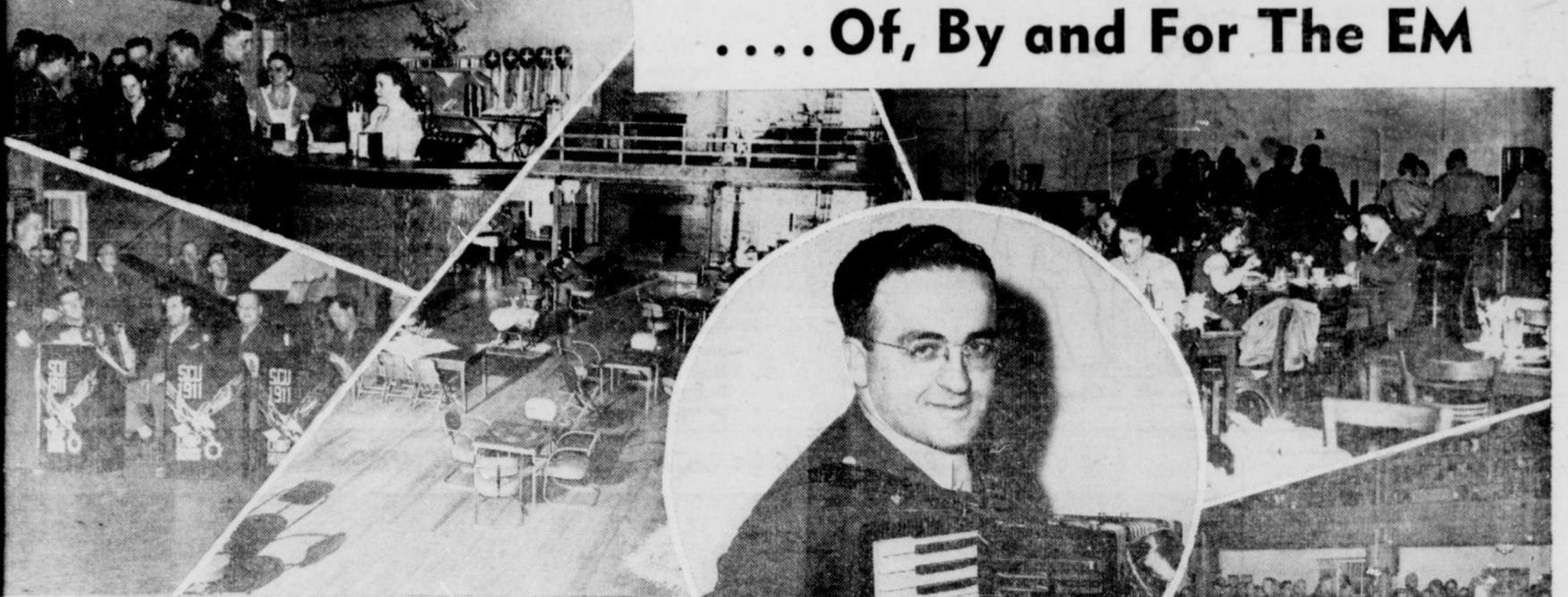


# .... Of, By and For The EM



## Club 2 Formal Opening Completes Camp Plan

### Housewarming Party Attracts Large Crowd; Gala Floor Show Presented by Men of Division

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Signifying the completion of the re-decoration and re-furnishing project for the two Camp Adair Service Clubs, the formal opening of Club 2 last Saturday night, April 10, took shape as a housewarming party for the enlisted men, their wives and guests. Highlighting the evening was the hour-and-a-half entertainment and floor show staged mainly by the EM of the 96th Division.

By last Saturday the new paint had dried, the re-grouping of furniture and occasional pieces had been accomplished, and the club was ready to be presented to the enlisted men of Camp Adair... "of the men, by the men and for the men" stationed here.

The Service Club, to the man in uniform, means the place on the post where he can meet his friends under comfortable, pleasant surroundings; where he can read or write or play games... or just plain RELAX.

It's an after duty rendezvous... where the social and recreational sides of the soldier's life are encouraged. And there is usually some form of organized recreation planned by the social and recreational hostess, such as dancing classes, art workshops, glee clubs and community sings, and game nights. "There's always somethin' goin'" is a fitting Service Club motto.

#### Gala Show Presented

The "Housewarming" got underway about 8 p. m. with the arrival of T/Sgt. Bob Black and his SCU dance band, and the early patrons. By 9, the floor show unit had finished its first performance of the evening at the 381st Rec Hall, and came to the club. It was a gala show of more than an hour and a half's duration.

The cast included Cpl. Gaard as MC; the opening chorus composed of the Misses Darlene Fairchild, Viola Jenkins, Mildred Kaufman, Peggy Keown, Harriet Scoville, and Cynthia Woodcock; and Pvt. Colombo, Cpl. Sutton, Cpl. Sanford, T/4 Birnkrant, Pfc. Jessie and Pvt. Constantino. This chorus sang and danced and paved the way for the remainder of the show.

Next came a musical skit featuring four of the cast based on "A Bicycle Built for Two," followed by a skit based on a sanatorium incident, and featuring Miss Keown and Sgt. Bartoszek.

"Sweet and Swing" starring Miss Claudine Thompson and Sgt. Higgins was a treat and they were followed by a skit, "A Rookie's

Day at Adair" with Cpl. Gaard and T/4 Birnkrant.

An instrumental trio, the "Skat Kats," with Pvts. Moquin, Forsland and Russo, was a hit as was the take-off on the Andrews Sisters by Birnkrant, T/5 Kallman and Cpl. Sanford, as the "Latrine Sisters."

"OOOOOOh Doctor" with Gladys Johnson, of PX 1 and Pvt. Bill Konick came next as did the Eight Swingeros doing an original dance, "Doin' The Draft Away." A newcomer to the club entertainment roster appeared next... Pvt. Mort Ruppoppert, ballad singer. Another skit with Gaard and Birnkrant came just before the finale which featured the chorus, Miss Thompson, Sgt. Higgins and the entire cast.

The floor show was staged by Birnkrant assisted by Gaard and Bartoszek. Sgt. Nick Sansonia was accompanist and make-up was created by Pvt. Clensos from Club 1. Dancing and fun filled out the remainder of the evening.

#### Full Program Underway

The night club idea is but one feature of the weekly roster of activities at the club. After Saturday night's fun fest, the mood hangs over throughout Sunday, when open house for the EM and their guests, including wives, parents and friends, is observed. Informal music fills the day with various entertainers volunteering their talents. Like a snowball, this idea builds up into a regularly anticipated event at the club.

Monday is open house, with ping pong, games, and Glee Club rehearsals, etc., available; Tuesday is Latin-American dance night, Wednesday is game night, with prizes for Bingo scores offered; Thursday is group singing led by Mrs. F. C. Merriam; Friday night is informal; then the week is topped off with the Saturday Night Rambles.

The club personnel is headed by Mrs. Merriam, directress; Miss Madge Kuhwarth, social and recreational hostess; Sgt. Nick San-

sonia, non-com in charge of the club; and Pfc. Gus Cerase and Pvt. Vincent Chiello, assisting enlisted men.

Club hours are from 8 until 10:30 daily excepting Saturday when it remains open until 11 for the night club.

Now that Club 2 has been completed, Camp Adair may well boast of possessing two of the finest Service Clubs to be seen anywhere in the country.

Results of an evening of fun have to be cleaned up... so the club personnel pitches in. On the push-broom detail are Mrs. Merriam, Pvt. Vince Chiello and Miss Kuhwarth.

Most of the 46 million dollars' worth of new commercial laundry machinery in 1943 will go to military uses, some of it will be reserved for civilian hospitals, but almost none for around-the-corner laundries.

For good things to eat, the cafeteria is a popular rendezvous.

Floor shows are the highlight of Saturday night. They form an integral part of the "Service Club Rambles," built around a typical night club theme. Here Miss Claudine Thompson is seen singing during the "Housewarming."

More books for Camp Adair. Miss Helen Schumaker, Club 2 Librarian-Hosetess, looks over new books being sorted by Pvt. Sid Rudner and Pvt. Andrew B. Conway, of the library staff.

The tall and the short of it, it appears. Miss Gladys Johnson of the PX is more than 6 foot tall while Pvt. Bill Konick is about 5 foot 2 inches above the ground. They appeared in one of the skits Saturday night.

Unquestionably the best-known person about Club 2 (and in entertainment circles on the post and in the nearby communities) is Sgt. Nick Sansonia.

Reading clockwise, T/Sgt. Bob Black and his SCU Swingeros occupied the first triangle in this composite layout of activities at Service Club 2.

The fountain room is always a popular spot for a "coke" or a sundae.

The club can take a breathing spell from its buzzing activities early in the morning after it opens and late at night after it closes. Even minus its patrons it boasts a comfy and inviting air.



## Sgt. Narramore, Vet Non-Com at Adair Began Army Career Under Gen. Pershing

One of the old timers at Camp Adair is Sgt. Gillis Narramore. Enlisting in the army in 1916 in Harri-man, Tennessee, he has held every rank from private to master sergeant. He was 44 years old on April 5.

Sgt. Narramore was married to an Oregonian in 1923. The wedding bells rang in Vancouver, Washington, and he has since been blessed with five children; two daughters; Juanita, 16, Eileen, 14, and three sons, Robert, 11, James, 8, and Eugene, 18, who has just entered the Army. Bobbie, the 11 year old boy is a leap year child.

For the past 25 years, Sgt. Narramore has been a non-commissioned officer and was the first one to serve a meal at Camp Adair when it was a tent city.

He began his army career in the 12th Infantry under General Pershing and reenlisted in the Coast artillery in 1920. During his young

days, the sergeant participated in baseball and basketball. His favorite form of recreation is salmon and trout fishing. Of the two, he prefers to hook salmon, especially if he can connect with a 60 pounder.

While in the coast artillery, Sgt. Narramore held the rating of expert gunner. He was a platter, observer, and gun commander for 22 years. In the near future, he will be called into the R.O.T.C. as an instructor under the A.S.T.P. program.

Commenting on his army career, Narramore remarked: "I am a firm believer in discipline and from my past experience in other camps am of the opinion that Camp Adair is far above the average."

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