

Bamboos -- Greybeards Kids and The Babes

NEWS AND COMMENTS, PERSONALS AND STORIES OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING OUR LAST FOUR WARS.

BRIEFS--Very Brief

By "Tick" Malarkey

Sunday was water melon day for the boys of White. Some 200 of the members were taken by bus to Tou Velle Park and there they "had it" with all of the juicy melon that could be consumed. Seconds, thirds, or any amount was theirs for the asking.

Soft ball, horse shoe pitching, darts, a liar's contest, music and group singing were on the program. "Jere" Girard with the help of Ty Teorey and Mary Fox Raines—all part of the special services personnel—kept the "ball moving."

Assistant manager Roy Anderson not only pitched in the soft ball game but he made a very fine speech to the men and the 30 volunteer workers who were present and who had sponsored the event.

All hands were taken back to The Home in time to line-up for second mess. Mrs. Alexander's Hawaiian band were wonderful with their string music. And some fine close harmony was given out as the group singing echoed and re-echoed through the oak grove and down the The Rogue.

Amy Randle is a lady of leisure these days. That is she is no longer hospital chairman of the VFW auxiliary. However, Amy darling, seems to work just as hard as ever around the domiciliary. And at Sunday's water melon "bust" she wielded a carving knife with the skill of experience.

Since Camp White was activated more than four years ago Amy Randle has held down the job she has now given up. There was no harder worker nor better loved volunteer.

Arthur Mick has been appointed by Domiciliary Manager Ralph Ruffin to act as an escort for members who need an attendant when they are to be transferred from Camp White to a medical hospital for specialized medical attention. Mick made two such trips this past week. In addition to this duty Arthur operates the mobile moving projector and helps around special services wherever needed. This latter detail is non-compensated.

During World War Two Mick served with the Third Army and walked across most of Africa and through Italy with an infantry company. Portland is his home and during younger days he was quite a wrestler and boxer. For years Mick was employed in long-haul freighting. Ulcers laid him down. He is in White to recuperate from them—if such a thing is possible.

A line or two from a letter received from Mrs. J. R. Livengood who with her husband was stationed at Camp White during World War Two days. Mrs. Livengood now makes her home in Los Angeles but she always remembers Medford as one of the finest stations that she and her husband ever had duty.

"The Old Pogie" editorial had come to this lady's attention, and we quote:

"How I glory in what you have written of the disabled veterans of Camp White wherein they have been thoughtlessly addressed as 'Old Pogies.' I trust that they will hear no more of this in the future. Believe me, I never see a veteran, no matter what war, but what I look upon him with pride and thanks-giving. And the sooner the public gives them the respect that they so justly deserve, the sooner we will have a better world to live in. Keep up the good work."

Thank you very, very sincerely, Mrs. Livengood.

Hans Sorenson and Henry Huls, commander and quarter-master of VFW post 6412, Camp White, left for Grants Pass yesterday (Wednesday) to take in the Josephine County Fair and the Gladiolus Show. While in Caveam City Hans and Henry will sell some of the products of the boys who made them in The Home's Arts & Crafts department or the Hobby Shop. A couple of years ago the Josephine County Fair board allotted a booth to the men of Camp White and some \$500 was realized from sales.

Valentine Foster has been transferred to Portland VA hospital. Word comes back that he is responding to treatment, although it may be sometime before he is able to return to the domiciliary. Valentine is a wheel chair patient.

It is good to see Dr. William White once more filling the shoes of the chief medical officer. Even though

only temporary. The job is not new to Dr. William as he was CMO before Dr. Schulz came to assume this important post about a year ago. Dr. White's cheerful and ready smile, plus his always good-nature, is a tonic in itself. An overseas veteran of World War One he has an understanding of the sick, disabled or wounded veteran. More power to Dr. William White—his staff and the "boys" all like him.

A recent "check-in" from the wilds of Butte, Montana is Thomas "Tom" Boyd who is a printer by love and by choice. It didn't take Tom long to "hook" a part time job. He went over to the Mail Tribune's office and right off the bat did a pair of relief shifts at the linotype setting up ads and copy. Printers are on vacation in The Tribune's composing room and "Boyd our Boy" is helping out.

The smiling, ruddy faced, red-haired Irishman is one of those "re-treads." The lad in '17 marched out of Minnesota with an infantry outfit and "slugged and slogged" his way through France and into Germany against the Kaiser's best. Believe it or not "Big Mess Number Two" found him in the navy. Here he had some kind of a specialist job—didn't go into detail, so we didn't ask.

Before the doctors sent Thomas Boyd to the plains of Agate Desert—Camp White—from Montana he had worked on the Butte Standard.

After two weeks here Boyd opined:

"I feel a lot better in your Happy Valley already. Some of the old aches and pains are going away. If I can make a connection I'd like to stay in this part of the United States."

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tharp and family, who have been visiting friends and relatives in the Valley, left for their home last Monday.

LOOK OUT FOR FIDO

By Johnny Applejack

Quite a few Camp White members who take evening strolls around the Camp grounds have spoken recently about hearing a weird deep-throated baying and barking around dusk. These blood-curdling eerie sounds seem to come from the direction of Central Point. Some of the members have been so terrified, cold chills raced up and down their spines to such an extent they were forced to put on heavy sweaters. It is a very diabolical situation which calls for immediate action, so it behooves all large newspapers like the Central Point American with a circulation of nearly 7 million to issue a word of caution.

To Camp White members who are in the habit of taking nocturnal strolls, we suggest they contact the Camp White Police who will be glad to furnish an armed guard—if no guards are available the Chief will issue you a Colt 45. Central Point folks who meander thru Lovers Lane should be careful too—better pack a shotgun—it might also be a wise thing if sweetie-pie darling had a Winchester handy.

The situation reminds us of the story "Hound of the Baskerville" wherein Sherlock Holmes finally shoots and kills the monstrous man-eating hound. It is also a matter of historical record that in this vicinity about 70 years ago, during

a period of two years, over three hundred half-eaten bodies were found. The remains were mangled beyond recognition and could not be identified. As person after person mysteriously disappeared, the scattered farmers and prospectors became panicky.

Sometime later near Gold Hill, a prospector came upon the decomposed remains of an extraordinarily large dog-like animal. From then on there were no more disappearances and the nerve-shattered community gradually settled down. Most of the old-timers are dead now, and time has erased from the memory of those still living, the horrible and gruesome details of what actually happened.

It would be a mortifying thing indeed, if some morning the gory

half-eaten mangled remains of some Camp White member were found—especially if he owed you money.

Mr. Bob Field and son, Bruce are on a fishing trip along the coast this week. Bruce just finished summer term at S.O.C.E.

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