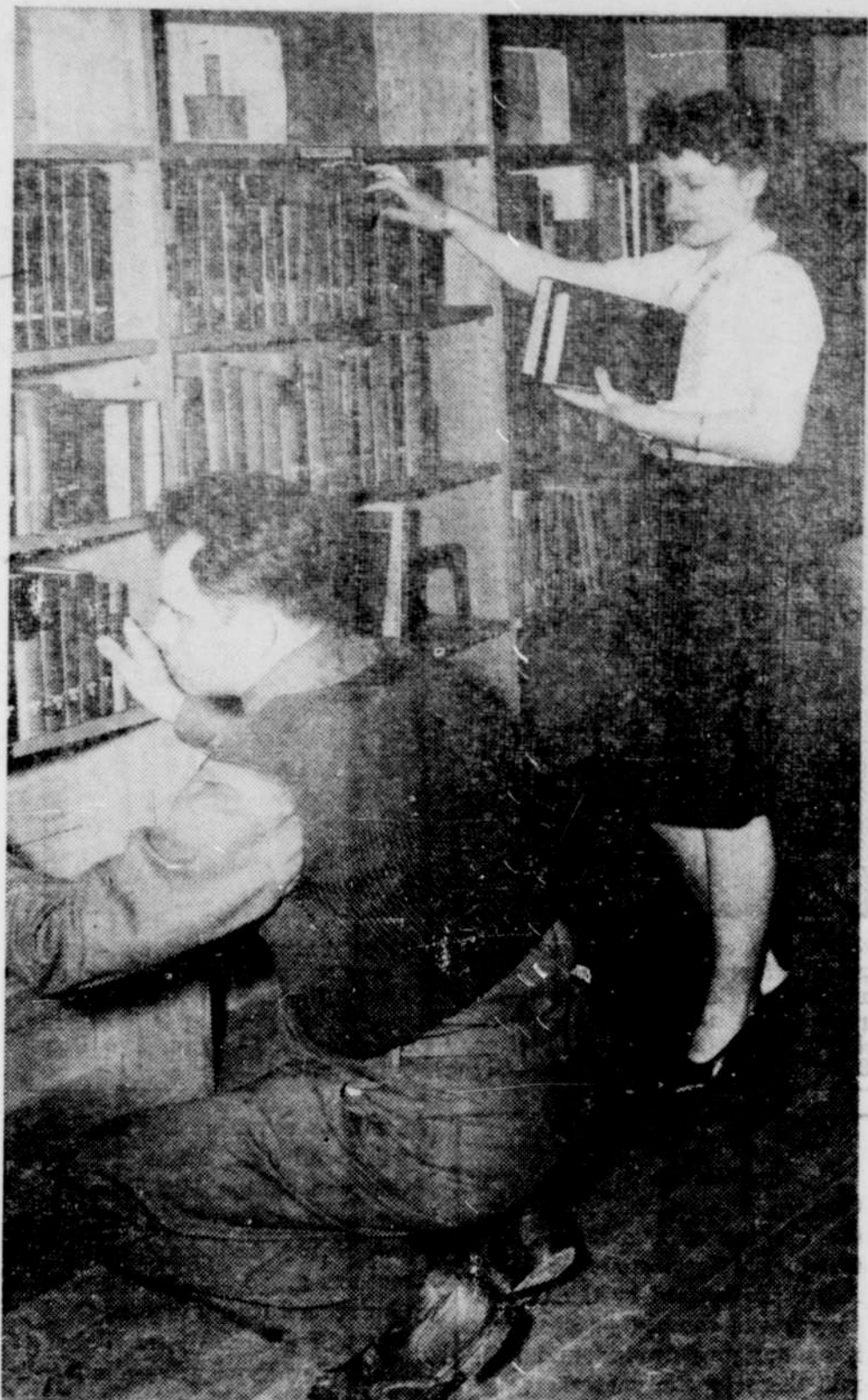


Scoop! Enlisted Men, Not Officers, Read Best Books

Well-Stocked Shelves

And Soldiers Read There



Here are only part of the 10,000 total volumes which help make the Camp Adair Libraries the finest boasted by any Army Post in America. And here Pvt. Tony Baptiste and Librarian June Powell (she also dances, see page one—or have you?), check the expurgated shelf.

Librarian Fickel and Spectator



The service club's special mouser, who has been nicknamed Tobina, climbs atop the desk, possibly to gain a little library knowledge from Miss Doris Fickel, librarian at Club 1.

We've Done It Too...At Albany, Salem, Corvallis, Monmouth, Dallas and Pedee

Can anybody in the house top guages, including Russian, Polish, S/Sgt. Mordecai E. Schwartz, German, Hebrew, Yiddish, Arabic, from medical supply? He has and most Slavik languages. He has sailed the seven seas and claims he has told women—including an Egyptian mummy—"I love you" in all these places in their native tongues. On top of all this, Mordecai holds a B.B.A. degree from New York City College. He also speaks several lan-



That the writing rooms at the Service Club libraries are much and well-used as is indicated by this intent portraiture of Pfc. J. M. Farrel, Pvt. Vincent Chiello and Pvt. George Johnson writing home for mon— (well, maybe they were writing home for Tuesday).

Now 10,000 Volumes On Library Shelves

By Pvt. Harry Klissner

Photos by Pvt. Herbert Niemeth, U. S. Signal Corps

Did you know that:

1. Enlisted men read better books than officers?
2. Mathematics is the most popular subject among soldiers.
3. German is popular? And—
4. That Camp Adair has the largest camp library in the United States with more than ten thousand books in Service Club Libraries No. 1 and 2. The basic collection being rapidly filled, calls for seventeen thousand. Each library, in addition, receives gift collections. So by July the total will exceed twenty thousand books at Camp Adair. It all adds up to some reading material!

Reference File

Especially good is the reference file. At Library No. 2 is the Kiplinger Washington News, a confidential report, sent only to business men within the continental United States. The average person doesn't even get to see it in civilian life.

Most widely read fiction books are those written by Steinbeck and Caldwell. Material on the war, especially if it shows an aggressive spirit, is very popular. Most soldiers dislike pessimistic writing.

Rookies Read Better

Strangely at first blush, rookies and non-coms are reading better material than the officers. This is easy to explain. Enlisted men are attempting to get ahead. (Ed. note: Not, of course, that officers aren't.) Some want to go to school to prepare for technical ratings; others desire to become officers. To do so, it is necessary to have a well-rounded education. In the meantime, officers have already done a large stint of intensive reading.

It is their duty to work hard during the day instructing the men in soldiering. When the day's work is completed, it is only natural that if they do any reading at all, the material will be of a lighter type such as westerns, mysteries, and love stories.

Library Breakdown

In using the Dewey classification system, the librarians computed the following breakdown:

Books read in one week are philosophy 4, religion 2, science 61 (includes mathematics), sociology 30 (military tactics also under this section), useful art 13 (takes in such things as wood work, plumbing, and mechanics), fine art 5, history 56 (from ancient to contemporary), biology 19 (all types), literature 20, and languages 18.

Over two hundred books are checked out in the libraries on Sunday. Mathematics heads the field among enlisted men. The most popular languages are Spanish and German.

The Head Librarian at No. 1 is Miss Doris Fickel. Born in Everett, Washington, she attended the State University there. Miss Fickel holds a Master's degree in French as well as a library

science diploma. She was employed as a librarian in the city library in Bellingham, Washington, before she arrived at Camp Adair.

Her assistants are June Powell, Pvt. John Stump, who was a librarian in a San Francisco library in civilian life, Pvt. Don Bradley, a mechanic from New York, and Pvt. John Hermanson, a farmer from North Dakota.

Shumaker Travels

Miss Helen Shumaker, librarian at No. 2, was born in the Sunshine State and there attended the University of California at Berkeley. Her childhood days were spent in Minnesota.

Miss Shumaker's main hobby is mountaineering, although she confesses that the South Sister is the only mountain she has climbed. Before coming to Camp Adair, she was for two years head librarian at Oregon State College.

Her assistants are Pvt. Sid Rudner who fought in the Spanish Civil War and was a writer on PM; Pfc. Andrew Conway, former welfare worker from New York City, and Pvt. George Shaw, who was a timekeeper in civilian life.

Out-of-town Papers

Both libraries handle out-of-town newspapers and also phone books from New York to San Francisco. The phone books are here for the purpose of locating long distance addresses and numbers. Writing paper and envelopes are also handy.

The two libraries have made out 1139 cards to take out books for service men at Camp Adair. An average of 2,200 EM and officers visit the libraries during the week. Sunday is the biggest day.

OSC Newspaper Editor Is in Army

It seems that even the civilian schools can't get along without the army. The editor of the "Barometer," Oregon State College newspaper, has as its editor Pvt. Glen Schaeffer.

Pvt. Schaeffer was inducted at Fort Lewis, Washington, given a uniform, and allowed to return to Oregon State to complete his academic training.

Reigns at No. 2



Helen Shumaker

Texas A & M Grads At Adair to Muster

Gen., Mrs. Easley Hosts at Conclave

For many years April 21, anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, has been traditional date for the alumni of Texas Agriculture and Mechanics College to meet, wherever they might be.

It is estimated that 10,000 men will attend this year's muster at hundreds of meetings held all over the world, including the many fighting fronts.

A local survey shows that there are 22 officers from A & M now at Camp Adair. These officers, with their wives, have been invited to meet at the 96th Division Officers Club as guests of Brigadier General and Mrs. Claudius M. Easley.

The keynote of the meeting will be in keeping with the war spirit of all true Texans. The muster will be a tribute to the thousands of A & M men in the armed services, to those who are missing in action, and to those who will not return.

At Corregidor

The tradition of the Annual Muster was immortalized last year when a heroic group of 30 A & M men met on the besieged fortress of Corregidor. News of that meeting, flashed to America by radio, thrilled the nation and every A & M man.

The redemption of these men and the exaction of a lasting retribution from the treacherous and despicable Japs, is a pledge that burns deep in the heart and soul of all Texas Aggies.