

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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Adair on Air Again Jan. 4

Full Hour Over Station KOIN, EM Guests; To Be All-Soldier Show A La Timber Wolves

The second of the big new weekly series of Camp Adair radio broadcasts—this time with an all-soldier cast and this time emanating from Field House, will put this Post "on the air" again January 4. It's to be another full hour program, with a double-punch. Preceding the half-hour radio release 9:00 to 9:30 p.m., over Station KOIN, Portland, there will be a half-hour stage show.

No Tickets Needed
All EM and officers of this post who wish, may attend until the SRO sign is out. Tickets are not necessary. Civilian friends of personnel are welcome, but must be accompanied by enlisted man or officer in uniform.

Wide attention to Camp Adair was earned via the opening broadcast Monday night, in which the talent to initiate the show was furnished in entirety by KOIN, which is the northwest outlet for the Columbia Broadcasting system.

It was a fast-moving, splendidly-received show presented from Theatre 3 and this next week's show from Field House bids, if anything, to top it.

Timber Wolves Night

On January 4 it will be the Timber Wolves night to howl and the entire orchestration will be furnished by their crack Infantry Band, according to S/Sgt. Robert L. (Bob) Black, who is responsible for most of the organization work on the lustrous new program. The band is under joint direction of Warrant Officer Fred R. Frey and T/Sgt. Jack Everard.

Among stellar artists to appear (Continued on page 3, column 3)

MOBILIZATION ORDER

Maybe Emperor Haile Selassie has the right idea. With one mobilization order he spared Ethiopian officials all the headaches suffered by Selective Service officials and manpower judges. The text, as quoted by the Army and Navy Journal:

"Everyone will now be mobilized, and all boys old enough to carry a spear will be sent to Addis Ababa. Married men will take their wives to carry food and cook. Those without wives will take any women without husbands. The blind, those who cannot walk or for any reason cannot carry a spear, are exempt. Anyone found at home after receipt of this order will be hanged."

Poor Carmichael Comes to Glorious End In a World That Proved Far Too Cruel

Carmichael, the bear, has had his last joust with fate in a stormy world which he did not understand and which did not understand Carmichael.

On the ranch whence he was removed from Headquarters Company, after a hectic and head-aching week for all hands, including Carmichael, the prankish black bear was recently shot, it was reported by Sgt. Charles Webb.

His crime was killing chickens. The bear had one proved friend at the Post—Pvt. Zilch, who managed one lengthy interview with Carmichael, reported some time ago in the Sentry. Carmichael wrote one final letter, received and herewith published with Pvt. Zilch's permission:

Ranch, near Corvallis:
Dear Pvt. Zilch (Carmichael wrote), I'm sentenced to die for the crime of killing chickens. I guess it is a crime. Anyway, tomorrow I face the firing squad they tell me and in these last hours they tell me to say good bye.

I can take it, just like I dished it out. I've no regrets, I'm not even sorry I killed the chickens. To me they were pesky, annoying critters.



This is high art, trimming such a tree as Service Club No. 1 has. The ladies are Miss Doris Fickel, librarian, at left, and Hostess Blodgett. The soldiers are Pvts. Rondey J. Donnelly, Anti-Tank Company, and from Kingston, N.Y., and Hyman Schulman, Hdq. Company, Infantry, from Brooklyn. Both Timber Wolf men.

Division Chief Given Greeting

Pledges Loyalty To General G. R. Cook

The Timber Wolf Division yesterday presented Christmas greetings to Major General Gilbert R. Cook, commanding general, in the form of a scroll bearing the wolf head which is the divisional symbol, and the following words:

"This is the first Christmas to be celebrated by the Timber Wolf Division. To hope that there may be many more would be to entertain the assumption that this war may extend over many years in the future. The earlier we are prepared to accredit our divisional commander and this nation by being prepared for combat, the earlier we will be ready to fight."

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It's Got Everything

3 Hour Frolic New Year's Eve

Dramatic Show, Song, Dance Revue To Usher In 1943 at Field House; Still Spot for Talented

"Sleep the New Year in if you must—but don't try it at Field House.

Three hilarious, action-packed hours that will start at 9 p.m. and climax when 1943 rolls in, are promised in Camp Adair's New Year's Eve Jamboree in the big building at Av. F. and S. 1st St.

On a brand-new stage, complete with scenery and proscenium, a star-studded cast which is mostly GI, but will include notables from the civilian entertainment world, will present to Post EM, their wives, sweethearts and friends, a show which "has everything," or at least a reasonable facsimile.

There will be music and song, dance and patter, beauty and mystery. Of mystery, in fact, there will be one full hour. Virgil Mulkey, widely known as The Great Virgil, will bring for presentation at the jamboree his complete show, with lighting arrangements, costumery and set-up, just as he has presented it in major show houses.

As added contribution toward helping Camp Adair roll in the New Year, The Great Virgil also drew up the original framework of the jamboree.

Staging and direction of the big frolic has, however, been placed in the hands of Pvt. Bruce Sharritt of Post Guard. In private life (with a small p), Pvt. Sharritt was more familiarly known as the comedian, Eddie Bruce. Assisting as stage managers are two other men from Post Guard, Pvts. Dick Walden and William Linahan. Pvt. Linahan was formerly a stage technician with M.G.M. studios in Hollywood.

Talent Call

Entertainment features of the jamboree—it will be served up musical revue style with comedy bits and black-outs—are pretty completely marshalled. There are, however, spots for three or more good acts, according to Pvt. Lennie Green, in charge of entertainers. If you have any grade A routine to offer the show, the talent call is still open. Phone Service Club No. 1, 2480.

Pvt. Green likewise issues a call for instrumentalists who have had (Continued on page 7, Column 1)

Yule Spirit Prevails At Station Hospital

Variety of Functions On Sked for Soldiers

The Yuletide will be importantly observed, not only this evening and tomorrow, but all of the week for that matter, in a score of events taking place at Station Hospital under auspices of the Red Cross and with numerous individuals and organizations contributing either in talent or gifts. If one must do his sick bay stint in the hospital, it appears that Christmas might not be the poorest time at that.

The variety of functions got underway Tuesday. Featured today will be a party for children of officers and enlisted men, in the Red Cross auditorium at 3 p. m.; a Christmas sing in the auditorium at 7 p. m. tonight and—between 7 and 9:00 p. m.—carols sung in all of the wards, by four different groups of carolers.

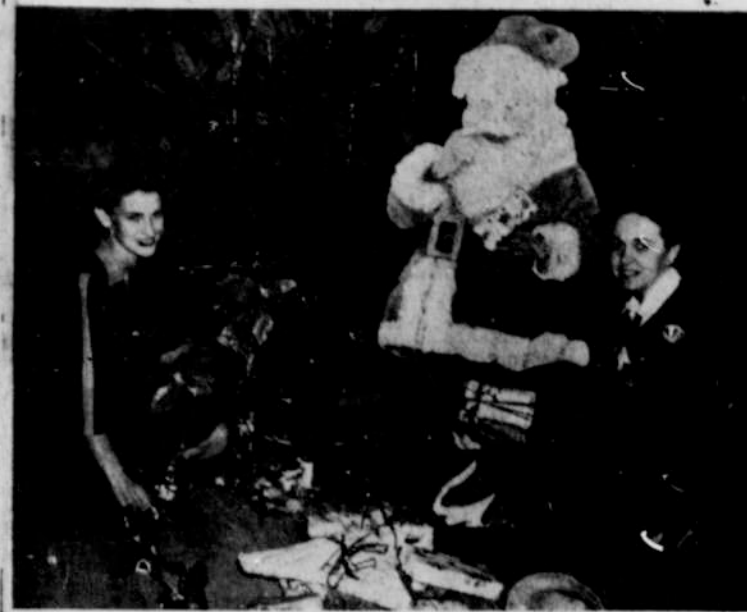
Songs have been led during the week and will also be tonight by Miss Ethel Orpen, song leader and vocalist, who flew up from Pasadena, Calif., and is devoting her vacation to "doing a bit" for men in the service. Miss Orpen has been appearing during the week in various functions about the Post.

St. Nick will also pay his visit to all patients tomorrow, according to Lillian Bridgeman and Esther Davidson, R.C. recreation workers at Station Hospital. Gifts will be distributed between 10 a. m. and noon. From 1 to 4:30 p. m. there will be games in recreation hall. At 6:30 p. m. comes the movie, "Tales of Manhattan."

Saturday features a party for patients, with games and stunts in the auditorium.

Pageant Sunday
Sunday at 6:30 p. m., the beautiful (Continued on Page 3 Column 2)

Preview of Christmas



Santa Claus looks in at Service Club No. 2 to make sure that Camp Adair soldiers will have a Christmas just like the one they used to know. Mrs. Florence Merriam, hostess, at right, with a friend, at work on the tree.

Col. Des Islets Off For New Assignment

Camp Builder Will Be Dist. Engineer at K.C.

Lt. Col. R. E. M. Des Islets, Area Engineer, left this area last Friday morning for Kansas City where he will be District Engineer.

Col. Des Islets has been in the Corvallis - Eugene Area since February of this year, during which time he has been in charge of the construction of Camp Adair, the Corvallis Air Base, Salem Air Base, Eugene Air Port, and a series of three dams to control floods in the Willamette Valley.

"It is with extreme regret," stated the Colonel, "that the family and I leave the beautiful Northwest and our many friends here. Since coming to this area last spring, we have met many people who have helped us both in our work and in our play. We would like to say "good bye" individually, but find it impossible; therefore, we would like to take leave in the broad form and say "good bye" to all via this medium."

SALEM DANCE

The executive committee of the Salem Hostess League will entertain at a dance to be held Wednesday, December 30 at the Salem Armory.

Timber Wolves Air Christmas Eve Show

Sgt. Walsh, Carols And Skits Featured

The Timber Wolf division will present a gala Christmas show over KOAC, Corvallis on Christmas Eve—another half hour of first class entertainment, chock full of laughs, lyrics and luring Christmas carols.

By special request Sgt. John Walsh, Camp Adair's golden-voiced baritone, will sing several numbers. These will include "The King Lowly Bethlehem" and "The Good King Wenceslas." As an added attraction the Timber Wolf writers have rigged up a riotous script titled "If Soldiers Went Shopping the Way Women Do."

An all-star army cast will enact this thrilling drama that is guaranteed to tickle your funny-bone and start off your holiday in a jovial, happy, merry spirit. The Timber Wolf orchestra will render "Jingle Bells" and that ever beautiful Christmas classic, "Silent Night."

Sgt. Austen Everard, T. W. ork pilot, will introduce a new and sensational vocalist whose name he insists on keeping secret until the broadcast. Don't forget to tune in to KOAC from 7:30 to 8 on Christmas Eve.

Post Supply Officer Upped to Majority

Julius Brandt Served Overseas in Last War

Captain Julius H. Brandt, Post QM Supply Officer, is now Major Julius H. Brandt and congratulations are very much in order. Major Brandt was called to active duty in March of this year. Previous to that he had been a reserve officer.

Major Brandt is also a World War No. 1 veteran. He served as a 1st Sgt. in the infantry and later, while in France, he received his 2nd Lt.'s commission. In 1919 he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the cavalry reserve.

Major Brandt has served at Ft. Warren, Wyo., Ft. Ethan Allen, Vt., Ft. Riley, Kansas, and has also been in the army in the Philippines. Prior to being called to active duty he worked for the U.S. government in Chicago. He is a native New Englander and attended Clark's College in Worcester, Mass.

Santa Claus will ride in a jeep by request of Lt. Stewart, according to Sgt. Nehring, Btry. C., of a T.W. battalion, and will be at the Bn. C.P. during the holidays. Mortimer, the orderly room kitten, has a speckled puppy for a playmate.

Colonels to Be Guests At Hdq. Co. Dinner

SCU Outfit of Capt. Rutledge Is Christmas Host to Commander of Camp Adair, With Other Friends

The Christmas festivities of Hdq. Co., SCU No. 1911, will reach their climax tomorrow with a sumptuous dinner at which the guests will include the camp commander, Col. Gordon H. McCoy, Col. George C. Ferch, executive officer, other prominent officers and families, and the wives and friends of enlisted men.

Capt. Paul S. Rutledge, who would make a handsomer Santa Claus than any department store in the land can boast, if army regulations permitted him to dress that way, and Lt. Pete A. Lafka, who at all times appears to have the high spirits of a boy around a Christmas tree, are seeing to it that the affair is as merry and full of good cheer as a camp Christmas can be.

In this they are supported by 1st Sgt. Ray Atkins and all of the non-coms and privates, some of whom have turned down fine outside invitations because they want to be with the Hdq. Co. family on this occasion. Who knows, they say—this may be the last Christmas we'll ever enjoy at Camp Adair? S/Sgt. Lester (Pop) Bowman is maitre de camp.

Dinner at 12:30

Camp Commander



Col. Gordon H. McCoy

Dinner will be served, it is announced, at 12:30 p. m., and it will be appreciated if the guests arrive at the orderly room and day room shortly before that time, to leave their wraps.

Not only will be the mess halls be bright with trees, holly and Christmas colors, but a detail directed by Pvt. Jack Greenhouse, who stained the Service Clubs, has antiqued rafters and upper woodwork with a blowtorch and painted the lower walls in buff, with red trimming, and applied a light oak stain to kitchen, orderly room and day room. It was a long, tedious job, and his fellow-workers on it were Pvts. F. J. Trainor, Milburn Salisbury, Albert G. Carlson, Harold Wilkins, and James Goffe.

Headquarters Company Guests

Col. and Mrs. McCoy and family; Col. and Mrs. Ferch and family; Lt. Col. C. R. Steele; Major and Mrs. Rudolph W. Ayers and family; Major James F. Fraser; Capt. and Mrs. Joan D. Lewis; Chaplain (Capt.) Lloyd V. Harmon; Sgt. C. W. Bragan and family; Miss Irene Hemphill; Capt. E. M. Featherstone and family; Lt. and Mrs. Robert E. Mallonee; Lt. and Mrs. Victor J. Mix; Lt. and Mrs. George H. Godfrey and family; Lt. Maynard S. Grunder; Lt. Wyatt Martin.

Also Sgt. C. H. Swann and T/Sgt. Lyle Vehrs, and his mother, Mrs. Hazel Howe; Cpl. Martin J. and Mrs. deMarque, and her mother; Pfc and Mrs. Moe J. Tanke.

The menu, bearing on its cover (Continued on page 3, column 3)

Car Re-Registration To Start January 1

Capt. Julius Hale, Provost Marshal and Battalion Commander of Military Police and Post Guard, SCU 1911, today respectfully directed attention to an order of Col. Gordon McCoy requiring re-registration of all privately owned automobiles of Military personnel and civilian employees. Registration will start Jan. 1 and be completed by Feb. 1.

All 1942 registration cards must be turned in at the Provost Marshal's office before the 1943 cards will be issued. At the time of registration a windshield sticker may be purchased for 25c.

Horses, Dogs and Cats Live in Peace Of First Christmas at Post Stables

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them at the inn."

For centuries people have read those words, in many languages, and always the churches and homes of Christendom have fashioned little "cribs," centered about the Holy Family at the manger, with the shepherds standing by, and the wise men, and off to one side the good beasts.

One of the loveliest carols goes like this:

"Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Lays down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky
Looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
Asleep in the hay."

Because of this tradition, stables have a special character at Christ-

mas time and this goes for the Post Stables of Camp Adair, where in their good will toward one another the animals seem to have the Christmas spirit all the year round. Horses and a dog and six cats (to date), live peacefully together there.

Cats and Dog at Peace

One by one, as the cats arrived, each of them pulled the traditional cat act on Patsy, the dog, assuming that Patsy was an enemy. But Patsy likes cats, and as soon as the cats were sure of that they stopped spitting and ruffling their fur and humping their backs at the dog, and now they all frolic together.

The Post Stable Officer is 1st Lt. James H. Taylor, and the stable force of seven men is headed by Stable Sgt. George Jensen, who now serves notice that the stables have about reached the saturation point on cats. So far that explanation by St. Luke, that the Holy Family had to go to the stable because "there was no room for them at the inn," has been touchingly true of the cats of Camp Adair. Forlorn strays and cats with improper lodgings have found shelter in the stables and have grown healthy and sleek.

Every so often they have been put in the granary, nearby, to keep down the mice, and they are clean and ornamental, and the stable men are glad to have them, but (Continued on Page 3, Column 6)

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 24—Carolers from Corvallis... Christmas music and program, Club 2 at 8 p. m.

Christmas party at both clubs. Gifts for men. Come out and join the fun.

Jam session and entertainment at Club 1.

Friday, Dec. 25—Open house and informal Christmas programs at both clubs.

Saturday, Dec. 26—Carolers from Corvallis. Repeat performance at both clubs.

Sunday, Dec. 27—Impromptu entertainment. Visitors day at clubs.

Monday, Dec. 28—Similar programs of an informal nature at both clubs.

Tuesday, Dec. 29—Christmas show, directed by Pvt. Cecil Birnkant and Mrs. Merriam. Dancing, singing, comedy skit. Big-time talent to be featured. Starting at 8:15 in Club 2. Come out and enjoy the fun.

104th Infantry Band Concert with guest artists at Club 1.

Wednesday, Dec. 30—Informal Yuletide programs at both clubs.

Thursday, Dec. 31—Talent show at Field House. Gala New Year's Eve show and party starting at 9 p. m.

Friday, Jan. 1—New Year's dances for E. M. at Service Clubs, 8:30-10:30 p. m.

Merry Christmas