

# SOCIAL SWIRL

By Adele Adair

Socially speaking, the first week of February started off with a bang on the Camp Adair front. Aside from the regularly scheduled activities that have become part of the camp routine, such as the Friday night EM dances at the Service Clubs, the new post attraction—Night Club night—on Saturday night drew capacity attendances.

Then, too, there was the touring USO show at the theatres and Field House, this time featuring Ada Leonard and her All-Girl Band (and another USO show in the offing—"Junior Miss," the luff-comedy now in its second year on Broadway—booked for the 20th, a week from this Saturday night!) In addition to this, there were several weddings and parties in the surrounding Willamette valley towns. So, you see what we mean by "starting off with a bang!"

### South American Night

With "Carmen Miranda" and an authentic Latin American setting,

Service Club 1 was turned into a new-style night club last Saturday night for "Night Club" night, a new entertainment feature on the post. With colorful posters and patriotic streamers as decorations, a capacity crowd of fun-makers and onlookers jammed the ballroom for several hours of gaiety. Supervised by the Service Club

staff (which sounds like a Wall Street law firm) "Blodgett, Caddy, Clensos, Linahan, Greene and Tullis," the night went without a hitch.

The entertainment portion of the program featured Pvt. Tex Houseman who did a bang-up impersonation of "Souze-American" Carmen Miranda... resplendent in a tight skirt, bare midriff and bra, beads and a turbaned headdress featuring enough fruit and vegetables to open a concession in Portland. With typical gyrations and "bumps," he disposed of a basketful of favors for the guests.

Others appearing in the show were Miss June Powell, who did interpretive Spanish dances; Pvt. Joe Grizlak, who did song impersonations of Bonnie Baker and Ronnie Kemper; Warrant Officer Rubell, who sang several popular selections (as well as direct the band); and a Torero and Bull-fight featuring as the former, Pvt. Bozbo and as the front part of the latter, Pvt. Malpede with Pvt. La Mura bringing up the rear. Emceeding the affair were W. O. Rubell and Cpl. Opner.

South American waiters, dishing out the menu which was strictly south of the border and featured chill, tamales and ravioli, included Pvs. Fuentes, Medina, Calamia, Carro, Barado, Frampton and Peno. Each was dressed appropriately.

And as special guests of the evening were Ada Leonard and half the members of her band, who dropped in after they had played their last night of the Camp-USO show at the Field House. The other half of the group went to Service Club 1, also.

### Carnival Night, Too!

An atmosphere of carnival days... with barkers, balloons and multi-colored streamers, prevailed at Service Club 2 last Saturday night to mark cabaret night and this club, too, was jammed to the rafters with guests. Along the south side of the ballroom, miscellaneous booths were constructed where the "customers" could fish, throw darts, toss rings or have their weight guessed and win free prizes. Each booth had its barker and competition was keen. The new bracket lights, installed during the past week, were fitted with colored bulbs and a gay, holiday mood was obvious. Every table available was taken and the list of reservations was filled long before the requests stopped pouring in.

The refreshment stand furnished "get-'em-while-they're-hot" franks and soda pop, and business was better than good.

The entertainment portion of the program was handled in typical "night club" style, and was divided into two sections... one at 9 and the other at 10:15 p. m. Private Eddie Sharritt was MC and presented, in turn, Pvt. Jack Gates who repeated at popular demand his "Bath-tub Pantomime" and sang; Sgt. Freeman of the 96th who impersonated Hollywood movie stars; Cpl. Nick Sansonia, who was welcomed back after a furlough back home in New York; S. Sgts. Jones and Gibson, the "Two Sergeants of Song" with piano and voice; and Pvt. Ray Maurino, who sang.

The band of the evening was hybrid in nature but swell to listen to. Some of the members were "loaned" by Chief Warrant Officer Krog and the rest of the outfit was recruited from places known only to those in command of the club, and those making up the outfit included Homer Carlson, John Pospichal, Lloyd Perryman, Morris Levine and Joseph Truman.

Sunday Varieties: With Sunday being more or less

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### SERVICE CLUB DATEBOOK

Thursday, Feb. 11—Open House at Club 1; Jam session at Club 2. Friday, Feb. 12—Enlisted men's dances commemorating Lincoln's birthday. Both clubs, 8:30 until 11 p. m.

Saturday, Feb. 13—Valentine Night at Club 1; Sweetheart Dance at Club 2 as regular "Night Club" night activity... dance and floor show... make reservations early.

Sunday, Feb. 14—Recorded concert of operatic gems... Club 1 from 2 to 3 p. m. "Concert Hour" over KOAC dedicated to soldiers... Club 2, 3 to 4 p. m. "Western Jamboree," Club 1, 7:30 p. m. Open House at both clubs all day.

Monday, Feb. 15—Informal and impromptu entertainment at both clubs. Open house.

Tuesday, Feb. 16—Latin American dance classes starting at 7 p. m. at Club 1.

Wednesday, Feb. 17—Game night at both clubs. Bingo with cigarettes as prizes.

official "visitors day" on the post, the Service Clubs keep this in mind and make special effort to have a varied and extended entertainment program. At Club 2, the regular song fest was held from 5:30 until 8:30 after which those liking the boogie-beat could listen to Pvs. Bechenek and Gobel and Sgt. Edwards, who alternated on the Knabe.

Over at Club 1, there was a "Western Jamboree" in the evening featuring the talents of Pvs. Richardson and P. J. Marina, PFCs Clarence Shew, George Bellville and John Head. These boys combine and give forth on guitar, bass fiddle, cider jug and piano, and continued to entertain the crowds for two hours.

### Game Nights:

Those liking Bingo have an opportunity to partake of the game on Wednesday night at Club 1 where the feature of the evening is "Bingo Bust," and at Club 2 on the same night. Prizes consisting of packs of cigarettes are offered high scorers. Wednesday is designated as "Game Night" at both clubs, as you already know, and other games are also available.

### Jamming:

The regular jam session, a popular interval at Club 1 on Wednesday night, last week featured the musical talents of Sgt. Merle Howard on the tenor sax, Sgt. Robert Fowlk on trumpet, Sgt. Eddie Galloway on drums, Sgt. Keith Greka on piano, and Pvt. Ray Thomas on trombone. Request numbers were filled willingly and it was a swell program... for those liking their down beat on the solid side. The band will not be heard this week, however, since they are playing in Eugene. But the jam sessions are not confined to Club 1. For on Tuesday and Thursday nights other hep-cats get together for the benefit of one and all.

### Friday Dances:

It seems like so much rehash (reportorially speaking) to keep bragging about the Friday night enlisted men's dances at the clubs... but they're always worthy of mention. Last week's dance at Club 2 featured a jitterbug demonstration (that REALLY was a demonstration) during intermission at Club 1. The break featured Pvt. Allen's vocals, Pvt. Verrone's dances and Pvt. Mahon Tullis' ivory tickling.

### Entertain in Albany:

Residents of Albany who are members of the business and Professional Women's Club (and their guests) are still talking about the variety show staged by the men from Camp Adair last Tuesday night. Pvt. Tullis made the arrangements and the program introduced Sgt. Calabrese, who was MC and also sang; Pvt. Perez, whistler; Pvt. Wong, comic songs; Pvt. Andy Dahl, banjoist; Cpl. Healy, dancer, and Pvt. Tullis rounded out the show with his piano selections.

### Wedding Receptions:

True to his army career, one Pvt. chose to celebrate his wedding by attending the carnival night at Club 2 last Saturday evening. He is Pvt. Steupner and he was married in Post Chapel 1 at 8:30 p. m. after which he and his lovely bride, and wedding party of 15 came over to the clubhouse. Mrs. Merriam had suggested court favors and the bride and groom wore paper king's and queen's crowns, and their guests were topped as knights and ladies of the court. Novel, no?

### Valentine's Day to Be Marked:

It's to be a Valentine Dance at Club 1 next Saturday night and a "Sweetheart Night" at Club 2. Featured performers will appear at either club and appropriate decorations will be on view. There is one word of caution... MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. And in case you want dates, as arranged by Madame Blodgett's Super Deluxe (No Bags) Date Bureau, Inc., put in your bid at least three days in advance!

ored with a miscellaneous wedding shower last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Louise A. Kanipe, 730 North Fourteenth street.

Before her marriage the honoree was Miss Margaret Westcott, grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thorsen. Now she is the bride of Lieutenant Woodrow Barnes of the Timber Wolf Division, Camp Adair. His home, before he entered the service, was in San Antonio, Texas. The wedding took place in Vancouver, Washington, last December 26. Chaplain Bare read the ceremony.

Refreshments were served to the honoree, Mesdames Mary Ryman, Peggy Hayes, Jerry Brooks, Merle Pierpont, Helen Fulton, Mary Carol, Marion McEvoy, Eilene Averill, Dorothy Sieving, Louisa Kanipe, Lorena Byrd and Jo Siratt, and Misses Helen Lockren, Alice Stone, Rose Morse and Mary Aldry Radcliffe.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Barnes are now at home on Brook Lane.

### Vance-Nasvik Nuptials

Better late than never comes the announcement of the marriage of Miss Frances L. Nasvik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter O. Nasvik of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Sgt. Cecil O. Vance, son of Mrs. S. W. Nelson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and stationed at present at Camp Adair. The ceremony was performed Saturday, January 30, at 8:30 p. m., in Mayflower chapel, Corvallis, with the Rev. Lael Westberg, pastor of the Grace Lutheran church, officiating.

The bride chose as her wedding dress a fitted white satin gown, designed Princess style, which she wore with a fingertip-length veil hung from a coronet crown.

Miss Bea Nelson of Eugene, Ore., was bridesmaid and wore a floor-length blue lace gown. Gordon Barron of Corvallis was best man.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota, and both were members of the university A Capella Choir. The bride arrived in Corvallis on Tuesday before the wedding.

### Centenarian Steals Show In Portland Ice Revue

A Centenarian who has been skating for 95 years stole the show at a Portland ice revue last week.

He was John Jerome White of Spokane. Representing the Spokane athletic round table White cut figure "8's", skated backwards and whirled to the amazement of onlookers.

"I've been on ice so long, I'm preserved," cracked White, who voted for Abraham Lincoln at 21 and who raised 10 children, the oldest now 79.

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