

# 'Junior Miss' Company Enjoys Touring Camps

## Comedy Hit New in 14th Week Will Play 110 Camps, Nationwide Tour

Backstage at the theatre is a fascinating place. War Dept. Theatre 5, on the post, when turned into a playhouse last Saturday night for the performance of "Junior Miss," was no exception.

Backstage is fascinating partly because the visitor is sometimes able to eavesdrop and nose around and secure some "inside dope," otherwise a deep dark mystery to those on the other side of the footlights. Then, too, you are sometimes lucky enough to meet the leading lady.

In the case of "Junior Miss," it was LADIES, for Lucille Fetherston, who portrayed Judy and Joan Jackson, who characterized Fuffy, are charming young blondes, as polite and genuinely sincere and friendly as girls you'd meet anywhere . . . yes, and as pretty as the best girl friend. Miss Fetherston confessed she is 18, and Miss Jackson is about the same age. Both portray 13-year-olds in the production, by wearing low shoes and their skirts above their knees . . . and very convincingly, too.

Miss Fetherston gets her first leading part in this USO-Camp Shows production, and her "break" came when Miss Barbara Bel Geddes, who was Judy when the tour started out of New York where rehearsals had been held, left the cast. Prior to this, she has had minor ingenue roles. Miss Jackson, too, comes into her own in her role as Fuffy, considered by some critics as THE lead character, and considered by all as the real comedy part. Incidentally, she is a native of Georgia.

Now in its 14th week of tour, the "Junior Miss" troupe has progressed from army posts and air bases from coast to coast, border to border, is the report of Joe Leonard, genial publicity master who was formerly publicity manager for Loews circuit. Before the tour winds up its season, back in New York, it will travel 20 more weeks, working back East. In total, it will have played throughout the nation for 34 weeks and will have presented a grand total of 110 camps . . . and this will be accomplished on or about May 15.

But this fast stepping life is considered fun by the cast, and they all agree, "It's a real pleasure to entertain the men in uniform," and that they "get a kick out of it." Prior to their stop at Adair, they played at Camp Beale, Cal., and after the performance, prepared to travel up to Seattle, where they will appear at the Naval Air Station. Then, they come to Fort Lewis, after which they start back toward their starting point.

Albert J. Hyde, business manager, then put in a word for the girl who was billed in the part of Lois, Judy's sister. The original Lois, Helen Eastman, left the show for Hollywood where she is making "Stage Door Canteen," now in the last stages of production. Her part was capably handled by Pat Agnew who also assists on the production end of "Junior Miss."

It was also interesting to learn that a fifth touring company is now in rehearsal stage in New York and will leave early in spring to entertain troops overseas.

The draft (and formerly enlistments) has played havoc with the male portion of the cast, and according to Mr. Hyde and Mr. Leonard, only two male members of the original cast remain. Prior to Camp Beale, four were taken into the armed forces, and while in California, another joined up at Monterey. So its to the other side of the footlights for some of the cast.

"Junior Miss" marked the second theatrical event for Camp Adair, the first being the USO-Camp Shows production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." And now, the camp is looking forward to the next, which is expected to stop here in a month or so.

### 381st Infantry In This Column

Yesterday we returned to the rifle range for a "refresher" course in firing. Up at 0445 and away we went! Fired all day and worked in the "pits." The biggest thrill was being able to drag out the big red flag (known more popularly as Maggie's Drawers) and wave it . . . we only had the opportunity to do this once. On our return march we did double-time and a cadence of 160 steps per minute . . . the scenery was wonderful! What scenery? We were traveling so fast we couldn't see any!

Auditions were held last week

### THINGS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO LEARN

This Bulletin tells how to castrate young pigs properly and includes additional directions for performing the operation on boars, ridgetings and sows.

Castration aids in the control of breeding practices and in hours prevents the development of sexual odors and flavors in the meat. A clear and accurate knowledge of the subject is consequently beneficial. This Bulletin (No. 1357) supersedes Farmers' Bulletin 780, Castration of Young Pigs.

### Heart Attack Fatal To 1st Sgt. Murray

#### 56-Year-Old Veteran Circled Globe in '14

The 96th Division's Old War Horse Club fires a volley in final salute to First Sergeant William E. Murray of Company 1, 383rd Infantry, who passed away suddenly last Saturday morning. He was stricken with a heart attack shortly after he left his orderly room Friday evening.

Sergeant Murray was 56 years old and had been in military service for 29 years. He was a veteran of the World War, the Nicaraguan and Mexican revolts, and forsook a sergeancy in the Marine Corps to become an army private in 1919. Probably one of the most widely traveled individuals at Camp Adair, he had visited nearly every country in the world and was a member of the good will cruise that circled the globe in 1914.

At this writing burial arrangements were incomplete but it is believed that the remains will be interred at the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D. C.

He is survived by one son, William E. Murray, Jr., a student of Princeton University at Trenton, New Jersey.

for the 381st Minstrel Show which was to be presented in the near future. The men who tried out were so enthused that it was discovered we had talent . . . not only for a minstrel show but also for a hillbilly show or barn dance . . . sooooooo the 381st will soon present the 381st Hillbilly Jam-boree! The Special Service Office is still in search of more talent so if any care to try out by all means stop by the Rec Hall any evening from 1930 hours on . . . We'll be there rehearsing.

Two "brand new" sergeants were given a lift into Corvallis last Saturday afternoon by an officer . . . they talked with him and he seemed quite sociable. The boys were so wrapped up in conversation that they stepped from the car and thanked the driver for the ride . . . but failed to salute! While crossing the street, "Ya know," said Sgt. Reeder, "I think he was an officer." Sgt. Radwick replied, "I think so too, but he didn't talk like one. . . Hey, look! He's wearing a star on his cap!" exclaimed Reeder. "General Easley!" Never would have known it, huh, fellas? The boys say the next time they see General Easley they are going to apologize and salute him twice! "He was such a swell guy . . . I never dreamed he was a GENERAL!"

With the majority of the companies out on the range all this week the old Regiment looks somewhat deserted during the late afternoons. We understand that the record firing reports have it that, as an average, the men are shooting ten "bulls" out of twelve rounds. Not bad boys! Not bad at all!

It all began in Regimental Headquarters last Saturday . . . laying on a table in the S-3 Section there was a book with a lovely, but light-clad, young lady decorating the cover . . . the title of the book was most appealing . . . to say nothing of the picture. No one opened the book or picked it up to look at it although many wished to. (Brother, and how!) A lieutenant who had finished his conversation with the major, saluted, turned and walked out . . . and passed by the book. His curiosity made him pause to glance more closely at this most appealing sight and his hand cautiously reached down to turn the cover and discover the innermost contents while his eyes were searching to see if any were watching him . . . when

### National Red Cross Drive Is Opened

National headquarters has announced that the government's sale of war-bonds will be de-emphasized out of deference to the annual Red Cross drive this year as officials realize that this drive, coming as it does during income tax collection dates, will need all of the aid that it can possibly receive.

Good Work Cited The nation-wide activities of the Red Cross during 1942 were many fold. Services to the armed forces comprised the bulk of last year's quota and many are the service men who can point to the Red Cross chapters located in their posts or camps as veritable "life savers."

Disaster relief was administered in 1942 alone in 190 domestic disasters with aid being offered to 130,000 persons. First aid, water safety and accident prevention certificates were presented to millions of persons who have completed the courses.

The Red Cross nursing service supplied 25,000 nurses to the armed forces and is readying thousands more for field service. Millions of junior Red Cross members have been enrolled in schools throughout the nation and the collection of blood plasma for the armed forces comprised one of the major activities of the organization with 1,800,000 pints of blood being collected during last year alone. The value of this collection is inestimable and after the history of this war has been written, the worth of blood plasma will most certainly be accorded a top-ranking place in contributing to our victory.

Benefit Entertainment The local Camp Adair Red Cross headquarters has set up an entertainment bureau which will be comprised of talented enlisted men who donate their skill toward furnish-

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It takes all kinds of things to make an interesting world, but some of those recently noted over at the 381st Inf. of the 96th Div. bear witness that the best happen at Camp Adair. Our EM handle any situation, viz.: There was the Division Test incident last week, while men in "D" Co. pitched their tents and dug slit trenches. Inspecting said trenches, a Colonel paused before one dug by Pfc. Richards. Bounced out of his reverie, Sgt. Reeder brought up his hand smartly to salute. "The impact was such deep enough. You have no protection against tanks." "Sir," quoth Richards, "tanks cannot enter these woods."

suddenly the entire book exploded in his hand! Needless to say this was most embarrassing to the lieutenant and most amusing to all of the Regimental staff. The book was again loaded and left laying for the next unsuspecting victim . . . who shortly followed, but when the book was opened this time it failed to explode. This occurred twice . . . and all hopes of further amusement seemed shattered . . . although we left the book on a desk, no one touched it and we completely forgot about it . . . then at 11:45 during the usual Battalion and Company Commanders meeting a corporal from Service Co. strolled into the office, was delighted by the sight of the book and proceeded to unfold its cover . . . it worked . . . and exploded with the loudest report ever! The book is no longer decorating the offices and desks at this Headquarters. Need we say more?

## Brunettes, Wght 108 Are PX Girl Finalists

(Continued From Page 1) broadcast with a weighing-in analysis.

Right from the starting gong we have the "elements" of high-class rivalry — both intersectional and interurban. For— Betty Frick, 20, came from Houston, Texas, and has lived in Corvallis since October. Her dad, by the way, is W. O. H. A. Frick. Dorothy Caldwell hails from Chicago, where she graduated from Morton High school in Cicero (let's see, it was Capone, wasn't it?) and she lives in Albany.

Otherwise, the opponents weigh in about this way:

Betty	Dorothy
Height 5'2 1/2"	5'3"
Weight 108	108
Eyes Brown	Blue
Hair Black, wavy	Brown, curly
Sport Dancing	Horseback Riding

Favorite: Dessert Jello Gives Pie-a-la-mode Oregon 4 bells Telephone "Oh, no!" "The idea!" Other characteristics—mi gosh, whaddaya want, men, a formal introduction?

The Fritzie Zivic-Beat Jack embargo of 12 rounds or less in New York's Madison Square Garden Friday night will be broadcast over KWIL starting at 7 p. m.

## Military Police Barracks Banter

By Pfc. Frank C. Martin . . . This being the time of year when a young soldier's fancy lightly turns to thoughts other than of getting up for reveille or being on time for chow, it behooves us to pay reluctant tribute to the machinations of one Dan Cupid. Dan has arched a few darts already this season, at least one of which pierced the heart of a certain blonde-haired young bachelor from Utah residing in the first barracks. Since Cupid's intercession, the traffic from Camp Adair to Dallas has increased considerably but not enough to suit

Mark Raaband. Mark is seriously looking for steady transportation to Dallas and will appreciate hearing from anyone who has an extra seat in his jalopy for a romantic young bachelor Dallas bound.

And then there is James J. (Lariat Twirler) Jackson, that ex-cowboy in the second barracks who makes no bones about the fact that he is looking for romance and is not too particular where he finds it . . . claims to have four or five on the string but is not averse to one or two more . . . latest heart flutter reportedly responds to the name of Daisy Mae . . . he can't very well double for Lil Abner, though . . . not while "Gus" Gustafson is around.

Congratulations are in order to the following men on their recent promotions: Sergeants Robert McKiddy and Henry Klokorn from the rank of corporal, and Corporals Peter Lutz, Leonard Krenz, Frederick Adie, John Woodworth and Michael Bozza from the rank of privates first class. May your stars ever be in the ascendancy. The gentlemen, and may your good fortune be exceeded only by your good sense!

### ODE TO JERSEY

Blessings on thee, Jersey man. Sleek of hair like all your clan. With your voice so gravel-like— It conjures up a rattler's strike. Man you are or seem to be. Yet doubts at times have come to me, If only you could speak English, Instead of Joisey gibberish!

### Now It Can Be Told Column:

The Holley Clays are infatigating! He is the shy and retiring young M. P. in the first barracks—if there is such a thing as a shy and retiring M. P. His bride is a native born Texas girl, imported

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to fair Albany by Private Clay. Asked whether he expected more than one issue of his union, Clay modestly denied any ambition to outdo Oliva Dionne or even Sergeant Saul Blackman. "Every man to his own field," opined Clay. "There is only one Oliva Dionne and it is foolish for Blackman or me or anyone else to attempt to top him."

Many an elbow joint creaked painfully and many a knee joint bent only under protest over the week end as a result of the second attempt of the Military Police Detachment to hold an inter-squad softball game. Although the final score was monumental and the errors too numerous to be counted, developments of promise were noted. Lt. George Kressaty still covers the hot corner like a veteran and Staff Sergeant Jack Vinson showed a reach like an octopus in snagging wild throws around first base. Jimmy Clifford showed base running ability of the Ty Cobb variety and George Goralski exhibited a real punch at the plate. Aside from that, however, the only thing definitely established by the session is that some of us M. P.'s are a little too old to be indulging in baseball which is still — some observers to the contrary—a young man's game!

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