



Camp Adair Sentry

Mounting Guard in and Around Camp Adair, Oregon



"No man can suffer too much nor fall too soon, if he suffers or if he falls in the defense of the liberties and constitution of his country."—Daniel Webster

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Farce Comedy To Play Adair

'The First Year,' Big New York Hit Booked for Camp Showing Dec. 17th

That greatest and funniest comedy of young married life, "The First Year," by Frank Craven, noted author, actor and director, will be presented by USO-Camp Shows at Camp Adair on December 17, next Thursday.

One of the record breaking plays of the American theater, fifth on the list of comedies which have had the longest runs on Broadway, "The First Year" is a comedy which shows real human beings in an everyday sort of story that is so well handled that it makes entertainment of the highest quality.

It is the story of Tommy Tucker and Grace Livingstone who are in their first year of married life. Tommy is prosaic and practical, while Grace thinks she has outgrown the small town of her birth. Tommy takes Grace to a new city and sets about building up a new business, while Grace has greater opportunities for the indulgence of her social ambitions. The family life of the two is shown, together with their friends and associates, and there are many intimate glimpses of domestic and social life which cause conflicting emotions in the hearts of the onlookers, always eventually resolved into laughs and guffaws.

All Hollywood Cast Acted by an especially selected Hollywood cast and directed by Ferdinand Munier, the action of the play moves smoothly and swiftly with each succeeding comical situation building up to an hilarious climax.

The roles of Tommy Tucker and Grace Livingstone are enacted by Irving Mitchell, and Pamela Wright. The supporting cast includes Kathryn Sheldon, Leonard Lord, Johanna Douglas, Douglas Rutherford, John Marston, Madara Keene and Howard Watson.

The play is presented by USO-Camp Shows through the courtesy of the author, John Golden, who has waived his royalties for the USO-Camp Shows tour. As is customary with all USO-Camp Shows productions admission is free.

AH, CHRISTMAS
If Christmas cards you'd like to make Here's the dope on a darned swell break. For on Thursday night at Service Club 2 Pvt. Laboneau will meet with you. For he's gifted in that type of art. And you can make cards considered "right smart." So meet him there at 7:30 If you want your's cute, or even dirty!

Mail Gifts This Week, Soldier, and Be Sure They Arrive by Christmas Day

Mail your Christmas packages this week, soldier, if they must cross any large part of the United States. Otherwise they may not get there in-time.

This warning comes direct from Postmaster Victor P. Moses, of Corvallis, who explains that military traffic has precedence over all else. Soldiers have the right of way. Their mail is of secondary importance.

The postmaster makes these announcements: The main postoffice at Camp Adair will be open daily, except Sunday, until 8 p.m. This holds good up to Christmas Day and possibly longer.

Tomorrow (Friday) a branch postoffice opens at the hospital, the hours being from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. An Army base unit was opened at the Corvallis postoffice Monday.

Wives of Officers at Camp Adair Fix Up Clubhouse



Henry E. Dally, Mrs. J. B. Hamilton, little Martha Hamilton in front, Mrs. Reed G. Bills, Mrs. Robert C. Ingalls and Mrs. E. S. McClenaghan, wives of artillery officers of the Timpani Well division, have been sewing and upholstering the officers clubhouse for their menfolk. Mrs. McClenaghan is the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel McClenaghan, Mrs. Hamilton's and Mrs. Ingalls' are captains and Mrs. Bills' and Mrs. Dally's husbands are lieutenants.

Camp Commander Cautions on Colds

Fuller Facts Follow Fog of Fancy Rumor

The Camp Commander likes sunshine. As a son of the Shenandoah Valley, in Virginia, and not long ago a military attaché at Mexico, D. F., he is less than enthusiastic about "Oregon mist."

If he could, therefore, Col. Gordon H. McCoy would blow the clouds away, but he can't. About the fog that closes in on this camp so often, he is powerless. All he can do is to let the light of truth shine through the vaporous rumors that have been spreading over the camp and into nearby towns.

So he is doing that, through the Camp Adair Sentry. He wants everybody around here to know that the camp hospital is sheltering a good many patients who would not think of going to a hospital if they were civilians with jobs.

In civilian life, men with bad colds usually doctor themselves and go right on working, or at most take a day off. Here, because it has become an army tradition, men with ailments immediately seek treatment and ordinarily they would be admitted to the hospital, as a precautionary measure. In fact many of them have been admitted and are being treated.

Still only 45 per cent of all in the hospital are respiratory cases, Col. McCoy would have us know. Out of all the respiratory cases, (Cont. Page 7, Col. 4)

Don't Give These Girls the Bird



Just a preview of a Camp Adair soldier's dream of a White Christmas with white meat. The poor turkeys are courtesy of the post commissary and the two charming girls (if you've noticed them) are courteous hosts at PX near Post Headquarters. Their names, by the way, are Mary Habermann and Margy Barlow. This is an exclusive Public Relations photo.

It Takes All Kinds of People to Make an M.P.

Reporter Does Prove This Despite Average Opinion to The Contrary

By Pvt. Wallace Rawles "What kind of men come to Camp Adair? What did they do before entering the Army, and from whence came they?"

Answering these questions of Capt. Julius Hale, Battalion Commander of the Military Police, Post Guard, Post Prison Stockade, and Post Provost Marshal, a reporter for the CAMP ADAIR SENTRY found an interesting cross-section of militant America in Barracks 6.

The new soldiers, a majority of whom arrived Nov. 10 are: John A. Hills, 38, Los Angeles garage owner and executive; Anthony J. Arnerich, 27, ace bartender at the Top of the Mark, San Francisco hotel; Jack H. Wood, Huntington Park, Cal., bowling alley manager; Allen L. Gingrich, Spokane, Wash., lumberjack; Harold Johnson, 18, Glendale, Cal., reporter.

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Memorial Speakers Predict Bitter War

Governor, Col. McCoy And Major, Speakers

Governor C. A. Sprague, Col. Gordon H. McCoy, camp commander, and Major Ed. Allworth spoke at a Pearl Harbor memorial service Monday at Mayflower Chapel, Corvallis, all warning their audience that the war will be hard and probably long.

Air and sea power are needed to beat the Japanese, who must be given no chance to consolidate their great gains, said Governor Sprague, adding that the Pacific coast properly feels that the European aspect of the war is over-emphasized.

Major Allworth, war veteran, who has the Congressional Medal of Honor, said that half of the students of Oregon State College are enlisted in some form of service.

Col. McCoy spoke as follows: "On Dec. 7, 1941, I was in Mexico City. There the news of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor came to the American Embassy by short wave radio. Despite the distance, and despite considerable static, we knew, in a general way, how serious the situation was and we knew that we were fully in the war."

"Even the meager information of that day shocked us. We were sure that the losses must be grave, and the damage great. But not until a year later were we to know the full extent of loss and damage. Not until yesterday, when at last the details were made public, over the air and through the newspapers, did the American people become aware of the appalling truth—that only through the providence of Almighty God were the Japanese able to press home their advantage and put us badly on the defensive on the very day they struck."

"Now it seems that the disclosure of the full facts on that day of disaster should alter, somewhat, the character of this memorial service. It is still a service of mourning and remembrance. Primarily we are here to think about the 2,343 officers and men who were killed and the 960 listed as still missing. We are here to express our sorrow that they were lost and to express our deep regret for the conditions that made that tragedy possible. Also, we lament the material losses and damage of that day."

"But today, because of our new knowledge, grief and gratitude are merged. While we grieve for those who are gone, we cannot help being grateful for the opposition."

Major Fielder Greer Promoted to Lt. Col.

The 104th Division boasts a brand new Lt. Col. this week. He's Fielder P. Greer who was upped from his Majority, Col. Greer is a West Point graduate class of 1931.

At present a Battalion Commander here, Lt. Greer has also served at Schofield Barracks, T. H.—Ft. Benning, Ga., and Camp Claiborne, La. Col. Greer is a native of Charleston, W. Va.

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Salvage Drive Nets 2 Cannon

Dallas Amer. Legion Donates Pair of Guns From Courthouse Lawn To Add to Scrap Push

The neighboring city of Dallas joined in on Camp Adair's scrap drive yesterday—and how.

Shortly before noon yesterday, Camp Tony Frank, head of the scrap salvage campaign, and Lt. George H. Godfrey, Public Relations officer, together with a motor caravan including hoists, derricks and so forth left camp. Before dark they returned with:

One trench mortar weighing in excess of two tons.

One Krupp, 88 mil. howitzer weighing one and one-half tons.

These two German made guns, relics of the other war have adorned the Dallas Courthouse lawn since the early twenties. (Natives argued over the exact date, discussion ranging from 1919 to 1924.)

All agreed, however, that the cannon were mementos brought to this country by the 162nd Infantry which was recruited in and around Dallas in 1917.

The presentation was made by the Carl B. Fenton Post No. 20 of the American Legion, with appropriate words by John Cerney, post adjutant and O. E. Anderson, post commander.

Also in at the death were Leif S. Finseth, Mayor of Dallas, and Mrs. Andrew Irwin, Jr., daughter of Col. Conrad Staffin, who commanded the 162nd on its 1918 mission to Europe.

Two Adair Generals Speak at Luncheon

Gens. Cook, Kramer Relate Experiences

Two Camp Adair generals who saw the opening battles of the war in Hawaii and Poland were honored speakers in Portland last Monday at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Major General Gilbert R. Cook, commanding general of the 104th, told of his experiences at Oahu when the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor a year ago. Brigadier General H. F. Kramer, assistant division commander of the 104th, gave a vivid description of Germany's smash through Poland. He was in Berlin from 1937 to 1939 attending the German General Staff academy.

Four other Adair officers were guests at the luncheon—Brigadier General William C. Dunckel, artillery commander; Lieut. Col. C. D. McNary, special troops co-ordinator, and Capt. W. J. Boydston and Lt. J. E. Cook, Jr., General Cook's aides-de-camp.

ELKS CHARITY BALL

The annual Elks Christmas charity ball in Corvallis will be held at the Elks Temple Saturday night from 8 to 12 o'clock. The proceeds go to the Elks charity fund. Everyone is invited this year, the committee announces. Tickets are \$1 a couple.

DON'T DO IT!

A soldier who goes AWOL, be it for only one or a few days, may henceforth be punished by any sentence a court martial may direct, except death.

For absence a soldier can be sentenced to Dishonorable Discharge, total forfeiture of pay and allowances and confinement at hard labor for a term up to life.

Hereafter sentences at Camp Adair for absences without leave can be expected to be quite severe.

This was the context of memorandum 65, issued by order of Col. Gordon H. McCoy, post commander and referring to Executive Order 9267 of Nov. 9, whereby President Roosevelt suspended the limitation upon punishments for absence without leave. Order is effective since Dec. 1.

Fio Rito Band Wows 'em; Show Acclaimed

3000 Raise Field House Roof At First Big-Time Gym Debut

By Pvt. Bob Ruskauff The old music master, Ted Fio Rito, and his band can dish it out. Field House can take it. And the EM of this Post like it.

That was proved Monday evening. Three thousand pairs of GI shoes, and a few feminine booties, beat time to syncope a la mode as the Fio Rito aggregation gave Field House its first big-time work-out since building and the EM of Camp Adair one of the best treats coming this way to date, with an hour of music and specialty presentations that had the house rocking.

The band was brought here through combined efforts of Post Special Services and the 96th division, via the co-operation of Salem USO, directed by Robert Boardman, with Roy F. Kunz associate director.



Ted Fio Rito, who led his own band of entertainers in Field House Monday.

Salem Legion Dance Is Jitterbug Contest

Jitterbugs from Camp Adair and elsewhere are invited to participate in a Jitterbug contest to be held Saturday night, December 12, in the Armory at Salem, beginning at 9 o'clock. Music is by the "Top Hatters."

Regular Saturday night dances are conducted by the Salem post of the American Legion and profits go into the entertainment fund for men in service. The Salem Legion post has dedicated its year's effort to "Service for Service Men."

TWIN SONS FOR SOLDIER

One of the men stationed at Camp Adair is the father of twins born on Thanksgiving day, November 26. Immediately upon learning of his good fortune the new father, D. E. Coons, left on his furlough for Klamath Falls to be with Mrs. Coons and the two sons, in a Klamath Falls hospital. The Coons are residents of Dorris, California, and the two little Coons weighed four pounds and 13 ounces, respectively. They are said to be lusty boys and their mother are in good condition.

96th Will Dramatize English Blitz on Air

Enlisted Men Write, Direct and Act in 4th of Radio Broadcasts

By Pvt. Paul R. Kalman, Jr. England, blitzed and battered by Nazi bombs but still unconquerable, will be the subject of the fourth radio dramatization of the orientation course being presented currently by the Special Services Office of the 96th Infantry Division at Camp Adair.

The program, scheduled for 11 a. m. Saturday over radio station KOAC, begins with the miraculous retreat of the British Expeditionary Forces from Dunkirk in June of 1940. By far one of the most dramatic and historic incidents of World War II, the opening scene will see British Tommies heroically fighting back at swarms of low-flying Stuka dive bombers, while German Panzer units literally breathe on their necks.

As a matter of fact, as Capt. Bill Ross of the 96th pointed out, Fio Rito and his aggregation made an extra 60-mile trip to give the Post its musical hour, for they returned immediately afterward to play a dance at Salem Armory.

Then it was on to Los Angeles, whence the band is enroute from Portland, for four weeks of playing; followed by New Orleans and an engagement at the Roosevelt hotel.

Things moved fast. Fio Rito probably made but one tactical error. Acknowledging M. C. Pvt. Les Baier's introduction, and understanding that this Post seems to be just simply full of troopers who used to live in Newark, N. J., and seem to still think of it as home, Ted said: "I, too, was born in Newark."

The ovation was pretty fair until the lone guy here from the Bronx put in his two-bits worth. And then the show opened.

Service Songs Medley It was warmed at the onset with Fio Rito's medley arrangement of songs dedicated to the armed forces—the "Caisson" song, "Anchors Aweigh," the "Marine Song," "Air Corps Song" and the song of the Coast Guard.

Then up stepped Jimmy Baxter, a young tenor with promise, to offer two well-received hits, "My Devotion" and "White Christmas." The "Hep Cats" (or the IA boys) then rolled out a super hidy-dee version of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

Followed the vivacious and auburn-tressed feminine influence Lynn Stevens, a Gary, Ind., product without a phone number, who gave the boys "Mr. 5 by 5," "He's My Chariot." (Cont. Page 7, Col. 2)

Despite the total loss of beach-heads on the Continental coast, British casualties at Dunkirk were comparatively small and the whole incident had a remarkable effect on the morale of both the civilian and military populations. On the other hand, Hitler suffered a complete defeat as far as his original purposes and designs for the total annihilation of the BEF were concerned.

Vowing retribution for the humiliation that the Nazis received, the Bavarian paper-hanger threw the full force of his greatest and most potent weapon, namely, the Luftwaffe, against the islanders.

On June 18, 1940, shortly after he had been appointed Prime Minister of the British Empire, Winston Churchill said: (Cont. Page 7, Col. 5)