

## "Tick's" Tips On Veterans Hospital

By L. J. "Tick" MaLarkey  
From the office of Ruth S. Bloom comes the announcement of three additions to the nursing staff. First on the list is Mrs. Vega E. Burns, who was born at Bushnell, N. C.

She graduated from Knoxville General hospital school of nursing, Knoxville, Tenn. Did a tour of duty at Vanderbilt hospital, Nashville, Tenn., and also at Mercy hospital, Roseburg. She calls Myrtle Creek home and "day dodges" back and forth to "The Grove."

Now comes corn fed Miss Mary E. Sprout, born at Madison, Neb., and graduated from Nebraska Methodist hospital. The urge to go west came and Mary nursed at Good Samaritan, Portland.

While there she "buddied around" with Delanne A. Simmons, who first greeted the nursing staff from Battle Creek, Iowa.

A graduate of Nebraska Methodist hospital of Omaha this girl from Iowa worked at Dennison hospital of that state, and before coming to Roseburg she nursed at Good Samaritan, Portland.

"Ruth S." asked them to visit the VA here. They did and were sold. They stayed. Both live at the nurses home on the station.

Other talents have Sprout and Simmons—they can dance. Inhabitants of "Bald Row" during the recent three-night Elks club show were more than load in their praises.

"Skipper" Austin finally won the "Purple Heart." He awarded it to himself down in the basement of his home at 1419 Harrison—wound inflicted while fooling around with a band saw.

He showed up with his right index finger wrapped in about 6 yards of gauze.

"Look," he said, when arriving to cook the other morning, "I finally got it. The darn saw jumped—I didn't. Guess I'm too

old to log any more. I'm going to stay with my pots and pans." We know that Comrade Austin is a veteran of both Wars I and II. This never-grow-old "Gray-beard" served the marine corps, the first hitch as a combat infantry man in '17; the second as a cook at Bremerton, Wash., from 1942 'til discharge.

Douglas county Nurses' association, District II, will hold their annual Christmas party at Miss Golda Beal's new home on Calkins road Dec. 20 at 8 p. m. Miss Beal is instructor at the local VA hospital.

A committee assisting the hostesses states it is to be an evening of fun, and a present not to exceed 50 cents in valuation is the price of admission.

"Follow the white arrows, which begin at the north entrance of the VA hospital, and they will lead you to the Calkins road where 'Glorious Golda' will receive at the front door," so adds Georgie Moss, assistant to "Ruth S." the one and only chief of the charming out this way. The ladies, we mean, who wear the white caps and gowns.

All nurses are urged to attend. There is a quartet which sings one song at the VA hospital. The numbers sing it over and over again, in melody and harmony with smiles in their voices—and the song they sing is:

"VA Hospital." These are the three contraltos and one "basso profundo." Their names go like this: Helen Shanklin, Bernice Patterson, Ethel Van Voorst and Fred T. Dillard.

It is good to call in or call out because these four are first, last and all the time pleasant to visit with, even for the second it takes to have your number plugged.

In addition to the switch board it is the chore of these good people to care for the patients' mail, their papers and packages. Also they are the ones who write the visitors' passes and give any information, within their power, to inquiries made.



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

This is a line or two about "Smiling Steve," a lad who has been around The Grove quite a spell. "Smiling Steve" is a veteran of War I and a member of American Legion Post 16, Roseburg; also the D.A.V.'s.

He is never too busy to lend a helping hand in the laundry, the kitchen, the wards and the chaplain's office, particularly the work in "setting up" for Sunday

services. Steve seems to make each day happy and his list of friends is long. Harry Lindsey, the mail man, is

## Child Loses Eyes As Christmas Gladness Approaches

HUNTINGDON, Pa., (AP)—Two year-old Dianne Beck is just as excited about Christmas as any child although she won't be able to see the toys that Santa Claus brings.

Last summer, Dianne's eyes began to fail. Doctors were forced to remove her right eye last month because of a malignant tumor. On Tuesday, they removed her left eye also.

Now, doctors hope the operations have stopped the growth of

the tumor. Dianne will be permitted to go home from the hospital in time for Christmas if she shows sufficient improvement.

The youngster, unimpaired of the bulky bandages over her eyes, chattered gayly yesterday about Christmas and the doll she hopes to receive. She doesn't want Santa to forget her eight brothers and sisters, ranging from one to 13.

Dianne's father, Clifford Beck, is an unemployed trucker.

having his banner season with mail deliveries this Christmas season, 1949. He really is loaded down with work and is "sweating" it out with a good-natured grin as the job goes on.

"I've been out here quite a while and this looks like the biggest Christmas yet."

Harry is Roseburg born and is a vet of our second "Great Adventure" across two oceans.

Dec. 5, 1924, Verna Tilton stood in the graduation line of Bismarck Evangelical hospital, Bismarck, N. D. Today she is Verna Tilton Hayes of the Roseburg staff and makes her home here with husband Frank at 1624 N. Stephens street.

Your reporter first met Nurse Hayes when a patient in Ward 5 shortly after coming from Barnes here early in August. We visited a few moments and that time it was learned that Frank Hayes had served in the Sea Bees and had a "rugged go" down in the South Pacific.

Mrs. Hayes was on duty at Ward 6 the other day and there was time for another short visit. First of all she was born at Clear Lake, Iowa, but attended school at Valley City, N. D.

"You know 25 years in this

work doesn't seem so long; time passes quickly. Naturally I am proud of a quarter-century pin. Who wouldn't be?"

Her dark eyes were aglow as she seemed to muse over that span of years. "Private M." stepped back—there was another patient lined up ready to "quaff a pill."



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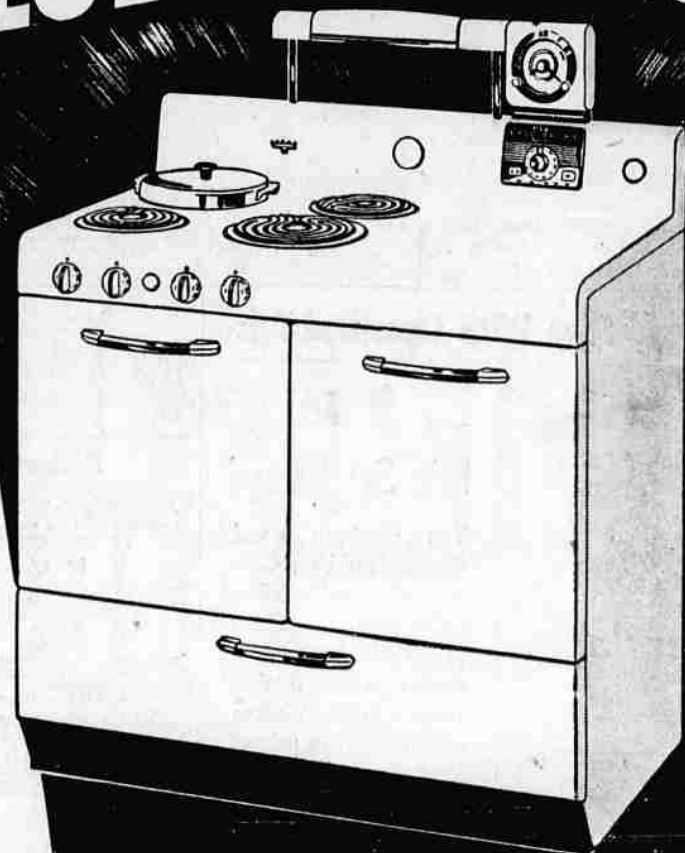
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