

Modern Buildings, Lots of Exercise Enjoyed by Patients



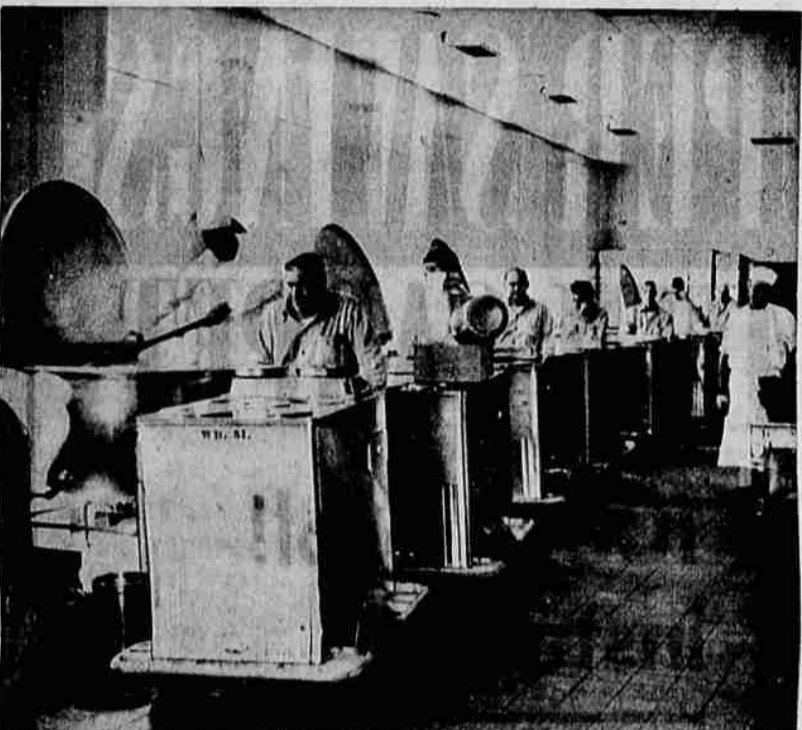
Hundreds of aged persons are housed in this modern geriatrics building—the newest of the institution. The maximum amount of light is available in the interior because of the large percentage of glass in the exterior walls.



Two male patients enjoy the sunshine and get a bit of exercise while battling the shuttlecock on the lawn down the slope from the Administration Building. Patients at the hospital have many outdoor activities which keep them physically fit. Many of them enjoy garden work which at this time is a major project for the patients.



Genial Dr. Dean K. Brooks, who has the responsibility of operating the huge plant. In spite of the many problems that arise daily, Dr. Brooks manages a broad smile for the photographer. (Capital Journal Photos)



Stew and soup from the large cauldrons are ladled into heated containers for distribution to the various buildings which are connected by tunnels. The central kitchen is highly efficient and easily kept clean.



While some folk read, others engage in a quiet game of cards. There is no waging but the customary kibitzer is present. The library room, while well-lighted and pleasant, is not sufficient in size to accommodate the thousands of patients.

Guided Tours Scheduled at State Hospital During Open House on Sunday Afternoon

Therapy Help In Patient Treatment

By FRED ZIMMERMAN
Capital Journal Writer
National Mental Health week will be observed beginning April 28 and in this connection Oregon State Hospital will hold open house Sunday afternoon.

Guided tours will take visitors through several of the buildings, from 2 to 6 p.m.

There will be opportunity to inspect several important phases of what is being done to correct mental illnesses and effect cures.

Time was when an "insane asylum" was a place where an inmate could expect little other than to remain there until death effected a release.

Now, through modern corrective methods such institutions are truly hospitals where things are done for the patient. Returning him to society as a useful citizen not only is a humanitarian act, but constitutes a relief for the taxpayer, those in charge state.

Occupational therapy and psychiatry play important parts in providing relief to the mentally disturbed. Oregon State Hospital is doing as much in these fields as funds will permit.

During a visit to the O.T. occupational therapy, department there was ample opportunity to see what was being done for various types of mentally disturbed patients. O.T. is not primarily aimed to help the sick person get well. Rather it is considered useful in discovering interests, skills and the like.

Interviews Come First
The patient is not assigned to a task without first being interviewed by a doctor who issues a prescription based on what he determines will be the most helpful. One male patient was working on a nearly completed oil painting. The result showed considerable skill on the part of the artist.

In another case where a woman patient had shown a decisive hostile attitude she was set to work tearing an old broom to pieces. Others were weaving and working with wood. A number of flats placed where they could catch the sun, contained vegetable plants which would later be transplanted in a garden set aside for the patients.

Industrial Therapy Helpful
Industrial therapy has demonstrated its worth, said Director Robert H. Miller. There is need for additional space and a larger group of personnel to take care of the patients that would be benefited. Approximately 100 persons, divided into morning and afternoon shifts, are currently occupied in the O.T. department.

Ex-Navy Secretary Is Sued for Divorce
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Former Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball, 62, has been sued for divorce after 31 years of marriage. His wife, Dorothy, charges extreme cruelty.

Kimball, president of Aerojet-General Corp., and vice president of General Tire and Rubber Co., was secretary of the Navy under President Truman.

Mrs. Kimball's suit, filed yesterday, said they separated last Nov. 24. They have no children.

Serving the Public (First of a Series)

Salem is the center of Oregon's governmental activity and the purpose of government is to serve the public. Today we present the first in a series of feature stories and pictures which will be devoted to telling the public what governmental departments and institutions are doing.

The series will discuss activities of county and city governmental units as well as those on the state level.

The library, which seems too small for an institution as large as the hospital, is well patronized. It doubles as a place for reading and card-playing.

The auditorium in the main building appears entirely inadequate. Here dances are held as well as entertainments. A table tennis set was providing the maximum amount of skill for a nurse's aide and three patients, one a Negro.

Probably the best example of environmental change is found in the kitchen and central dining room. Modern lights, highly polished equipment and tables that seat small groups provide a home atmosphere not customarily found in a state institution.

Persons who visit the hospital Sunday will not find a place where they would like to live, but they will realize that a real effort is being made to help those unfortunate who must remain there for a period of time.

Navy Chief Gets Gripe Over Movie Seating by Rank

WASHINGTON (AP)—Navy Secretary Thomas S. Gates today had a gripe on his hands: How come officers' wives get the front row seats at the movies?

The gripe came from an enlisted man by way of Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.).

The sailor, who is stationed at the naval amphibious base at Little Creek, Va., said all dependents are seated in the balcony when movies are shown at the base theater.

But he said the center front rows are reserved for officers' dependents, surrounding seats are for chief petty officers' dependents and enlisted men's dependents get what is left.

He noted that chapel seats are not reserved by rank and "no ensign's wife has caught a communicable disease by worshipping next to the wife of an enlisted man."

The sailor said seating by rank at the movies has caused "much discontentment, irritation and all around bitter feelings" and as a result the better enlisted men are not reenlisting.

The Navy said seating by rank is done at naval shore establishments "as a matter of custom."

Moreover, it said the secretary of the Navy "is not of the opinion that seating arrangements of this type are detrimental to reenlistment."

Jackson, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, wrote Gates in passing along the sailor's complaint:

"I strongly urge that you immediately order all Navy installations to remove rank designations from theater seating and thus restore to enlisted personnel, their wives and children their rightful benefits of first-class citizenship."

Comet Visible Over Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)—The newly-discovered Arend-Roland Comet was visible Wednesday night over North Dakota.

The comet, the brightest to appear in the sky since Haley's Comet in 1910, was located north-northeast of Pierre, S.D., about 50 miles southeast of Pierre.

The Arend-Roland Comet, which rises in the northwestern sky shortly after sunset and disappears below the horizon before midnight, will be visible in northern latitudes this week before gradually fading and becoming invisible to the naked eye around June 1.

In New York, a spokesman at the Hayden Planetarium, said the comet has not been visible in the East because of adverse weather conditions.

Firemen Free Finger of Boy

DENVER (AP)—If Larry Dickman's faith in the weaker sex is a bit shaken, there's a reason.

Larry, 8, and sister Karen, 3, were playing yesterday with a toy pushmover jeep. Karen experimentally poked a finger into a hole where there used to be a steering wheel.

Big brother followed suit, and quickly found he was trapped. He shouted for help. Karen hid. Finally their father, Keith, heard Larry's howls.

Butter was tried as a lubricant to free Larry's forefinger. No luck. At length city firemen arrived and sawed away the metal. After controlling his sobs, Larry said he wasn't really mad at Karen. She wept louder than he while firemen came to the rescue. They discovered later that Karen thought Larry's finger was being sawed off.

Aerial Target Smashes Home

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. (AP)—A "Red Bird" tow target broke from an F-80 Scorpion jet from Eglin Air Force base late Wednesday and struck a home, almost demolishing the dwelling and slightly injuring a housewife.

Authorities said the target, a miniature plane with a 20-foot wingspread, broke from its tow cable at 15,000 feet and slammed into the \$15,000 home at Mary Esther, Fla., near here.

Mrs. R. E. Smith, about 25, was treated at the Eglin base hospital for shock and for cuts from flying glass. Then she and her husband were given quarters at Eglin because their home was too badly damaged to occupy.

Easing Mental Tensions



Patients occupy themselves under expert guidance in the Industrial Therapy Building. Various activities are assigned men and women after consultation with a staff doctor. Approximately 100 work here on a two-shift basis.

Industrial Optimism Takes Spring Upturn

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK (AP)—The sap of confidence is rising in the business world with the spring. Optimistic talk today is replacing some of the caution and worries.

In some cases industrial leaders are reporting a revival of activity in April. In more, hopes are building up for an early end to the lull caused by inventory trimming and a new upsurge in the fall.

"The adjustment should be brief and moderate" is the theme song in many industries.

Bulls Pepped Up
This happy talk has pepped up the bulls in Wall Street. It is cheering stockholders of many companies at the annual meetings now nearing their peak season. It spreads through many of the first-quarter earnings reports now pouring in.

Included in the chorus of cheer this week are officials of steel, oil, container, machinery, tools, food, copper and auto companies.

"A strong recovery trend during the final quarter" is seen for the steel industry by J. L. Mauthe, chairman of Youngstown Sheet & Tube.

A brisk upturn in the fall is expected by C. M. White, president of Republic Steel. R. L. Gray, one.

Armed Steel president, predicts record output by the industry this year.

"A bright outlook" for the oil industry is seen by W. K. Whiteford, president of Gulf Oil. The Texas Co.'s chairman, A. C. Long, says domestic oil demand will rise by 5 per cent this year and over the long run there will be continued growth in foreign markets.

Both firms report sharp increases in earnings so far this year, with the steel industry's earnings up 100 per cent since last year.

Copper Industry Peps Up
The copper industry has been having its troubles. But Robert G. Page, Phelps Dodge president, thinks the trimming of inventories by users of the metal should be about over.

Henry Ford II, president of Ford Motors, reports record sales so far this year. And Arthur O. Dietz, president of C.I.T. Financial, big financier of auto sales, looks for some six million new cars to be sold this year, about the same as last. While this would be below the 1955 record spurge, it still is an awful lot of cars.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, chairman of Continental Can, tells stockholders. "The outlook for 1957 in the container industry is a strong one."

2nd Generation Theater People Stick to 'Code'

SWARTHMORE, Pa. (AP)—The show will go on tonight, thanks to an assist by one member of the theater's second generation to another.

Theodore Holm Nelson, son of actress Celeste Holm and television director Ralph Nelson, and a sophomore at Swarthmore College, was directing his play "Getting Colder" for the annual one-act play contest.

Nelson came down with appendicitis yesterday and wound up in the hospital. In stepped Judy Kazan, daughter of actor-director Elia Kazan, and also a Swarthmore student. She took over for Nelson for her first theatrical endeavor.

Miss Holm, in a telegram to her son at the hospital where he is recovering, said "Sorry I wasn't there for your opening."

Chile Emergency Powers Cancelled

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—The Chilean government voluntarily divested itself of emergency powers last night, asserting a wave of country-wide disorders had subsided.

Congress, which had approved the government's requested powers for a period of 60 days last April 16, endorsed a government resolution calling for their termination.

President Carlos Ibanez's administration had asked for suspension of civil liberties to prevent recurrence of anti-inflation demonstrations that left 25 persons dead and hundreds injured early this month.

The first cathedral built on the mainland of the Americas was erected in 1510 at Santa Maria de la Antigua, Panama.