphasized the place of handicraft occupation for hospitalized and convalescent men. The most desirable gifts for the hospital are subscriptions to good books and magazines, she pointed out.

In order that the work of obtaining the many necessities may be thoroughly distributed, each county has been given a percentage of effort based on population. Progress reports for each county were offered.

For example, Polk county has completely furnished a day-room for the Medics, and has another room well underway; Lane county has already delivered one pool table and a piano to the post. Victorias, radios and card tables have also been distributed.

From Lincoln county comes the gift of the Johnson Lumber mill at Toledo of 7756 lineal feet of wooden curtain rods for the camp. The Rev. Charles Neville of Toledo has appointed workers to visit all the communities and reports a generous response.

Marion county has two rooms underway and Benton county has room furnishing well underway and is being completed rapidly. Through the work of Mrs. V. P. Moses, pianos, violas, card tables, chairs and occasional tables have already been donated.

What's This — Military Courtesy?



No, but the dog of Arthur S. Einarsen, leader of the Soap Creek Experimental Area, where the ranges are now, does a good job of standing at attention.

Rifle Range Firing No Bother to Birds

State and National Wildlife Institutions Make Survey Here

The little creatures of the wild — especially the birds — are at home on the range, the rifle range, and artillery range, which now occupy the lands of the Soap Creek Experimental Area, and when the war is over they will have multiplied.

That is the view, fantastic until you think it through, of Arthur S. Einarsen, leader of a project begun in 1936 by the Oregon Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, with farm owners of the area cooperating, as well as the Oregon Game Commission, Oregon State College, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the American Wildlife Institute.

"The area was established," in history of the venture states, "in order to learn what could be done by natural means toward building up a good population of upland game birds. The ground chosen was some of the poorest habitat obtainable, since it consisted mostly of pasture. In 1936 a mere 'handful' of pheasants were to be found on the area. Other game birds — valley quail, ruffed grouse and bob-whites — were all seen occasionally, but were at a comparatively low ebb.

"The area was closed to hunting to protect the remnant of game. The land was posted and regularly patrolled. The landowners were urged to combine farming practices with good game management practices whenever possible. Crop rotation, cessation of stubble burning, the dispersal of grains between pastures and the improvement of water holes were a few of the aids undertaken . . .

As a result of the care taken and the practices adopted, pheasants increased from 30 for the area, in 1936, to 2820 in 1942. Valley quail increased from 228 in 1936 to 454 in 1941, the latest figure.

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Red Cross Director Gives Talk Over Air

Points Out Ways for Soldiers to Get Aid

Mr. James P. Layton, field director of the Red Cross at Camp Adair, told of the role of the organization he represents in regard to the United States Army when interviewed last Friday night by Pfc Hal Ge Bauer on "Detail at Seven," the camp's regular weekly radio show, over KWIL.

"The two chief duties of the Red Cross," said Mr. Layton, "are to bolster morale by relieving anxiety and worry of any member of the armed forces from whatever cause at his own, or at the request of his commanding officer, and to obtain confidential information on home conditions required by commanding officers in considering questions of discharges and furloughs and by medical officers in matters of medical care and treatment."

"It requires 3,748 chapters and more than 6,000 Red Cross chapter branches to handle the assignments," he said, adding "and there are more than 300 Red Cross directors and recreational workers on overseas duty with U. S. troops now. Any place you find our soldiers, you'll find Red Cross workers carrying out their obligations."

Mr. Layton cited an example of Red Cross field activities by telling the case history of one of the local community's soldiers, and gave an interesting insight into the founding of the organization in the year 1859 during the Napoleonic wars. The Red Cross was founded by a Swiss, Henri Dunant, who wanted to aid the wounded on the battlefields, and in his honor and in the honor of his country the society

adopted its flag as that of Switzerland, with the colors reversed—a white field bearing a red cross.

In conclusion, Mr. Layton pointed out that "the office at Camp Adair is available to any soldier needing information, counsel or assistance," and reminded his listeners that the Red Cross is an agent of the American people, chartered by Congress to render aid in time of peace or war.

Nick Sansonia Now Right Up Among 'Em

The guests at the Officers' Club were delighted. Those attending the Medics dance in the Hospital Section were amazed. Both functions took place October 10.

His Pagliacci laugh was never more convincing; his bass profundo opened up new seams in the buildings; his b above high c was crystal clear and true; he took both the flute and the soprano cadenza from "The Bell Song" at the same time.

October 10 Pfc. Nicholas Sansonia was promoted to the grade of corporal.

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SCU Officers Club Has Festive Opening

Generals, Colonels, Captain, and Even Lieutenants Have Gay Time

The formal opening of the officers' club of SCU-1911, held last Saturday night, was a marked success, a tribute to those officers who planned the club and the committee which arranged details of its first social function.

Major R. E. Riordan greeted the guests who were formally received by Col. and Mrs. Gordon H. McCoy, Col. and Mrs. George C. Ferch and Col. and Mrs. T. A. Baummeister. Several officers of the 96th and 104th Divisions, including Maj. Gen. and Mrs. G. R. Cook and Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Claudius M. Easley were specially invited guests for the occasion.

A picture of Col. Gordon H. McCoy, Post Commander, was unveiled during the opening ceremonies, and in his response Col. McCoy thanked those who had promoted the club and urged all of the SCU officer personnel to use and enjoy its facilities.

That indefatigable trio of entertainers, Cpls. Nick Sansonia and Angelo Calabrese and Pvt. Daniel Liphitz, stretched what was planned as a 15-minute break in the dancing program, to a solid hour of laughs, gags and music. At the end of the hour the trio was exhausted but the officers and their wives, many of whom were hearing this versatile group for the first time, were clamoring for more. Music for the evening was furnished by a portion of the SCU orchestra which was promptly dubbed the "Economy Four" by those couples who like their music "on the beat." M/Sgt. MacIntyre, of that unit, Sgts. Ford, Black and Cpl. Yblonsky completing the foursome, dug deeply during the four hour session and were much appreciated.

The club and its decorative motif, has a genuine air of hospitality with the furnishings and accessories

ies adding to the tone of good fellowship. Great, and favorable were the comments and compliments received by Pfc. Don Lynch for his inspirational (no doubt about it) and masterful murals which decorate the lounge. A fitting description of this masterpiece is quite impossible. Titled, "The Chase," the murals are a composite picture depicting the eternal triangle, beauties and the beasts, a soldier's dream, home was never like this, and perpetual motion.

Future activities of the club have not been announced but such a successful beginning assures a full calendar of social events.

6-County Conference Reports on Progress

To Furnish Dayrooms Throughout the Post

The six-county conference, which has taken upon itself the task of collecting furniture and furnishings to equip the various day rooms at Camp Adair, reported progress along this line at its meeting last week at the Red Cross chapter rooms in Corvallis. The reports were considered highly gratifying and the conference brought representatives from all of the six counties . . . Benton, Linn, Lane, Marion, Polk and Lincoln . . . and each told of excellent results in gathering equipment.

Chairman of the inter-county committee, Milton Meyer of Salem, compared the work to "a task of cooperation of many agencies, using Red Cross machinery, to give expression to the citizens' desire to give comfort and cheer to the enlisted men."

Lt. McCloy of Camp Adair thanked the council for the fine work they have accomplished and spoke of the definite need for furnished day-rooms. "The rooms," he said, "are living rooms for the men where they may rest after a strenuous routine and find comfort and relaxation in surroundings that express the thoughtful generosity

No Goldbricks Here Say G. I. Fireaters

Adair Smokey Joes Move on the Double

(By Pfc. John J. Gubelman)

The post fire stations are strictly G. I. and they're manned by 62 hard-working Smokey Joes who know their business.

Just tell Post Fire Captain Arthur Kielblock that you had always thought being a fireman was a soft job—consisting mostly of sitting around, smoking, reading, kidding the guy next to you. He'll land on you, but good.

First of all he'll tell you that the post has five, soon to be six fully equipped fire stations. All the camp fire-eaters have had at least two years previous experience and are getting plenty more. "Our men move on the double," insists the captain.

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