

# SOCIAL SWIRL

By Adele Adair

With Christmas week coming up, the two Service clubs are practically beside themselves, so many (and swell) are their plans for the entertainment of enlisted men. Beside themselves with joy, because they've been able to plan such a terrific time. Beside themselves with work and worry because there's so much to be done.

Service Club No. 1 with Hostess Blodgett at the helm—has planned something for every night between December 20 and January 1. Looks like a jolly holiday at Adair, come rain or snow. Some of the highlights are the appearance on Tuesday, December 22, at clubs No. 1 and No. 2 of a high school choir. The choir includes some local gals, who not only can warble a Xmas tune guaranteed to bring a nostalgic tear to your eye—but who are good-lookin' enough to make you brush it right away to get a better look.

The same night at Service Club No. 1, Pvt. Leonard Green will take his usual weekly class through the mysteries of shaking the old, shall we say, hips, to Latin American music. In other words if you're interested in learning the Rhumba, Tango and other south-of-the-border fancies drop around at 8:30 p.m.

### Dances Friday

Tomorrow, of course, sees another service club dance and if you want to see some real cuties and dance with 'em, too, drop around. They're flocking in from afar this time — McMinnville, Eugene, Albany, Dallas and Independence. Pvt. Charlie Woodbury, librarian de-luxe, for he used to work in the New York City library on 42nd St. and Fifth Ave., has been handed his transfer to a California post.

### Annual Dance

Biggest dance of the year will be a giant affair held in the Field House on Wednesday, December 23. Over 500 gals—500 glorious, dazzling, dancing beauties, 500—will be on hand to dance. Give 'em your hand, soldier. So — drop around and have fun. The dance is open to all on the post which means both divisions and station complement. An augmented SCU band, led by S/Sgt. Robert Black, will provide music for the occasion.

### Christmas Eve

If you elect to spend Christmas eve in camp—or if you're spending it here anyway—you'll be interested in the plans Service Club No. 1 has made for your beguilement (that means fun). They're gonna have a grab-bag with 300, 500 gifts to be given out. A genuine Santa Claus will do the job. To round out the evening there will be "Major Bowes Amateur Hour" with prizes and lots of lovely junior hostesses.

### Cafeteria Opens

The big news for the chew con-

scious soldiers this week is the opening yesterday of the cafeteria in Service Club No. 2. Already the good news has gotten around and other soldiers have tried out the bill of fare to their complete satisfaction. You better try this good food out, too.

Miss Rogers, the gracious and competent roost ruler or hostess in Club No. 2 has been busy this past week journeying into the towns about this camp and telling interested ladies exactly what they can give the camp in the way of goods and services. She has addressed a group from the Federated Churches and plans shortly to speak before the Women's Club, in Corvallis and Salem.

The Salem department stores—Miller's, J. C. Penney and C. P. Bishop—have been generous to the extent of handing out carloads of decorations for Christmas to be used in decorating Service Club No. 2.

### Bridge Parties

The weekly bridge parties at Service Club No. 2 are a holiday casualty. They will not be held from now until after New Year. On Christmas eve which falls this year on December 24—there will be a party at Service Club No. 2 which will probably be one of the most memorable of all time. Featured will be the well-known Salem Choristers who will sing, guess what—why Christmas carols. The 25th will be a quiet day devoted to Christmas—save for the fact that an informal musicale will form a pleasant background.

Last Friday's dance at Club No. 2 had an intermission show that alone was worth the price of admission. Pvt. Lester Baer, better known to his now languishing Broadway audiences as Lester Golden, sang, "Summertime" and some corky Irish ditties. There was Aloysius, who danced some Russian dances. And there was Mrs. Florence Merriam, who trilled with "Daybreak" and "I Remember You." The 96th Artillery Band provided the toe-tapping rhythm.

Some mighty fine Christmas decorations have been rounded up by Mrs. Florence Merriam and Club No. 2 along with Club No. 1 will present a real holiday atmosphere. Both clubs urge soldiers to drop around and enjoy to the fine entertainment which both clubs have for the Christmas season.

Two Timber Wolf artillery wives gave one husband some commando training in decorating a battery day room. It was Lt. Arthur Jackson and the wives were Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Marvin Riley. They had him hanging from the ceiling with one hand and hanging drapes with the other.

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## Brings Bride From Montana



Tech. Sgt. Cleve R. Birkes and his bride, the former Miss Lila L. Allen whose marriage was solemnized by Chaplain G. L. Steinback in the Post Chapel, Friday evening, December 4. Formerly of Livingston, Mont. Mrs. Birkes had made her home recently with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Taylor of Corvallis. Tech. Sgt. Birkes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Birkes of Tacoma, Wash.

## Depot Co. Activities

at FIRST ST. SOUTH & E by Pvt. Harry Klissner

For two weeks, thirteen men from our Depot Co. have been faithfully learning rifle marksmanship under the supervision of Lt. Irwin J. Miller. Assisting him were Sgt. John Forbes and Corporal Russell Barry. Last week these men went to the range to qualify. Out of the thirteen, nine became marksmen. They are Privates Richard Lindberg, James Kennedy, Seymour Fienberg, William Medrow, Job Whybrow, Clarence Porter, Edward Keating, Barney Siegel and Donald Emrick. This completes the basic training for the new men and raises our company's average to over ninety per cent.

Pfc. Johnny Kernen has been selected to sound the bugle daily! He really handles this instrument as only a professional can. Every morning he calls the boys out for Reveille, in the evening for Retreat, and at bedtime sounds taps. Pfc. Kernen can certainly triple-tongue that bugle!

Our hats are off to the carpenter shop. Those boys have done more than their share in beautifying our Quarters. Under the roof of the Supply Room, Corporal DeFrieze and the boys that work with him, Pfc. Arthur Riley, Frank Bellucci, Ralph Berg and Edward Brown have accomplished a great deal in a short time.

Things they have built include waste paperbaskets, footlockers, officers' field desks, kitchen field equipment, insertion signs, and mail boxes. Lt. Burnett has been so pleased with their work that he remarked:

"I believe if you boys were given a complete laid out plan for a plane you could really build it."

Sgt. Guy Blackmore who is in charge of the Mess for our company is gaining quite a reputation as an acrobat. He is one of the most limber men in our outfit and can twist his body into positions which almost would seem impossible. Of course, it must run in the family. He has a brother who won the Rocky Mountain Acrobatic title while attending university.

Four smiling sergeants returned from their furlough this week. Sergeants Arthur Dieleman, Herbert Rothman and Earl Smith returned from Wyoming together. Sergeant Glenn Teal came home on the same day from Washington. These men are a great deal more satisfied since their visits at home; for they saw how dull civilian life can be in war time. In a few days they'll be in the groove again as far as army routine work is concerned.

Sgt. Connie Cronin, captain of our volley ball team consisting of Sgts. Ronal Brock, Reynold Niemi; Corporals Alvin Kincaid; Pfc. Melven Gamble, Charles Bolton; and

## Cooking With Gas

By T/5 Rolland C. Rogers Of Cooks and Bakers School

Enrollment in the various courses offered by the Camp Adair Branch, Ninth Service Command, School for Bakers and Cooks, touched an all time high in December.

Adequate instruction of this large number of students requires five classrooms for "book larnin'", an instructor staff of 14, and three clerks to handle the "paper work."

The added office work incident to the increased enrollment made it necessary for school authorities to obtain an additional typewriter and the services of two additional clerks.

The School was founded late in June, 1942. In the succeeding months the Camp Adair School has become one of the largest branches in the entire Ninth Service Command. Present indications are that the current enrollment will be more than doubled by January 5, 1943.

Two new clerks, Mrs. Ruth N. Harris, civilian employee, and Pvt. Norman P. Hughes, joined the School staff this week.

Mrs. Harris comes to the Branch from the Camp Judge Advocate's office where she has been employed since mid-November. Her husband is employed by the Grinnell Sprinkler Corporation now engaged in construction at the Station Hospital.

The Harris's come from Nebraska, and according to the House's "silent partner," Oregon has already become home to us. We like

it here and plan to like here after the victory."

Pvt. Hughes hails from Springdale, Montana, where his father is an engineer on the Northern Pacific. For a year before coming into the Army Pvt. Hughes was employed as cashier, bookkeeper, and stenographer in the Billings, Montana, office of Swift and company.

His chief hobby is music, especially piano playing. But outdoor sports of all kinds and hunting in particular, are runners up on his hobby list.

Pvt. Hughes' hunting specialties are gophers and jack rabbits. (Montana has plenty of both.) "The time to hunt jack rabbits," he explains, "is at night equipped with an automobile, flashlight and gun. It's loads of fun."

Some Pfc. in Btry., of one of the Timber Wolf battalions, stepped from a hotel room to what he supposed was a third story porch. He landed on hands and knees, two floors down.



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