

Chemeketa USO Calling Talent

Dances This Weekend

If you have a hidden (or otherwise) talent, the Chemeketa USO Salem, is offering prizes for GI talent at the Sunday surprise program . . . Tonight George White has a special program at 7 p. m.—they're keeping it a secret . . . If you're in Portland this weekend, four big dances are scheduled at the various USO . . .

Let's Dance

The Corvallis USO holds regularly scheduled dances every Wednesday and Saturday night and has been fortunate, they tell us, in securing top-notch bands from Adair.

However, along with these dances, there is informal dancing every Friday and Sunday nights and also after dance classes on Monday and Thursday evenings. Make it a date, GIs, to dance at the Corvallis USO.

IT'S A FACT THAT

It takes 50 gallons of ice cream and enough chocolate syrup to float a battleship to keep GIs happy at the snack bar at the Corvallis USO each weekend.

The club library offers 1030 books, including mystery, western thrillers, fiction, biography, plays, short stories and all the rest for your reading pleasure.

A total of 12,312 service men and junior hostesses attended the dances last month.

Can You Sing?

If you can sing, dance or play a musical instrument, remember that three prizes will be given to entertainers at the Sunday surprise program at Chemeketa Street USO, Salem, beginning at 3:30 p. m. If you wish to perform, meet Pvt. Murray Beitch at the USO building at 3 p. m.

For the community singing at this event, songs will be projected on a screen, many song slides having arrived for this purpose.

SUNDAY SALEM VISIT

A visit to the Oregon State Hospital is the scheduled educational trip from Chemeketa Street USO, Salem, Sunday. The bus will leave at 2 p. m.

Approximately 2300 patients are in the hospital and all kinds of mental cases are under treatment. The program was arranged with authorities for a guided tour of the buildings in answer to many requests.

WIFE INVITED TO JOINED

The Tagalongs, club of the Salem enlisted men's wives, has invited all servicemen's wives to join the club. Members are finding many new friends and interests through the club. Meetings are Wednesday nights at 7:30 at the YWCA, located on State Street.

Portland Dances

Four big dances scheduled for Portland tomorrow at various USOs are as follows:

Mid-winter formal, with orchestra, at the Jewish Community Center USO, 1636 S. W. 13th Avenue.

"Musical Knights" dance at YWCA-YMCA-USO from 8:30 to 11:30 p. m. in social hall of the YWCA, Broadway at Taylor. Junior Hostesses and all GIs invited.

Dance of the week at the NCC-USO, located at 318 S. W. Washington, from 8:30 to 11:30.

Dance from 8 to 11 p. m. at the Williams Avenue Center USO (Nero) at 6 N. Tillamook Street.

Dance Tomorrow Night

At the Albany USO an orchestra new to the club (from the 883rd FA, 70th Div.) will play for the dance tomorrow night.

The USO says that dancers on the large ballroom floor will like

the sweet and hot rhythm, with waltzes and some old-time numbers also coming up. The dance will start at 8:30, and Junior Hostesses will be there as dancing partners.

MOVIES ON SUNDAY

Movie Sunday at the Albany USO will be that old classic, "Kidnapped," taken from the book by Robert L. Stevenson. It will be accompanied by short subjects.

A sing, led by Frank and Lu Zarones, will precede the movies, which will be shown at 2 and 8 p. m.

70th BAND TUESDAY

The mid-week dance at the Albany USO will have the music of a 70th Division band, playing its well-known rhythm.

FORMAL COMING UP

February 15, the Albany USO will celebrate St. Valentine's Day with a formal and all the trimmings that usually go with such affairs. The 70th rhumba band will play for the occasion.

Surprise

Do you like night club shows? Singing? Dancing?

If you do, George White Center, Portland, has a program tomorrow night at about 7 which will be just what you'll like. It will be in the main floor lounge, and the rest is a dep, dark secret which they aren't telling!

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS

The Friday night sings at George White Center are becoming very popular, with Mrs. Sardam at the piano in the main floor lounge at 7:30.

Come and join the gang. The choice of songs rests with you, and includes both the old favorites and the latest song hits.

STARS OF TOMORROW

Take in the "Stars of Tomorrow" broadcast show tomorrow morning at 11 in the Little Theater on the third floor, George White Center.

The moppets really put on a swell show, as those of you who have seen them at Adair can testify, and seven minutes is given over to GIs who'd like a try at the mike. It's broadcast via KGW.

TO LEARN NEW STEPS

Don't forget the free dancing class Friday evening at 8 in the ballroom on the fourth floor. One of Portland's top dancing teachers is the instructor. If you can walk, she can teach you how to dance.

Four Bloody Axers Go Off to School

Four EM of the 276th Infantry are training this week in Army schools elsewhere for special duties with the Bloody Axe Regiment.

Tec5 Richard Nelson is attending radio school at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Pvt. Arthur Strickland is going to motor school there. Both men are from Hq. Co., 1st Bn.

From Hq. Co., 2d Bn., Pfc. H. C. Pettyjohn is attending the Ft. Benning radio school, and Pvt. Fred Adams has been sent to Camp McQuaide, Calif., for specialized training.

Washington (CNS)—The War Production Board has announced that twice as many bobby pins now may be produced as had been allowed in the first nine months of 1943.

WANNA PET?

The K-9 Corps reports that during the week more than 15 stray dogs have been picked up on various parts of the Post for not having "dog tags" showing they had been properly inoculated, as Army Regulations require.

Some of these dogs are doubtless organization pets, while others would make splendid pets.

If your dog is missing, or if you would like to adopt one, call 2831 for further information.

Col. Pirnie New Supply Director

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Pirnie enlisted as an infantryman in 1916 and was commissioned in 1917 at the Presidio of San Francisco. He wears ribbons signifying service on the Mexican Border, World War I, before Pearl Harbor, in the Caribbean area and in Africa.

Returning from Africa in May, 1943, Col. Pirnie was assigned to Headquarters, Army Service Forces, under General Somervell where he was concerned with the movement of supplies to Central Africa and the Persian Gulf areas. Shortly thereafter followed an assignment to the Caribbean area which took him to Cuba and Jamaica. Later he became Chief of Supply and Services at the Reno Army Air Base.

A native of Concord, Mass., where his home is on Revolutionary Ridge, Independence Road, Col. Pirnie is proud of his four sons in the service—all commissioned officers. Three of them are in the Army and the fourth is in the Navy.

New CWS Officer Of 70th Brings Battle Experience

Fresh from duty overseas, where he saw action with a task force, Lt. Col. Harry C. Day, CWS, has joined the Trailblazer Division as chemical warfare officer, it was announced this week by Major General John E. Dahlquist, commanding general.

Col. Day, who was in the submarine service during the first world war, has spent his entire career in the Army in the chemical warfare service.

He was commissioned in the organized reserve in 1926, promoted to first lieutenant in 1929, and to captain in 1932. He entered on active duty in September, 1940, as assistant chemical warfare officer for the Ninth Service Command, and was promoted to major in May, 1941.

In October, 1941, Col. Day joined the Headquarters of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army as assistant chemical warfare officer of that command, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel in February 1942. He then spent the spring, summer and fall of 1943 with an amphibious task force overseas, returning to the continental limits of the U. S. upon fulfillment of the mission and inactivation of task force.

Col. Day is a graduate of the chemical warfare school at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., class of December, 1941. He graduated from the University of Nevada in 1919, and in civil life was a sales engineer for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company at San Francisco.

SCU Non-Coms Swing Tonight

Syncopation will be furnished by the 274th Inf. band in the bi-weekly dance of the SCU 1911 Non-coms club tonight, T/4 Orville Schrontz and S/Sgt. Lester Moss, co-chairmen, announced.

We Like the Looks of Those Stripes, Too



NEWLY-PROMOTED T/SGT. C. E. Johnson looks yearningly at the stripes which Lt. Col. George E. White personally presented to him, in line with the promotions authorized by the new tables of organization for infantry regiments. Johnson was one of the first men in the 1st Division to get his new stripes.

91st Div. Approves Promotion of 978 Men

More than 978 promotions have been authorized for the infantry regiments of the 91st Division as the first action on the recent change in the tables of organization was taken this week.

Because of the excess of certain grades, it was found necessary to make the choices for the next highest position depend upon performance and tests. Platoon sergeants are to be promoted to technical sergeants, but before a sergeant can be moved up to staff sergeant, the excess staffs must be absorbed. This same process will continue down the line with corporals and privates first class moving up only when the vacancy actually exists.

There will be no blanket promotion as was first rumored.

In the 362nd for example, the non-commissioned officers will compete in regimental tests. When there are two staff sergeants available to fill one opening, the man with the better record and examination score will get the stripe. However, the recommendations of superior officers will still play the most important part in making the promotion.

Science (and Master Sergeants) Prove

New Mop Wipes Clean

One Item Found That Won't Soon Be Claimed

Post Fireman Herb Funk found a 12-inch crescent wrench last week in the parking lot adjacent to Fire Station No. 1, and same may be claimed by the owner without need of further identification, and there will be no questions asked.

This unusual offer does have, however, one kicker:

Fireman Funk would like the individual to return the tankful of gasoline that was carried off at the time!

Science note: A new mop wipes clean—and so can a master sergeant if he tries.

This contribution to mankind's knowledge of mankind comes this week from Serv. Co., 276th Inf., where a rousing barracks cleaning "bee" put a choice collection of master sergeants, techs and staffs at the working end of mops and brooms.

Results were exemplary, inspection revealed next morning, and the performance of the stripe-heavy lads is said to have proved inspirational for the lower forms of Army life.

Brings Overseas Experience to Trailblazers



LT. COL. HARRY C. DAY, 70th Division's new chemical warfare officer.