

NP Patients in Army Hospitals Join in Sports

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Tuscaloosa, Ala. (AP)—"It helps them to get rid of that pent-up feeling," Maj. Brent O. Gunts, army reconditioning chief at Northington general hospital here explained as we watched a group of neuro-psychiatric patients working out in the gym.

To the reporters, making their second stop on a tour of reconditioning centers, these hospitalized veterans looked no different from the other patients soon to be released from the army—they were healthy and active.

But as Gunts put it, "Their emotions have reached the breaking point, and they need rest." Compulsively they had done something to them that doctors can't put their finger on, causing periodic headaches, backaches and sometimes blindness.

Although cases of mental fatigue in rest camps overseas usually go back to the front, few of these boys will return to full combat duty.

None of the NP patients are forced into activities, but after watching the others play shuffleboard, volleyball, basketball, etc., they usually fall in. They especially enjoy competitive sports.

At a jam session in the hospital auditorium, NP's sat up in front of the band, laughed and applauded at the antics of the players. They have many other diversions, like weaving, painting, sculpting, and carpentry.

That afternoon at a typing class, I met an NP who'd been a ground mechanic with the Ninth air force. A slow-talking, serious GI, he is a graduate of Emory university, Atlanta, Ga., where he majored in business administration.

In France only 45 days before he was hospitalized, he has served in the army 27 months and isn't sure whether he wants to be in much longer.

"This is a fine place, but I'd like to get out of the hospital," he explained. "Of course, I'd rather get a regular discharge after the war is over than a medical discharge now."

Sisters

Sisters, Dec. 4 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ireland and family have moved to Mitchell where Ireland will be employed for the winter at Ed Spoo's mill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll have moved into their new home.

Mrs. Ray Smith and children have moved into the former Carroll home.

George Carroll has been quite ill but is now recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boardman and family spent New Year's eve at Sweet Home.

Enmet Culpepper left for Portland Sunday to take a physical examination for the navy.

Lucille Lunday, who has spent the past two months in Oklahoma, came home for the holidays. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McGregor had as their Christmas day guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunn. Mrs. Dunn is a sister of Mrs. McGregor.

The Sisters Townsend club held its last meeting in 1944 on Dec. 30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brockett. A full financial report of the year was given at this meeting. After all business was taken care of, Mrs. Brockett, the hostess, served lunch. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Telfer on Jan. 6. At this meeting all the officers will be installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson went to Portland over the week-end to see Mr. Roach, who is back in the hospital again.

Orville Hanson went to Portland to see his wife, who is a patient in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bush and daughters, Clydine and Margaret, went to Portland to spend the week-end. They returned home Monday evening.

June Dobkins spent the New Year holidays in Bend.

Paul Hoke is home from the St. Charles hospital and is improving after an appendectomy.

Mr. Dobkins, C. W. Coburn and Jess Ireland were moving a load of furniture to Mitchell in Dobkins' truck last Thursday, and skidded off of the highway six miles from Mitchell and tipped over the load of furniture. Dobkins and Coburn got out of the truck when they saw the roads were so icy and walked and let Ireland drive the truck. When the truck got out of Ireland's control he shut off the motor and made a jump for safety and let the truck go. It slid down the bank and hit a tree and tipped over.

Frank Leithauer and daughter, Mrs. Peter Bjark, who have been visiting their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Leithauer, left for their homes in Portland last Sunday night.

Private Richard Wright stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., is on furlough and is visiting at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Maurice Hitchcock. His home is in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford of Spray, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hitchcock. Their children have been spending a week visiting relatives and accompanied their parents home Monday evening.

James Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Glover, left for Portland Monday for a medical examination.

Mrs. Lloyd Baker worked at the postoffice a few days last week.

Grade and high school opened for the New Year Jan. 2, after a 10-day vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Halister were visitors in Sisters last week. Halister was formerly employed as a bookkeeper in the Hitchcock mill, before moving to Salem.

Funeral services were held Jan. 1 at 2:30 p.m. for Mrs. Ethel Barron at the first Baptist church in Redmond. Mrs. Barron was a resident of the Sisters and Cloverdale community for the past 23 years. Her son, William Scott Barron, is somewhere with the navy and was not present at his mother's funeral. Pall bearers were: W. F. Glover, Ray Heine, O. C. Stanley, Laurence Telfer, Archie Telfer and Albert Widmark. Burial was in the Redmond cemetery.

Sharon Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Day, has been transferred from the Redmond Dental Clinic hospital to a Portland hospital. A serious ear infection is feared. Clifford Ullman is taking her there.

Owen Thompson left Thursday for Southern California.

Mrs. Roy Taylor returned Thursday from Mill City where she spent Christmas with her daughter and family.

Bob Keeny is ill at the air field hospital in Redmond.

Earl Lyman spent the holidays in Portland with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barely of Redmond, were visitors in Sisters New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Glair Reed have moved to Sisters from Dufur, Ore.

L. T. Crawford is ill in a Portland hospital.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD.

By William Ferguson



cuts home Monday evening.

Hubert Floyd Malone, 22, of Rt. 2, Box 5, pleaded guilty to the charge and paid a \$5.00 fine. He was arrested by Motorcycle Officer William Burton, who also charged him with failure to have either a 1944 or 1945 registration sticker.

State and city police have begun a campaign, under authority of a state law, against drivers of cars with only one or no license plates. They point out that affidavit forms are available at the city police headquarters for duplicate plates.

Five Day Forecast

Five day forecast ending Tuesday night:

Oregon and Washington west of Cascades—Occasional light to moderate rains, except none likely in southwest Oregon, middle of above. Temperatures slightly above normal.

Idaho, Oregon and Washington east of Cascades—Light snow or rain first of period, none thereafter except occasional in north portion. Temperatures normal or just above normal.

41st Division Has Christmas Tree

The 41st division celebrated Christmas with a tree. "Although it was not an evergreen it was nice," Lt. William J. Hixson recently wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hixson, 55 Hastings.

Christmas dinner, in a hall decorated with crepe paper, "certainly made up for the past," Bill wrote.

Bill, who attended officer candidates school in Australia, was commissioned in May, 1944. The previous October he married an Australian girl whom he expects to bring to Bend some day.

The lieutenant, who was called up with the 41st division from Tillamook, worked at Nichol's store here.

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OREGON STATEHOUSE JOTTINGS

By Eric W. Allen, Jr.
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Salem, Ore., Jan. 5 (AP)—With the organization of the two houses of the legislature pretty much completed in advance, the lawmakers can settle down to the 43rd regular session in Oregon with little delay, next Monday. It appears evident that Sen. Howard Belton of Canby has sufficient votes pledged him for election to the presidency, and that Rep. Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, will be elected speaker of the house.

A possibly prolonged fight is in prospect over the proposed "three way" compensation law, which would permit employers to protect their workers through a private insurance company, through the state compensation fund, or

through self-insurance. The measure will be opposed by organized labor, and insurance companies endorse it.

The measure would make the carrying of insurance by employers mandatory, and they would bear the entire expense of such insurance. At present only those engaged in hazardous occupations must carry insurance, and part of it is financed by worker contributions.

Great interest is centering in forest legislation, which will be introduced. Oregon, with the largest stand of market timber of any state, stands to lose or gain greatly by the type of forest legislation protecting its greatest resource.

A series of proposals, emphasizing and outlining forest protection, was made recently by State Forester Neils Rogers, in his biennial report.

He recommended a zoning act, which would require forest protection for areas between forest and city land, and also suggested that forestry become a required subject in Oregon schools.

Nelson strongly proposed that the legislature restrict the cutting of immature trees as against the public interest. It deprives the land of its full value, he said, and destroys trees which could otherwise be used in reforestation. He also recommended enlargement of the forest acquisition program.

Following the lead of governor-elect Mon C. Wollgren of Washington some interests will introduce a bill to permit the sale of mixed tracts across the bar, rather than only by the bottle from state liquor stores, as at present.

WLB Decision Is Awaited by Men

Madras, Jan. 5 (Special)—Decision of the war labor board was awaited here today by employees of the Warm Springs Lumber company, to determine the outcome of a "consent election" held here Tuesday evening for selection of a bargaining agency.

Fourteen of the votes cast were contested, and the matter was referred to the government for adjudication. The American Federation of Labor won 41 votes, and the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) received 28 votes.

A. F. Hartung, regional director; Ray Keuger and Vernon Chase represented the CIO, and B. McKenzie, Clarence Briggs and D. C. Orendorf the A. F. of L.

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