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EDITORIALS

The Camp White hospital is still a much discussed question before the people of Southern Oregon. What will become of it? Who will get it? Why can't it be put to work again as a hospital? Why should this ten million dollar plant be turned over to the wreckers?

These questions are being asked on every hand.

The time is growing short and they will soon be answered. Our guess is that the wreckers will win the day.

We would ask one question—Why should this hospital be wrecked? We would like to hear one good legitimate answer to this question.

War is a waster. The American people are great wasters. Are we going to throw this ten million dollars plant on the scrap heap?

—C. W. P.

Hats off to the Central Point High School basketball team. So far they haven't won a district game, but we still say hats off to them.

Every game so far this year has been a real contest. They have fought fair and they have fought square. They have played some mighty tough opponents.

We have witnessed every home game this year and several of the out of town games. Not once have we witnessed any (dirty playing) by any member of our home team. We believe every member of the team are clean sportsmen and will make citizens to be proud of.

Again we say hats off to them.

—C. W. P.

Every time we come down Main street (Pine street) (we believe the name should be changed) we can't

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help but notice the many improvements that have been made in the past few months. The old buildings across from the city hall are gone and the lots are cleaned up in fine shape.

Bob Kincaid's new building is completed and occupied. And the new Cupp Furniture Store is about ready to open. From the looks of things and from what we can see through the windows, we believe this is going to be the finest furniture store in Southern Oregon.

In the other end of town there is a fine new food store and also the old Hatfield building has had its face lifted.

Out on Fourth street there is a large new church rapidly being completed.

Even the City Hall has been remodeled and painted and room made for the First Nat'l Bank. And we wouldn't be surprised if we had a new bank building in town before this year is over.

It all makes us wonder what changes will take place in the next few months.

—C.W.P.

County Farm Lands Worth \$28,456,000

Farm property in Jackson county is now worth more than \$28,456,000, and rural homes here and throughout the state are in the best condition in history, according to a report just released by the Title Council of America.

More than 82 per cent of farm dwellings in Oregon and the western states are in excellent condition or need only such minor repairs as painting or general maintenance, the report revealed. Only 73.2 per cent were in good repair in 1940. The report was based on Bureau of the Census surveys.

"The rise in farm incomes and property values since 1940 has been accompanied by a great increase in the number of rural homes equipped with such modern conveniences as

electric lights, tiled baths and showers and running water," said F. B. Ortman, chairman of the Council's residential construction committee.

Electricity, for instance, has gone into tens of thousands of rural dwellings in this state and the West since 1940, Ortman noted. More than 82.2 per cent of Western farm homes now have electric lights, in contrast to 57.4 per cent in 1940.

More than 62 per cent of rural dwellings in the Western states today have running water, and 36.5 per cent have private baths, according to the Title Council report. In 1940, 46.6 per cent had running water and 32.6 per cent private baths.

Livestock Association To Hear Interesting Program at Roseburg

Pasture conditions and management in Australia and New Zealand, where this type of livestock feed is produced in great abundance, will be reported on by Wallace Kadderly, farm program director for radio KGW, at the annual meeting of the Western Oregon Livestock association in Roseburg February 13 and 14.

Kadderly is listed as principal banquet speaker for the session.

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announced H. A. Lindgren, secretary, and livestock specialist in the O.S.C. extension service. He has recently returned from "down under" where he traveled widely while visiting at the invitations of the two governments.

Meeting place for the two-day convention will be in the Knights of Pythias hall, while convention headquarters will be in the Umpqua hotel.

Other speakers to appear on the program include R. L. Clark, Portland, livestock commission firm head, who will speak on the future outlook for meats. James Coon, manager of the Western Wool Warehouse and Storage company, Portland, will discuss the international wool situation. G. H. Hanson, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, will speak on predatory animal control.

Oregon State college speakers on

the program include P. M. Brands, head, division of animal industries, and Dr. J. N. Shaw, head of the department of veterinary medicine.

An important feature of the meeting will be the reports and recommendations of committees. The committees and chairmen of each are: disease control, R. L. Jones, Clifton; predatory animal control, Jack Swanson, Lebanon; transportation and marketing, Gene McKinzie, Coberg; general resolutions, E. A.

McDonald, Yoncalla; legislation, Al Powers, Coos Bay, and range and pasture improvement, Hubert F. Willoughby, Harrisburg.

Membership in the association includes livestock men from 12 western Oregon counties. Albert Julian Lyons, is president.

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