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Personnel Changes At Roseburg Veis Facility Reported

Appointment of Dr. John Haskins as manager of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital has been approved by the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., it was announced today by D. M. Spate, deputy administrator of the VA's Northwest branch office in Seattle. Dr. Haskins' permanent appointment becomes effective May 2.

A number of changes in personnel have been made recently at the hospital, according to the new manager, and several additions to the staff are expected in the near future. Some of the shifts were occasioned by a recent reduction in force in VA personnel.

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Private Airplane Operation Costs Shown in Report

A private airplane may be an expensive luxury or a business asset depending on conditions, needs, amount of use and many other variables, according to a bulletin just issued by the engineering experiment station at Oregon State College entitled "Economics of Personal Airplane Operation."

This is a rather technical report of research work done by W. J. Skinner, former instructor of aeronautical engineering at the college and now on the staff of Cornell University. The study was carried on while Skinner was in Oregon at the suggestion of B. F. Ruffner, head of the work in aeronautical engineering at the college and chairman of the State Board of Aeronautics.

Ownership Brief
The effect of cost of operation on private airplane use is indicated by figures cited by Skinner showing that one third of all airplane owners keep their planes only one year. Another 22 per cent continue ownership only two years, while the mean period of ownership is less than four years. More than 50 per cent of former owners gave financial difficulty as the reason for disposing of their planes.

The bulletin discusses the factors that enter into the cost of operation and ownership and then presents a chart form by which costs under varying circumstances can be computed.

One Example Cited

In one such instance given by the author a situation is assumed where a man buys a \$3,000 plane with a cruising power of 80 horse-

power and a cruising speed of 80 miles per hour. Oil cost is figured at 35¢ per quart, fuel cost at 26¢ per gallon, and hangar rental at \$150 per year.

At these prices and assuming annual use of the machine for 300 hours, the hourly cost of operation figures to be \$7.34 or 9 cents per mile. This includes insurance, depreciation and interest on investment.

Skinner adds that the personal plane cannot be compared logically with the automobile for short trips, nor with railroads and airplanes for cross-country trips. Comparisons are best made with automobiles for 200 to 500 mile trips and with rail and air lines in the 500 to 800 range.

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sonnel which made changes necessary because of seniority in service.

The list of recent changes and additions to the staff is as follows: Ernest A. Larson has assumed the duties of administrative officer at the hospital, replacing Carl R. Moser, who has been transferred to the VA office in Billings, Mont., as chief of charge. Larson comes to Roseburg from the VA hospital at American Lake, Wash., where he has been employed since 1933.

Harold L. King has reported to the hospital as utility officer, replacing Clarence E. Cramor, who has transferred to the VA hospital at Walla Walla, Wash., as utility officer for that station. King has served with the VA in Salt Lake City and Walla Walla. Miss Georgia K. Moss is now educational director at the hospital, a new position recently filled. Miss Moss is a graduate of the Minor Hospital School of Nursing, Seattle, and was graduated with a B. S. degree from Columbia University, New York City. She has held supervisory and teaching positions in Seattle, Washington, D. C., Pennsylvania and Connecticut. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II.

Miss Lola Villalba has reported to the hospital as assistant chief of the nursing service. She is a graduate of Columbus Hospital School of Nursing, Seattle, and holds a B. S. degree in nursing from the University of Washington. Miss Villalba served with the Army Nurse Corps during the entire period of World War II, from 1941 to 1946.

Dr. Leo S. Crowley, former staff psychiatrist at the hospital, has transferred to the regional office of the Veterans Administration at Fort Harrison, Mont. Before joining the VA in 1946, Dr. Crowley was for many years on the staff of the Montana State Hospital at Warm Springs. During World War II he served with the United States Public Health Service. He had duty at the VA hospitals at American Lake, Wash., and Roseburg since 1946.

Several new additions to the staff at the hospital are expected to be made within a short time, Dr. Haskins reports.

Dr. John H. Hershberger reported on April 26 and will be chief of the surgical service. Dr. Hershberger comes here from Portland where he has been in practice for several years. He has been Associate professor of surgery at the University of Oregon Medical School. He is a graduate of Toronto University Medical School and

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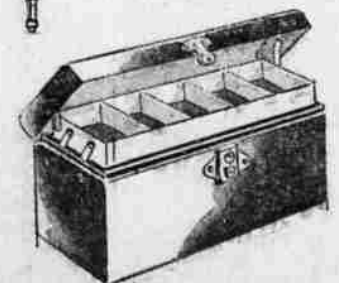
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