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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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Field House New Years Party Tonight

Two USO Shows During January

Arsenic and Old Lace Is Famed Looney Riot Slated Wednesday, at Theater 5 on Ave. B

They go around poisoning people and stuff, but it is all in the spirit of pillified fun in a screwy household. And so Joseph Kesselring's humorous comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace," comes to Camp Adair next Wednesday, as one of two USO-Camp Shows to be staged here in January.

The other performance, appearing January 20, will be the musical extravaganza, "Flying Colors," a C-Card rating show which is definitely guaranteed to provide more than four gals. for the week.

"Arsenic and Old Lace," the screaming comedy showing next Wednesday, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at War Department Theater No. 5, 5th St. S., and Avenue B.

It will not be necessary to have tickets to see the show. "Arsenic and Old Lace" is one of the all-time smash hits of Broadway. It is the tale of two Brooklyn spinsters, the Misses Brewster, at whose quaint manse resides a nephew named Teddy, who is under

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Fleetfoot



Fleetfooted Linda Moody will dance in the "Flying Colors" extravaganza revue, which comes to Camp Adair Jan. 20 as one of two USO-Camp Shows to be staged for EM during the month. The loony comedy smash, "Arsenic and Old Lace," will show at this Post next Wednesday.

Gen. Cook Has Birthday; Staff and Band Greet Him

Major General Gilbert R. Cook and his daughter, Mrs. CeCe Cook, together helped to root the Timber Wolf basketball team to victory, recently, in a game with Oregon College of Education.

Some days later—yesterday, to be exact—members of his staff and the artillery band turned out to root for General Cook, for it was his 53rd birthday. The band played "Happy Birthday" and "Auld Lang Syne," and the General and his chief of staff, Col. Harold C. Mandell, said appropriately gracious words, the general making it clear that his prime concern nowadays is the development of the division.

General Cook received the Silver Star decoration for gallantry in action near Chevelion on July

18, 1918, and an Oakleaf Cluster for his Silver Star for gallantry in action in the Meuse-Argonne engagements, on October 4-6, 1918. He also has the Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star from the French government.

At West Point, where General Cook was graduated in June, 1912, he took part in baseball, football, and also wrestling, boxing and equitation. Since then he has coached football, baseball and polo and trick riding at horse shows has been a specialty. In 1941 his regimental team in Hawaii won the post football championship, ending the season undefeated and tied in post baseball.

He ardently supports athletics in general as of aid in developing physical fitness for combat today.

Alas, Poor Towsky; His 6-Foot Letter Is Now Out Dated

Recently a picture of Pfc Benjamin Towsky swept the country, not so much because he is handsome as because he was holding a six-foot letter from some girl. Towsky, of Hdq. Co., SCU, works at the postoffice and is extremely letter-conscious, but his record has been surpassed.

Now Pvt. M. Anderson, of an infantry outfit here, reports that Pvt. Adam V. Sliger, same outfit, has a letter written on a roll of paper 35 feet and 6 inches long.

"It took two hours to read," he adds, "and contained news of home and friends, as well as poetry and comments. Pvt. Sliger likes long letters and reprimanded his girl friend, Miss Vee Saumas, of Chicago, because her letters were too short. This long letter was the answer to the complaint."

Corvallis Rarin' to Go This New Year's Eve

Soldiers coming to Corvallis for New Year's Eve will find a welcome awaiting them. At least four churches are planning Watch-Night parties with games, programs, refreshments, terminating in a brief religious service in the closing minutes of the year. One has a mid-night Communion service.

These churches are: the Baptist at 9th and Monroe, the Federated at 8th and Monroe, the Methodist at 11th and Monroe and the Christian at 6th and Madison. The USO will be open as usual.

It is suggested that for the last three, soldiers get off the Camp Adair bus at 9th and Van Buren, walking on to Monroe Street. For the last two, the shortest way is to get off at the railroad track, Van Buren at 6th, walking south to Madison Street. Service men are cordially invited to any of these five places for this Thursday night closing the year 1942.

Victory Quartette of 96th Division Infantry Shows Adair Men How to Sing

By H. B., Hdq. Co., SCU

That Victory Quartette was formed in the company street, the way almost every good soldiers' quartette has been in the history of the Army. One man lifted up his voice in a catchy number and another one sauntered up and two others heard them and the song ended in close harmony, four parts.

For several months a certain major, veteran of the other war, has been lamenting the fact that the new Army, at least in this camp, is not a singing Army. He's been urging a campaign, with plenty of publicity, to get everybody singing, because, he insists, an Army that sings—on the march, in barracks, during rest periods and right up to the front—is the kind

of an Army that fights well and wins wars.

All true enough, if men can be coerced into singing, or even persuaded into it, in any way. As a veteran myself, I'm skeptical, remembering the kind of singing that community song leaders get out of a crowd of soldiers and also the kind of singing that begins spontaneously, in a group, and spreads and grows, because it's good.

Feeling that way about it, I've been hoping that this camp would produce a quartet of quality, one that would delight everybody and make everybody else want to sing, and I heard such a quartet on Monday night in a Station Hospital show by talent from the 381st In-

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Broadcast Postponed
"Camp Adair on the Air," the KOIN-Columbia radio broadcast scheduled to be aired from Field House next Monday, has been postponed for one week, it has been announced. The postponement was made in order to complete arrangements for a bigger and better program with added specialty acts and possible prizes for EM participants. More details in next issue of The Sentry. In the meantime plan on being at Field House on Monday, January 11 at 8:30 p.m.

Discharge of Men Over 38 Clarified

Must Be Replaceable And Vital to Effort

Three main conditions and a list of vital industries to which soldiers must return have been announced by Washington in further development of the President's recent executive order authorizing the discharge of men over 38 in the armed services.

The conditions which Washington has imposed are (1) "The soldier has voluntarily requested discharge in writing to his immediate commanding officer." (2) "The soldier is handicapped by advanced age, 38 years and over, to such an extent that his usefulness to the army is secondary to that of industry." (3) "The soldier has presented satisfactory evidence that he will be employed in an essential war industry, including agriculture, if he is discharged from the army."

The war department emphasized that no soldier would be discharged unless a suitable trained replacement is present and available. It also stressed that any discharge granted would have to be in furtherance of the war effort and not as a right of the individual.

Vital Industries

To determine whether a man would be more valuable in civilian production than in the army—Washington has published a list of industries that the man should (Continued on page 7, column 5)

High Recommendation?

When a mess sergeant gets fan mail, that's news.

So here's some news about S Sgt. Lester (Pop) Bowman, of SCU Hq. Co. He got a letter that reads:

"When you used to visit my restaurant in Albany and tell me I would be a great army cook someday, I just thought you were full of your own prunes. But you were right, Pop, only I can't convince the soldiers here at Camp White, I was inducted last month and when I arrived here they asked me what I could do. 'Cook,' I told 'them.' 'Who said so?,' they asked. 'A mess sergeant,' I told them. 'Ha, ha, ha,' they laughed, 'a mess sergeant should know about cooking. You go to the coal pile. Can't you do something, Pop. I don't like this coal pile. Tony.'"

A "grand old man," Robert Hutcheon, owner of the Hutcheon (Continued on page 7, column 6)

His G. I. Uniform



Concealed in these beautiful clothes The Great Virgil has everything from rabbits to a 15-day furlough. If you don't believe it, he'll be on the stage at Field House tonight.

Gen. McNair Greeted All Forces of Army

Officers Should Set Example, He Suggests

Christmas greetings from the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, were wired as follows:

"To the officers, warrant officers and enlisted men of your command: Our second war Christmas is near. Our first year of war has seen many of the ground forces complete home training and move overseas. Many more will join them in 1943. For those of you who are new in the Army and only breaking home ties I ask the friendly and wise help of your more experienced comrades.

"Thus you will learn the stern duties of the soldier quickly and well and may appreciate both the privilege and the responsibility of serving your country in its hour of need. To the older soldiers I send a plea for an all-out, unceasing effort in training. It will pay richly on the battlefield bringing success to our arms and enhancing your own chances of returning home.

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Oregon State Offers Courses to Soldiers

Classes Held at Camp If Enough Men Enroll

Courses in typing and office machines will be given for Camp Adair men if enough of them enroll at Oregon State college, it is announced by the office of Asst. director, general extension division, Oregon State system of higher education.

The cost depends on the number enrolling. If there are 18, it will be \$5 per individual. If 30 enroll, it will be \$3 per individual. The term extends from Jan. 4 to March 12. Typing course, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:15. Office machines, Thursdays, 7:15. Both in Room 212, Commerce, on campus at Corvallis. Laboratory fee, \$1.

Other courses not requiring laboratory work (such as stenography, elementary statistics, education, sociology, English, etc., may be organized at this camp, if satisfactory to the Camp Commander, provided a suitable class room is found.

15 Acts in Huge Revue To Bid Old Year Adieu

Magic, Skits, Dance, Song Will All Be Embraced in Three-Hour Program. Free, Starting at 9 P. M.

They have three words in Hollywood that should be taboo in any soldier's newspaper. They are stupendous, colossal, terrific!

Let's use 'em, then, to describe what is likely to be in store tonight at Field House, in the big Stage Revue-Jamboree which the EM and Officers of Camp Adair, and their civilian guests will be offered to greet 1943.

Whether it's all of that or not, the show ought to be plenty good, with more than 15 particular acts all woven into a program that will bring together, for the first time, a complete ensemble of all the one-time professional entertainers who are now in the ranks of the soldiery here—plus a top-line array of civilian performers.

"If the revue is half as good as we first fondly expected, it will still be colossal," said Pvt. Bruce Sharrit (ex-comedian and Broadway musical comedy player known as Eddie Bruce), who is director of the show. "And if it is twice as good as I think it will be now (this was at a late hour last night)—I'm going crazy I tell you," said Eddie Bruce.

And that, they say, is how great shows are born. Weeks of intensive preparation have gone into the production.

Tickets will not be necessary for the show. It will start at nine o'clock. If you have a civilian guest coming he (or she, bless her) must be on the Post before that time; and civilians must be accompanied by soldier or officer in uniform.

Some time during the program there will be space out for intermission and as an added help for those who want a bite or a drink on top of a quick smoke, Manager Roy Scrivner has announced that the Post Exchange Restaurant, directly across the street from Field House, will remain open until 1 a. m.

What will you see? The novellette we're allowed to write won't tell it all. Elsewhere in the paper is a resume of the principal "who's who" in the cast. Some will appear here and there in black-outs, progress.

Ann Tucker Caddy, New Adair Hostess, Experienced in Theater, Radio Work

Subtract one and add one, and you come out even.

This applies to the hostess situation at Camp Adair, for last week, Miss Venola Gibson, social and recreational hostess at Club 1 resigned her duties here and accepted a similar position at Fort Lewis, Wash., and filling her shoes is a tall and attractive blonde, Ann Tucker Caddy.

When Hostess Caddy arrived on the post to assume her duties the day before Christmas, she brought with her a wide and rangey background of radio and theatrical experience coupled with experience in recreational work.

She calls Los Angeles her "home town" and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker, now residing in Bellingham, Wash. She took her B.A. at Washington State where she majored in drama, and then went down to the University of Southern California for her M.A. in the same. Then she did a turn at the Pasadena Playhouse School of the Theatre.

Theatrically she has directed, produced and acted in "Little Theatre" projects although she confesses that she never felt sure enough of herself to head East and tryout on Shubert Alley. During her stage career, she appeared as Portia in the "Merchant of Venice," Karen Andre in "The Night of January 15," Julie Winters in "The

Poor Nut," Helena in "Helena Glory" and several others.

Radio came next and at one time Hostess Caddy was directing five shows a week on the Blue Network, called "Symphonic Interlude." She has been on the staff of KFI and KNX in Los Angeles and has also worked with several other stations. Prior to accepting a position at Camp Adair, she was with the Radio Department at Stevens College, Columbia, Missouri, where she was in charge of booking films for the college and projection equipment.

Quoting her, she thinks "the Army is wonderful," and she has every reason to believe so since several members of her family are now serving in the armed forces. She has a cousin who is a lieutenant in England, another who is a submarine tender in Australia, a third who is a lieutenant in Hawaii, a fourth who is a Lt. Commander in the Navy stationed in Texas, and several others who are enlisted men. Her brother is working in a defense plant in Houston, Texas, and she has a sister residing in Corvallis.

As for hobbies, she lists hiking, dancing and reading as "tops" in her lists, although she says she is interested in all sports and forms of recreation.

At Club 1, she will assist Mrs. Blodgett, director, and will be in charge of recreational and social activities.

This Is Called Production



Between nine and midnight tonight the sage at Field House will look like this (we hope) when The Great Virgil puts on his mystifying magician extravaganza for the edification of you and you.