

### Blue Mt. Council Takes Over Ward In Vets Hospital

By Mrs. Ralph Thompson  
The women attending the March meeting of the Blue Mountain council listened to a very interesting talk by Col. Beatty, commanding officer at the Veterans hospital in Walla Walla, Col Beatty brought out these facts: this hospital is the only one in the northwest treating tuberculosis. It cares for veterans from Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon. It has as many from Oregon as patients in Washington and at this time the patients are equally divided between World War One and Two but the number of patients from the last war is rising rapidly. The Colonel stated there are 1,00,000 men suffering with this disease from the last war. He further stated that medical

men had changed some of their methods of treatment for this type of disease. They are allowing recreation programs throughout the wards. He also stated the work of the council could be carried forward without any conflict with the splendid program of help sponsored so many years by the American Legion, its auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

We know the people who gave so generously of their money for use at McCaw will be glad to know the sunroom furniture, the many records, record players, the spotlight and awning, and many other gifts went to the Veterans at their request. Game tables and bicycles went to Madigan at Ft. Lewis. The small piano went to the Airbase hospital. If that is closed it will be refinished and given to the Veterans.

Because Morrow county people did such a grand job at McCaw, we have been given Ward 7 at the Veterans in answer to another request. This ward is called the terminal

ward which means when all treatments fail, the patients go into this ward. Some might stay for years, while with others it is a matter of a few months, a few weeks, a few days. There are 75 men in the various rooms which make up the ward. We have started two birthday parties a month with cake and ice cream served to all the patients, with phone calls as birthday gifts and as prizes in the simple games which can be played owing to the serious condition of the men. This is going to cost more money than our parties at McCaw but two other counties are thinking of helping us out with the phone calls. Knowing what Morrow county has accomplished in the past at McCaw we know we can do a good job for

the Veterans. It is a privilege to serve such deserving boys, the majority of them are so young and are from this last war.

Saturday evening about 5 o'clock, in time to take in the veterans' banquet.

#### ON TERMINAL LEAVE

Philip Cohn is spending a few days at home prior to leaving for Farragut where he is scheduled to receive his discharge from the navy in about a month. He arrived home

Mrs. Catherine McIntyre of Spokane is visiting for a few days with relatives and friends in Heppner. Mrs. McIntyre came Monday and is very busy greeting her many friends and one-time neighbors.

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