

SOCIAL SWIRL

By Adele Adair

The first week of November brought the spotlight of the "social swirl" on the two post Service Clubs as places where the enlisted men congregate to dance, write, find recreation or relaxation in some less vigorous sport or generally sit down a while to rest after a day's work and chat with their buddies.

Highlighting last week's activities, although the entire week brought lots of new activity at the clubs, were the regular Friday night dances. Otherwise, there has been ping pong, darts, cards, checkers, etc., and other signs of business and relaxation that indicate that the men stationed at Camp Adair are beginning to realize the place the Service Clubs can and should play in their lives as members of the nation's armed forces. All club hostesses are happy to be busier than usual, when they realize that the men they are to help, realize that they are there to help them.

Club 1 Notes

Theatrical in mode was the way to describe the dance at Service Club No. 1 last Friday night. Aside from the usual dancing program, with a spotlight as an added attraction, the intermission brought a special treat to the enlisted men and their Junior Hostess guests with a floor show featuring Col. "Chuck" Healy as emcee, with songs and patter by Sgt. "Ozzie" Williams and Col. Bill "Crazy Cusie" Cusumano. Sgt. Williams chose as his vocal selections "My Blue Heaven" and "Blue Skies," both of which brought heaps of applause. Col. Healy, a professional funster, presented two acts entitled "Then Came the War" and "Bits of Nonsense." The same troupe will be back again tomorrow night, augmented by Cpl. Newlan, a former showman, who will present "Impersonations." From advance reports, there will be "plenty in store for the guests," so don't say we didn't tell you! The program they have planned, incidentally, is the one they will offer when they appear Saturday night at the opening of the Officers club.

Junior Hostesses at Club 1, according to Mrs. Blodgett, director, came over from McMinnville (the first group to have come from that locality), Albany, Eugene, Dallas, Independence and Monmouth. About 200 girls were on hand, and dancing and general good fun were enjoyed from 8 until 11 o'clock.

The SCU dance band, directed by Sgt. Bob Black, again turned in a hit performance, with steady improvement in the comparatively new organization evident.

Speaking of dances, the personnel at Club 1, together with the Special Services officers and Lt. Robert Black, Capt. N. George De Dakis and Lt. Louis J. Alleman, II, are making plans to launch a series of regimental dances, the first of which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 25. As new troops arrive in camp, the need for additional dances to accommodate all the men interested, is seen. Several dances a week are planned, with one night set aside for a particular regiment. It is expected that only those men attached to the regiment sponsoring the dance, will attend that particular affair, in complete fairness to the men in camp. There will, in time, be dances for each particular section, Groundwork for such affairs is in the formulation process.

The weekend found several visitors at the club. A group of about 150, from Salem and led by Mr. Kunz of the USO in the state capital, were met by Lt. Louis J. Alleman II and escorted through the club, the guest house and the post hospital, Sunday afternoon. All were favorably impressed with the camp and its many facilities.

Guests of the military who dropped in to look over the club during the week, says Mrs. Blodgett, included Major General Charles H. Gerhardt and his aide from Camp White, accompanied by Major General Gilbert R. Cook and Capt. Boydston, aide, of Camp Adair; Governor Charles A. Sprague of Oregon, accompanied by General

Cook and another aide, Lt. Joseph E. Cook, and Major General White of Fort Lewis.

Col. Gordon H. McCoy and Capt. Carl Forsman of the post, dropped in on the SCU band rehearsal last Monday afternoon, and both were "very favorably impressed" with the resultant progress the outfit has made.

Notes from Club 2

A state dignitary came with the Senior Hostesses to chaperone the dance at Club No. 2 last Friday night. She was Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, charming wife of the governor of Oregon, Mrs. Sprague occupied an unassuming spot in the balcony of the ballroom, and during her visit, inspected the club cafeteria, which will open shortly, the library, games rooms and other facilities. She remarked that she was "very much impressed with everything" and said that she looked forward to another visit soon.

The Field Artillery band played again for dancing and the ballroom was filled to overflowing with enlisted men and Junior Hostess dancing partners from Corvallis and Salem.

Tomorrow night, a gala intermission program, along typical floorshow lines, has been arranged by Mrs. Merriam, recreational and social hostess and Miss Rogers, club director. The program will feature the playing and singing of Cpl. Nick Sansonia, who needs no further buildup, Miss Ella Schweitzer, a singer who is employed on the post by the Post Exchange offices, and a cowboy yodler, Cpl. Gene Logan. It promises to be a good show. So remember we told you.

The weekend witnessed the coming and going of many visitors, both to the Club and Guest House. Parents and relatives, visiting their sons and families who are stationed at Camp Adair, dropped in to look over the club facilities they have been hearing so much about. Guests at the guest house numbered over 20 for the weekend and came from states including Utah, Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Michigan, New Jersey, Washington, California and Oregon. The hostesses' apartments at the guest house have been finished by the carpenters and the house, where Mrs. Mills is house mother, is reported to be functioning smoothly with many reservations booked well in the future.

Meanwhile, Pvt. Greenhouse has just about completed staining the wooden portions of the Club 1 interior, a job which is a fine improvement for the club's appearance. Varnishing is almost completed as we go to press.

Miss Rogers and Mrs. Merriam agree that ping pong is THE sport at the club. There is always someone in the game room at night, when most all the soldiers are free to play, there is invariably a waiting line. The Red Cross offices on the post are cooperating in an effort to secure additional tables and equipment.

During the week, a jam session has burst forth nightly in the club. Around 7 o'clock, a pianist, trombonist and clarinetist drift in, group around the piano, launch forth on a program of swing music, jive and jam. They are a talented trio and provide that "chamber-music-society-of-lower-basin-street" effect to the club. Drop in some night and give a listen. They're good.

Collected at Random
Was happy to hear that Miss Carrie Reedy, Club 1 Cafeteria hostess, who has been hospitalized in Corvallis since last Friday with a minor ailment, continues to show improvement. . . Mrs. Merriam has been kept awfully busy playing the organ and singing at numerous post weddings. . . PFC Don Lynch has completed the mural in-

spired by the Tent City showers and is planning the second in that series. . . the Field Artillery band, which plays jive and jam Friday nights at Club 2, rehearsed all week more serious stuff—for their Armistice Day concert yesterday. . . Capt. Ruth, Special Services officer has been purchasing rhumba and conga records for Pvt. Leonard Green's Latin-American dancing classes which started Tuesday night.

Trip the Light Fantastic
Last Wednesday night, when we were putting the "Sentry" to bed and tucking in those last minute "musts," Mrs. Blodgett was sounding the S.O.S. for more men for the dance that the Medics held in the Red Cross recreation rooms in the hospital quarters. Seems there were more gals than men. . . so Mrs. B. got busy on the 'phone and rounded up some "eligible" men from the other sections, secured the necessary transportation and thus turned the tide in favor of a truly wonderful evening. The girls hailed from Albany, Salem, Corvallis and Dallas, and it was a great party, from what we gather.

Choral Rehearsal Set
Mrs. Merriam at Club 2 announced today that the first rehearsal of the Men's Glee club, or Choral group will be held Wednesday night, November 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the club. That allows plenty of time for dinner to digest and the rehearsals will end in time to make that second show at your favorite theatre if you so desire. Mrs. M. is gratified with the response and says that there are still some openings left for good singers.

Dancing Classes
Club 2 will inaugurate what is expected to be a series of weekly dancing classes next Thursday night, beginning at 7:30. Several men have already signed up. There will be a beginner's section as well as one for advanced dancers. Both these sections will be taught by Pvt. Michael Carroll and a chap by the name of "Ceil" will be on hand to teach Latin-American dance steps. Music will be provided in turn by Sgt. Boyle and Pvt. Walter Babel. Let's dance!

The P.E.O. Sisterhood, Albany Chapter, extends a cordial invitation to all non-com and officer wives who are out of town meetings to attend the local meetings.

Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. Those who would like to attend are urged to telephone the corresponding secretary, Miss Amelia Zuhlsdorf at Albany 118, to obtain the times and places of the meetings.

The Bridge Club, started a few weeks ago by Mrs. Merriam, social directress at Service Club 2, met again last Tuesday night in the balcony of the club as the tournament went into its second session. High scorer of the evening was Pvt. Harold B. Hoffenbacher and low scorer with Pvt. Bert Mitchell. Women partners came over from Corvallis. First prize was a miniature chess set and the other prize was a box of stationery.

The club meets again next Tuesday night, November 17 at 7:30. It is expected that about eight or ten tables will be in play.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTIES
Where are you from, soldier? New York, Texas, California, Boston, Iowa, or any other of the 48 states? How would you like to meet a bunch of folks from your home state or neighborhood, perhaps even your home town? That's the idea back of a series of State or Regional Parties planned by the Recreational Committee of Corvallis. Churches, clubs, various organizations and the USO are sponsoring these parties on a three-way plan—camp, town, and campus are all invited. "Roll call" by states or cities, a peppy program, games led by good game leaders, and cats will comprise the entertainment that is being planned.

Salem Crescendo Club Series Begins Monday

Salem's Crescendo Club begins its yearly series of concerts on Monday, Nov. 23rd with an exhibition by Miriam Marmein, dancer and mime. The concerts are held in the Salem High school auditorium, at 7:30 p.m.

Other programs in the series are Delbert Anderson, tenor, Thursday, Dec. 3; George Chavchavadze, Russian pianist, Tuesday, Jan. 19, and as final concert—the Oregon State orchestra, full 60 pieces, on Thursday, Feb. 25.

It's Nutsy But True
"Where's Elmer?" Legionnaires have been shouting at their conventions, year after year. Just a pretty custom. Well, now it seems that S/Sgt. Elmer H. Nitzke is at Camp Livingston, La., and so is S/Sgt. Elmer H. Nitzke. Both are troopers, in charge of supply rooms, and they were promoted at the same time.

Gift of Dallas Matron



Mrs. J. G. Van Orsdel, of Dallas, was certain that the men of Camp Adair would find good use for her piano in one of the post recreation rooms. The spirit which prompted Mrs. Van Orsdel to donate her piano is very much in evidence throughout her community and the Dallas brand of hospitality rates high with Camp Adair soldiers.

Aladdin's Adventures Ends For Pvt. Vierra, Camp Adair Soldier Who Telephoned for a Dinner

Fame pointed her fickle finger a short time back—at a soldier of Camp Adair. And that's probably the best way to explain the trip that Pvt. Edward Vierra took—a trip that is still a wonderful dream to him; and Aladdin's adventure of 1942.

It all happened because of a chain of circumstances and because that far-reaching thing called "The Press" looked into its own little boy heart and then into the heart of one American soldier—then took Pvt. Vierra and his problem to its bosom.

It all happened because Pvt. Vierra was first in a telephone line when the Service Men's Telephone Center opened for business; because he called his mother across the nation and told her he was coming home on an 18-day furlough; because he told her the thing of all things that he wanted her to fix was a dinner of her home-cooked corn beef and cabbage.

And it happened because Sgt. Ed Brown, Editor of the Camp Adair Sentry, spotted in this cute syndicate story. He sent it to Portland. It went out, over Associated Press wire.

Fate Steps In
The handsome young Portuguese, Pvt. Edward Vierra, didn't know it then, but Aladdin's journey was already started.

Pvt. Vierra departed Portland by train. He had hoped to fly but military matters prevented.

The wire yarn flew ahead. At cities along the way there were reporters, sometimes photographers to greet him. He hit New York and the Herald-Tribune had picked up the story and blazoned it with a top head.

There were, in fact, few papers that didn't carry the yarn.

In New York, which does things that way, he was deluged with attention; feted, taken to every hot spot on the gay-way—the Stork Club, the 21, the Morocco, others—all as honor guest of the New York USO.

When he hit Boston the fever was rising. They ran pictures, stories.

Given Watch
One company wanted him to pose for a photograph with its product and today Pvt. Vierra tells time with a beautiful Elgin watch.

He was a social lion by the time he got home to his mother and folks at his family residence, at North Fairhaven, Mass. He was a lion still hungering though, for his mother's corned beef and cabbage. He ate it, and how.

Then he started back across the continent to Camp Adair, again by train and it was a little more of the same all along the way.

He had had three letters proposing marriage. "But why? when I am engaged to the most beautiful girl in the world, back home," he asks.

At every station enroute he met people who had heard of the "corned beef and cabbage" soldier from Camp Adair, out in Oregon.

Today Pvt. Vierra is back on duty, satisfied to be back.

"I don't care what happens now, or where I'm sent," he said. "I've had my furlough. But it was a dream; all such a wonderful dream."

DINNER'S READY
Although the fine and final construction details will not be completed for a few days—such as the fountain and work of decorating—the Post Exchange restaurant was opened and catering to a lusty business Monday. The building is at the corner of Ave. F and South 1st St., across from Field House and the hours are from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

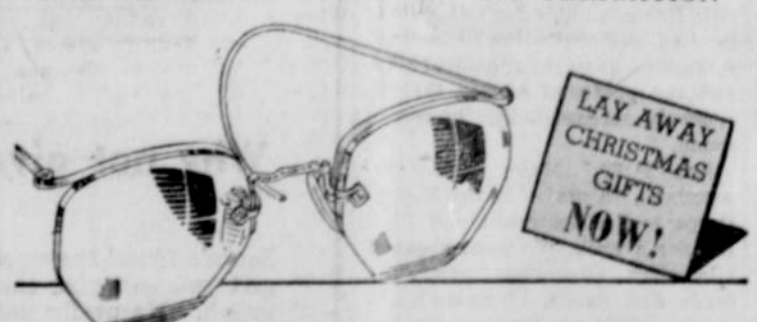
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Eugene Officers Club Will Open on Saturday

Eugene's latest offering to the armed forces—an officers service club—will be opened Saturday night according to word received by Col. Gordon H. McCoy from Col. C. L. Sampson, R.O.T.C. head at the University of Oregon.

The club rooms are located in the Eugene hotel and are completely equipped for the convenience of visiting officers. Membership cards may be obtained at the desk. Saturday evening prominent Eugene civic and social leaders will be on hand to meet visitors and introduce them to selected hostesses.

It is suggested that Camp Adair officers planning on attending notify the post public relations officer, Phone 2981. This is not absolutely necessary however, as the club is open to all on Saturday and all day Sunday.

Chaplain Writes
There's not a lot of time to waste, but all's well and greeting is sent to his many friends at Camp Adair, via a post card received by Cal Harne yesterday from Post Chaplain, Captain L. V. Harmon. Capt. Harmon is now at the Harvard University Chaplain's school.

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