

# Camp Adair Service Clubs Finest in U. S.

## Complete Renovation From Top to Bottom Accomplished

### Buildings Transformed Into Social Recreation Center Second to None

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They may not have the reputation of Club ... or the neon glamour of the Rainbow Room ... but they are the nearest approach to those places in the Willamette Valley ... at least in that part of the valley where the military reservation of Camp Adair is located.

"They" refers to the two Camp Adair Service Clubs, located in the heart of the cantonment and offering facilities to every enlisted man stationed here. The two clubs, which a half month ago were equipped and furnished to meet every social or recreational outlet the enlisted man might desire, have in the time since undergone a vast re-decorating and re-furnishing program until they are nothing short of palatial.

The work on Club 1 was completed by last Saturday in time for the grand re-opening with the currently popular highlight of the week ... "Night Club Night." Now that Club 1 is completed, Club 2 will undergo an intensive program of re-trimming and re-furnishing.

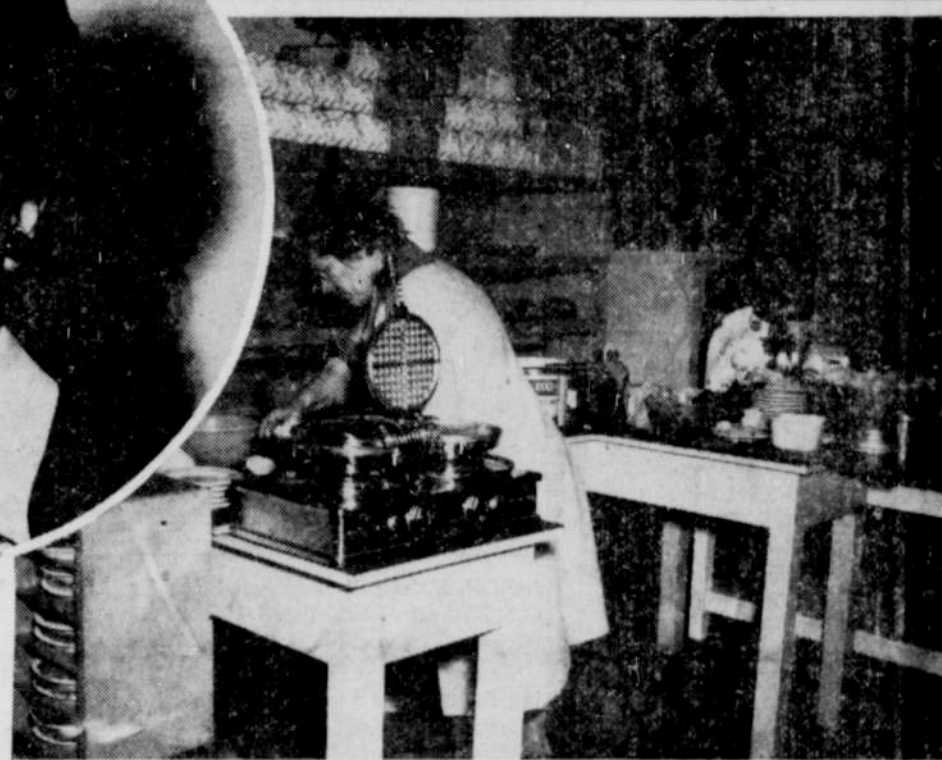
When the carpenters, painters and other workmen have quit their posts with the job completed, both clubs will be more or less identical. Therefore, what is true about Club 1, will hold true for Club 2 when it is finished in two weeks or so.

#### Removed From Anything G.I.

When Club 1 re-opened last week end, it was apparent to all that the building had been transformed into an enlisted men's social and recreational center second to none found on any other U. S. Army post. For there is a spaciouly furnished lounge boasting a ballroom floor as smooth as glass; a well-equipped and appointed library housing thousands of volumes; an immaculate cafeteria excelling in superb food and service; and a fountain room that you might find on "Main Street."

This club's personnel, acting on the instruction and advice of the Camp Commander, Col. Gordon H. McCoy, has gone "all-out" in its effort to make Club 1 one of the outstanding recreational and social gathering spots on the post.

Thus, much of the praise for the accomplishments, fall direct-



every officer should feel proud that the men of his command have such fine clubs to patronize.

The true value of the Service Club to the enlisted man is perhaps best summed up in the words of Col. McCoy:

**Importance Fundamental**  
"The importance of a service club to an army post is considered fundamental or else such institutions would not be authorized by the War Department.

"Camp Adair has every reason to be proud of its Service Clubs. Club 1, which was completed in time for its formal opening last Saturday night, is a model club, and when Club 2, which is now undergoing similar re-decorating and re-furnishing, is completed, this army post can feel assured that these clubs represent the finest that money can buy, and that they are perhaps the finest and best equipped on any post in the United States."

#### Programs Varied

The weekly programs that have been planned and executed at the two clubs are familiar to most of the enlisted men. The outstanding feature at either club each week is the Saturday night "Cabaret Night" or "Night Club Night," built along lines closely following a regular city's night clubs or bistros. There is dancing to the music of one of the fine dance orchestras, with the Timber Wolves more or less taking care of the music for Club 1, and the 96th Division taking care of Club 2. There is always an elaborate and well-rounded floor show featuring top notch entertainers ... men who in civilian life were professional stage, screen and night club talent.

Seasonal and historic holidays or dates, when appropriate, furnish the theme for a particular Saturday night party ... such as Washington's Birthday or St. Patrick's Day. The club directresses map themes and decorations well in advance and are ever on the look-out for some novel attraction.

Reading clockwise, the picture at top was taken at the reception and "open house" staged last Friday night by Mrs. Blodgett for the officers of the post. Here, Lt. Walter Sindlinger of Special Services serves punch and wafers to Col. De Graff, Col. Tourant and Mrs. Ryan, wife of Capt. Ryan, all of whom were guests.

The libraries are popular rendezvous for the Adairmen. Typical of both libraries is the above scene taken in Club 1. Miss Doris Fickel, librarian, instructs T. S. Opner in the loan procedure on a book selected by one of the soldiers.

Insert: Mrs. Florence C. Merriam, directress, Service Club 2.

Complete is the word for the Salad Bar at Club 1 Cafeteria. Here, an expert at salads, Mrs. Earl Unruh, is shown preparing an order.

No, the Generals here aren't ready to do K.P. It's merely an inspection tour of one of the newly equipped cafeteria kitchens at Camp Adair. Left to right are Brig. Gen. Moore, Maj. Gen. Cook, Mrs. Cece Cook, Lt. Col. Pearson and Miss Barrett.

The chef holds the attention of General Cook and Colonel McCoy as he is perhaps explaining one of the finer points of his profession. The officers visited the kitchen during the "open house" at Club 1.

Sunday at the Clubs usually means "open house," for it is the one day of the week when parents, relatives and guests visit the enlisted men. Informality is the keynote and the program usually follows along spontaneous entertainment lines. Someone will sit down (Continued on page 9, column 1)

Reading counter-clockwise, the picture at the top right of the page is typical of the "Night Club" floor shows scheduled each Saturday night at either Service Club. Here, Miss June Powell, Eugene, interprets a Hawaiian hula for officers at the preve of the grand opening of Club 1.

Immaculate is the word for Chef Howard Harvey and his kitchen at Cafeteria 1. Mr. Harvey has been a professional chef for a number of years and has been associated with fine eating places in Salem and Eugene.

Insert: Mrs. Margaret Crosssett Blodgett, directress of Service Club 1.

Mrs. Jennie Ullman is assistant to Chef Harvey and is in charge of the counter at Cafeteria 1. To her right is Mrs. Iris Arnold of the counter staff.

Even a full colonel must wait his turn! Col. Gordon H. McCoy, camp commander, was one of the first luncheon customers when re-modeled Cafeteria 1 opened. Here Col. McCoy waits for his entree.

The new Cafeteria 1 hostess, Miss Helen Barrett of Salem, chats with Col. McCoy over luncheon. Miss Barrett is a food expert and brings to Camp Adair a wealth of experience.

#### LIONS OF ALBANY TO STAGE DANCE

The Victory Jamboree featuring the "Battle of the Bands" will be held Thursday, April 1, between 8:30 and 12:30 p. m. The admission price is seventy-five cents for men and fifty for women.