

In This Column

by
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Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ira O. Pilcher of Salem, the Salem USO and the Junior Hostesses for their splendid cooperation which aided so much to the success of the battalion dance last Tuesday night.

The Recreation Hall was the center of festivities, being completely decorated and furnished with lounge chairs and settees ... (all benches being removed). Thanks to Pvs. Rappaport and Duboff.

The dance got underway with music being furnished by six members of W. O. Krog's orchestra. An informal program of entertainment was furnished from time to time with Cpl. Gaard "sticking his nose in here and there" and introducing Lt. Coffman who amused one and all with his manner of telling tall and tattling tales, Sgt. Phil Norum who gave out with his scat rendition of "Honeysuckle Rose" and "Sweet Sue," Pvt. Pecinni, tap dancer extraordinaire, and Pvt. Rappaport, who "stopped 'em cold" singing "As Time Goes By" and other ballads. Lieutenants Vore and Seagren of the battalion were on hand distributing cocoa and donuts and seeing the boys had a good time.

When memories come:

We will clearly remember the rain, mud and fog that accompanied our basic training ... the nights we would dig drainage ditches to stop the water from overflowing our company streets ... how baffled we were when he was receiving instruction in disassembling and assembling our rifles ... Service Club shows ... the long line that formed for busses to Corvallis, Albany and Salem ... times we were fired on the range and one little drop of rain would manage to creep into our rear sights and spoil our shot ... how scared we were the first time we saluted an officer ... hours spent on trying to roll a full-field pack ...

We know that many years from now when all our turmoil and strife is over we will sit and recall our first days in the army as spent at Camp Adair. We'll laugh as we recall all this ... but we'll always remember ...

Service Company was host to twenty-three citizens of Hubbard, Oregon. The Hubbard community took it upon themselves to furnish this company's day room. Capt. Eastman thought it fitting that the group be given an opportunity to visit the room they had furnished and extended the invitation.

After arriving by motor the group was shown around the company area and ate lunch with the men. An informal program was presented with Yours Truly acting as emcee and introducing Capt. Eastman who welcomed the visitors. Talent on the show included Pvt. Maurice Moquin playing his swing accordion. Pvt. Dick Forsland fascinated all with his display of banjo wizardry. Both were accompanied by Pfc. Russo on his bellow bass. Pvt. Pecinni of Service Company provided the novelty touch with a fine exhibition of dancing feet and a new member to the company, Pvt. Mort Rappaport, formerly a member of Fred Waring's organization, charmed all present with his fine tenor voice. Guest speakers included Mrs. Cobie deLespinasse and Mrs. Carl, whose famous son is well known for his exploits in the Army Air Corps.

At the conclusion of the program Corporals Drechsler and Suter ushered the group around the regimental area, directing their attention to the points of interest.



Verl Lewis, who will become director of all Oregon Red Cross activity in a sweeping change-over in the northwest set-up, confers on last-minute plans with Frank Dunning, who will soon go to take over new duties at Camp Abbott. — Signal Corps Photo.

Sweeping Change In Red Cross Revealed

Verl Lewis Heads Oregon Area; Dual Authority for Northwest

Mr. Verl Lewis, Director of the American Red Cross Field Office at Camp Adair, yesterday announced that a sweeping reorganization will take place, not only in their own office, but throughout the whole Pacific Northwest area. The reorganization will, for the most part, incur splitting the Northwest area into two parts.

Synonymously, it was announced that Mr. Lewis will be in charge of the Oregon area as Field Supervisor of Military and Naval Welfare.

Mr. Frank Dunning, who at the present time is Lewis' assistant here, will soon leave for Camp Abbott, Bend, Oregon. Dunning, formerly director of activities at McCord Field, Washington, has been associated with Lewis at Camp Adair since December, 1942.

Divide Authority

The splitting of the Northwest area will mean that instead of one office covering the whole area, the authority will be divided and work will be expedited. Northern Washington, and parts of Idaho will comprise the one area and southern Washington, Oregon, and the remainder of Idaho will comprise the other.

Formerly there were 21 stations in the whole territory, but under the new plan, Lewis will be in charge of 11 stations in the Oregon area. Victor Schock, who at the present time is in charge of the entire area, will be assigned to the northern section.

Divisional Offices

One of the changes affecting Camp Adair is that, henceforth, there will be a field office in each division stationed at camp. Previously, all work went through the main office, but under the new plan, each division will have its own branch, and in this way, the congestion at the main office will be relieved, and benefit cases will be speeded up.

Mr. Boyd B. Burnside will be in charge of the branch in the Timber Wolf Division.

Home Again

Joe E. Brown, Hollywood funny man, is back in the States after a three month entertainment tour of advanced bases in the South Pacific. He took in Australia, New Zealand, the New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, New Guinea and just about every fighting unit in the area ... and lost fifteen pounds on the trip. But it was worth it, says he. His son, an Air Force pilot, was killed earlier in the year.

Officers Enjoy Big Spring Frolic

Continued from page 8, column 5 in Portland and featured Peggy Lynn, vivacious blonde tap dancer; Princess Lou, Chinese girl who interpreted the native hula as well as some Chinese dances; Helen Mills, character dancer who did a Russian number; Jean Hunter, who did a song and dance routine; and the "Musical Macs" with an Easter vaudeville act and circus routine.

Miss Doris Jane Price was the dynamic mistress of ceremonies and with songs and patter kept the show moving along smoothly. She was formerly with the Golden Gate Theatre, Ciro's in Hollywood and with Earl Carroll. She is presently awaiting the report on a recent screen test.

This tip-top revue, in addition to the swell music of the Mountaineers Dance Band, made the evening a total success.

Laundry Men Advance To Higher Positions

Commanding Officer Lt. Harry Prevan of the Mobile Laundry unit at 2nd St. North and D announces the following promotions:

S/Sgt. Thomas Reinschmidt advanced to Tech. Sgt. T/5 George Wojciechowski grabbed the position of S Sgt. T/5 Elmer Krug was made a line corporal. Pvs. Ted Smith, Henry Taylor, Roby Williams, and Pfes. John Welsh and Edmund Tingley were all given T/5 ratings.

The following privates are now Pfes.: Wilburn Cunningham, Paul Wolensky, Rodney Dickey, Clifford Stover, John Mazek, Arne Lindell, Gilbert Behling, Harold Davis, John Davidson and Charles Crockett.

FOR INSPECTION

What Service Club hostess, whose initials are M.C.B. was torn between the devil and the deep blue sea last Tuesday noon. She wanted a hair-cut and was expecting the inspecting general. A state of frustration was observed by the club personnel and visiting firemen for several minutes.

P.S.: She did both ... got the haircut, and received the general!

Club 2's Principal Hostess Makes Plans For Concert in May

Mrs. Florence Merriam, Club 2 principal hostess, has a big red check on the date, May 23.

And no wonder. For on that day (a Sunday, as a matter of fact) she will appear in Portland at the Art Museum in the regular "Artist Series," in an all-vocal concert. So, the checkmark on her desk is a reminder to keep running those scales and keep in trim.

The program she has chosen is diversified to say the least. She will open with music from the Old Latin ... then into the modern French, from Bizet to Debussy ... then to the English. The latter portion of her program will feature Chinese folk songs, in English, Indian and Samoan numbers.

The numbers will be entirely classical and Mr. Robert Laxson, concert pianist from Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, will accompany her.

Revue, Hullabaloo, On Again Tonight

Continued from page 9, column 5 baloo," with the wizardry which has kept his name in lights for two decades.

The Four Little Sisters joined "Hullabaloo" directly after finishing an engagement as featured vocalists with Hal McIntyre and his orchestra at the Commodore hotel, New York. Popular harmonists, whose rendition of favorite melodies has made them a current sensation, they have been heard over the radio, and have appeared with Bob Allen and his band, and with Orrin Tucker.

The Six Bruettes, lovely and talented acrobats and dancers, round out the show. These amazing young ladies do everything that male acrobats do—butterflies, nips, aerial cartwheels, all in unison, and also dance as a chorus line in tap and soft shoe routines.

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Yank fliers at a certain advanced base in Tunisia claim they have something to be proud of in addition to their combat record. They say the chickens they bought from local Arabs are the smartest in the world. When enemy planes raid their field and they jump into slit trenches, they always find the chickens plopped right into the holes beside them. It takes a smart hen to figure out that slit trenches are the safest place in a raid.

NEW BAND BOOKED

The Swing Band from Lebanon, under the baton of "Chuck" Bates will make its debut on the post next Saturday night at the cabaret night at Service Club 2. Mrs. Merriam made the arrangements.

Bond Sales Soar as Civilians Ride Jeeps

In May Day Program At Sweet Home School

Free rides in an army jeep were largely responsible for the greatest one-day sale of U. S. war bonds at Sweet Home last Friday, when over three hundred people of the surrounding country-side gathered at the Sweet Home Union High School to partake in the annual May Day festival there.

The victory bell in the bond booth in the gymnasium hall sounded twenty-two times, one for each time a bond passed through the window. Each purchaser was escorted by Pvt. C. L. Inabinette of the war bond department of Post Headquarters of Camp Adair to the waiting jeep outside. The vehicle, embellished in bold white letters reading "Sweet Home" on the windshield and "Union High" on the hood, was smothered with eager children who succeeded in transferring paint from the drizzled letters on to their clothes.

Pvt. E. T. Tartar of the Timber Wolves chauffeured the luck buyer around the block. Approximately \$518.75 in war bond stamps were sold.

Adele Meets With Lovely Clare Voyant

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of Miss Cannon to do "something for the boys."

If the demand continues as strong as it is now, Mrs. Merriam feels she will be happy to come out another day.

In addition to Miss Cannon, the regular Sunday informal "open house" progressed in its ever-popular spontaneous manner. There were songs and piano selections, group singing and the usual round of fun and entertainment.

This impromptu form of entertainment got underway last Thursday night, too, with the result that several of the performers had their numbers recorded on the Pepsi-Cola machine, located in the club, and then had them "played back." Sgt. Nick Sansonia's impersonation of Jimmy Durante was indeed a sensation ... and "Nicky" should agree to present it at one of the Night Club nights. It's a senSASHUNal!

Trust Reader's Digest To Stand on Ceremony

The Reader's Digest, which makes a habit of gilding other people's mistakes, quotes in its current Patter Column this headline picked up by Editor and Publisher from an Ellendale, N. C., paper:

Ellendale Girl Made Sergeant; Also Weds.