

## "TICK'S" TIPS ON HOSPITAL Status Of Institution, Functions And Activities Mentioned By Malarkey

By L. J. "TICK" MALARKY

Way back in 1916 the Morning Oregonian was persuaded into paying this writer some money for "hitting and hunting" out police news on an ancient and battered typewriter at the station house located on Second and Oak streets, Portland, Ore.

A year later "Uncle Samuel" called and the world lost the journalistic game of a "would-be" newspaper reporter. Since then, 33 years ago, a lot of water has tumbled down the Umpqua and into the Pacific ocean while "Private" Malarkey was away from seeking news, police or otherwise.

For every thousand gallons of water over the dam there have been almost that many changes so I will try to give you my impressions of the new Roseburg Veterans hospital here in this beautiful Umpqua valley.

In an editorial published in the hospital newspaper, the UMPQUA TIDINGS, there is indication that some of the changes that have taken place are not too well understood and quoted from that editorial which has the title "Facility, Home or Hospital," the writer attempts to clarify some misconceptions which are well rooted.

"Facility" and "Home" have been used freely however, by both townspeople and those of us who work here. Upon questioning the matter it was gleaned that "facility" and "home" were terms left over from an old regime. During

the planning stage and after the initial opening of the VA hospital here, the residents who were living in Roseburg then were used to hearing the Veterans administration spoken of as a "facility" and also the term "home" came more easily because of the adjacent County Soldiers home.

"In 1938 the VA changed the mission of the facility from that of a domiciliary hospital to an institution to care for nervous and mental patients."

"New" equipment was added and recently many additions to the staff have been made to make it a real hospital.

"The term 'facility' was adopted by the Veterans administration in 1933 and the term covered any veterans' activity at that time, but since the term 'facility' has been obsolete in favor of an exact designation of the mission of the various Veterans administration set-ups."

We like the method by which this editorial appeals to the personnel of the hospital to cooperate with the attempt of both the national and local VA public relations program to instill in the local community an awareness of the mission.

"Service Will Base Judgment. The writer continues: 'By continuing to refer to their place of employment as the 'facility'—whatever a 'facility' may be—we are actually doing ourselves a disservice. It is true in the final analysis that the hospital will be judged by the service rendered to the veterans in the community and not by a name alone."

Before we can be of service, it is necessary to advertise just what kind of service we render. When we speak of it as a hospital, folks will look for hospital services and in this way we can become a more significant factor in the local situation."

This we feel is an indication of the efforts of Dr. John Haskins, the manager, in his attempts to give the best medical or surgical care than can be obtained to the veterans who are of necessity guests at this hospital.

Just yesterday I ran into "Big Howard" Beresford.

Howard Beresford came to Roseburg the other day right from Washington, D. C. Howard stands just as erect with his 6 feet 2 inches as when he participated in athletics at the University of Colorado, prior to World War I. A letter winner in three sports, he has devoted his life to collegiate and high school sports and is now field supervisor of recreation for the Veterans administration.

When young Lieut. Beresford came home from the army he returned to Colorado and acted as head basketball coach for 10 years and assistant in football.

Lon Stiner, former head coach at Oregon State, worked with him and the two are looking forward to a visit before his return to Washington, Oct. 3rd.

Several years were devoted by Mr. Beresford to news writing. He was sports editor for the Rocky Mountain News at Denver. This was followed by 14 years in recreation service with the federal government and since 1946 the Veterans administration has claimed his talents.

This is "off the cuff," but we find that this athlete of other years is an accomplished pianist and organist.

When interviewed and asked to make a statement as to his work, Howard had this to say:

"We have supervision of all recreation" activities at 130 VA hospitals. These programs including motion pictures, radio, sports and games, music, social activities, shows and entertainment,

## Inflated Tire Blows Off Rim, Kills An Aviator

ANCHORAGE, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Inflation of a truck tire Wednesday blew off a lock rim and killed a Fort Richardson aviator.

The public information office reported the member of the 823rd Engineer Aviation Battalion was dead upon arrival at a hospital.

The office said the rim apparently was not secure. When the aviator started to inflate the tire the rim flew off and struck his forehead. The victim's name was withheld until his family is notified.

## Plane Halts Safely As Heart Attack Kills Pilot

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Daniel R. Wells, 48, Everett, Wash., died of a heart attack Wednesday night just as he was taxiing across the Vancouver airport in his private plane.

The plane came to a safe halt. Wells, a tavern operator, had flown here to visit his daughter, Mrs. Allan Henderson. He was going to take her and her small son for a plane ride.

tours and outings, hospital newspapers, personal services, hobbies and club activities.

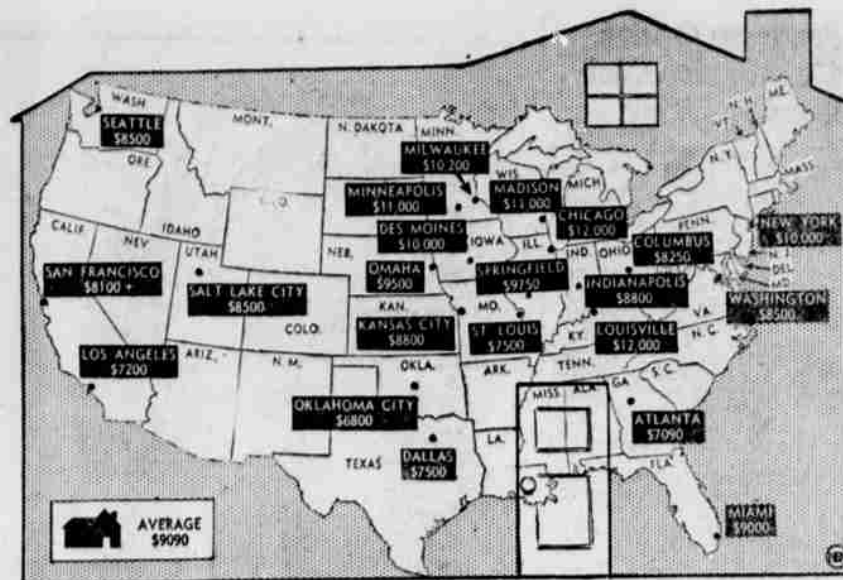
"All of these activities are installed in hospitals to supplement medical and therapeutic treatments and are a vital asset in the recovery, comfort, and welfare of patients at Roseburg hospital and over a hundred other VA hospitals in the nation."

"These activities, tailored to individual patient needs and interests, are the 'therapeutic assistants' in hospital treatment, and an effective supplement to the fine medical, nursing, rehabilitation and other prescribed and direct therapies in hospital treatment."

Before typing "30" I would like to again mention the "New Look" in Roseburg.

On a recent Saturday afternoon pass to town I thought my eyes were deceiving me. The little village had grown up.

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city and it's fine people. Your high school band directed by Charlie Ricketts!

When my 14-year-old daughter, Molly, came home to Astoria after the last Portland Rose Festival, she said: "Dad, you should see and hear them."

Well, I did. Not later than last Friday evening when Joe Toman took a bus load of patients over to beautiful Finlay field. Hollywood superlatives are not adequate to describe the impression that the band and fine, fighting—but new team—made upon us one and all.

And Morris from Medford! An all-American in our books.

So another right hand salute to all of Roseburg.



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## Late Justice Rutledge's Personal Estate \$473

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The late Supreme Court Justice Wiley B. Rutledge left an estate valued at only \$473. It consisted of a 1941 automobile and its heater.

This was disclosed in papers filed in district court. Supreme Court officials explained, however, that most of Rutledge's assets were held jointly with his wife and do not require an accounting in court. Rutledge did not leave a will.

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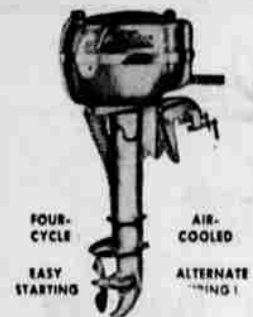
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