

"OLD TIME

Maple Flavor"

Economical
Too!



"Tick's" Tips On Veterans Hospital

By "TICK" MALARKEY
Talk is still going the rounds about the brew of the coffee recently served at an employees party held in the recreation hall. Who made it and so forth? In fact one genial male soul, John P. Malone, from the finance office was known to have had seven refills.

Here's the secret: Karl Hoffman, relief cook, drew the spot that night. "Hoff" has been around a bit—born in Germany he served "Our Uncle Samuel" in this last forgotten fracas. And with distinction, too. Your writer pulled K.P. that not-to-be-forgotten night.

"Let's make the Java logging camp style, Karl," I suggested. "Sure, Mike," said Cook Karl. So a Mike was added here, and a little was added there, until the good smells could be whiffed as far east as Jackson street.

"Coffee's on," opined the chef. I poured. Dreams of grandma may have been in the lot of the customers. No one seemed to care. Joe Johnson, head man of the kitchen; your Java budget may be shot to Hades for a month or so. We don't care. Cook Karl is famous. Such is our reward.

The words of an old song seem to go something like this: "Can she bake an apple pie, Billie Boy?"

The words and melody were brought back when leaving Ward 6 one morning on the way to "dive for pearls" in the kitchen watched over by "Queen Peggy Joyce" and her staff of dietitians. The sweet aroma of apple pies in the making were breezing through the frosty air.

Baker Van Steerburg was at work—the hour 6:20 a.m.

About 100 by-products of our orchards were in his ovens. At noon some 800 patients and personnel will lean back after enjoying the result of "Van's" experience as a baker in the Army. You see this fine young fellow followed the boys at the front while in the south Pacific, attached to the 43d division. Four years and a half he wore the khaki uniform, baking his way. Always in a "line outfit," he was compelled some times to quit kneading dough and pick up a rifle.

Van enlisted from Minnesota. Out by The Grove three years have been spent. Everyone likes Van—the baker man. Now he lives in Sutherlin with the missis and two tykes, one a lass of 17 months and the other a bouncing boy of 60 days. They are to move

to Roseburg just as soon as the Vandenberg foursome can find a place they like and can afford. "I never had it so good" said the maker and the baker of pies.

The Monday morning quarter-backs will be at Finlay field a bus load or more strong this Friday night. Cottage Grove is heading south in an attempt to scalp our Indians from the valley of the Umpqua. It is wondered if "Charlie's children" could play "Mighty Oregon?" That would take several of us back to the days when Hugo Bezdek and Bill Hayward were getting together the club which went to the Rose Bowl and turned back University of Pennsylvania, 14 to 0, Jan. 1st, 1917. Yep, I'm a graybeard and grandpa, too.

Chaplain Feller will depart the Station on official leave this coming Sunday night. "Chappy" Sam will be bound for Lincoln, Neb., to attend a conference of VA chaplains in that city. They will assemble 20 or so strong, all affiliated with the Methodist church. Better put on your "long toms" chaplain, if the crimping mornings we are having here is a warning of what to expect in the Cornhusker state.

There is one right hand salute I want to give and give now: You Business and Professional Women who give of your Tuesday evenings away from home to come to The Grove and play cards with the lads don't realize just what a fine work you are doing. The morale you stimulate is more far reaching than you imagine. Most of us are homesick. There is nothing so miserable as a longing for home, and when coupled with other afflictions the "going" really sometimes gets tough. Your reporter knows.

We get a lift from your presence. So thanks from us all and the evenings are to be remembered, like the one this last Tuesday, when Vera Jones, Mildred Herman, Cora Carlson, Nellie "Micky" Ulrich, Lois Baker, Betty Muller, Marial Mears and Hel-

en Berk, Jean Whittenberg, Gen. Young and Minnie Clark came to call.

It isn't often that a lady bags her buck—deer, I mean. That's what Millie Cochran did while on a vacation hunting trip with her husband. He got "skunked." You also get together a good tray for the diet boys.

Bus rides for patients of each ward. The average roll is about 35 miles. Down to Umpqua, up to Glade, Sutherlin, Wilbur and to a turkey farm where a couple of thousands strutters are living on borrowed time. This is daily routine, weather permitting, with Walter Ulrich and Joe Toman alternating behind the wheel.

And these fall days—the Indian summer. You good folks in Douglas county, do you really appreciate the view from your very door steps? The pictures of autumn? The indescribable colors of leaves? Words fail. Yet in memory I go back to Clatsop county where the Columbia river is eight miles wide as it weds with the Pacific ocean.

Upon on the ridges of Cronen creek where I was a-loggin' the eyes would look down and up at this season of the year and there would be unfolded there just what you have here. Nature in all glory. Overhead would sling the wild geese waiting away in flight—headed south; maybe they were saying: so long. Kind of put a lump in my throat—summer going and the snows a-coming.

There I go—maybe homesick again.

"Tick" Malarkey.

Three-Fifth Of Homes In U. S. Mortgage-Free

NEW YORK—AP—Nearly three out of every five of the nation's home owners have no mortgages on their property, according to a Title Council of America report. About 64 percent of small town or rural homes are mortgage-free, says the report which is based on recent government surveys. In metropolitan areas, 44 percent have no mortgages. The overall national figure is about 57 percent.

Today's average mortgage of \$3,700 is nearly 50 percent higher than 1940's. But this doesn't mean home owners are more heavily mortgaged than before the war, the Council says. The "livability" value of American homes has been increased by such improvements as automatic heating,

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John C. Sykes, 25-year old meat cutter, told his story from his bed at Rex hospital here. Joking as he went along, Sykes related how on last Friday afternoon he was slicing veal cutlets.

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