

CAMP WHITE'S GROWTH AND PROGRESS REVIEWED

Domiciliary Now 16 Months in Operation

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Less than 16 months ago Camp White was opened as a domiciliary and rehabilitation facility for the care of disabled veterans of the nation's three most recent wars. The budget provided for some 500 men. As this is written there are on the station 537 members. Another 50 are on furloughs ranging from 30 to 90 days. Applications for admittance on file are never less than 200.

To the people of Medford and of Jackson county and its communities goes much of the credit for the fast pace forward that Camp White has enjoyed. Paul A. Hatton, manager, has always been free with his praise for the work that some 35 volunteer organizations have done since the station was formally opened and dedicated, February 20, 1949. Hatton has had 29 years experience with the veterans administration.

Few people, even those who come here often, have a clear idea as to the method by which this domiciliary operates. It has three distinct features concerning care for members. They are divided into two companies known as Company 1 and Company A. In addition there is the infirmary building with doctors and nurses in attendance.

When an applicant is admitted to membership he is given a physical examination and assigned to one of the companies. If he is physically able to accept a volunteer work detail, he is sent to Company 1. The work detail is not longer than two hours daily, five days a week, and includes such chores as janitor work, outside landscaping and another half-dozen projects of various kinds.

It is much like days in the service. Lights are out at 10 p.m. and a bed check is made. In the morning it is "rise and shine" to the tune of a sergeant's whistle. Each Friday morning a company inspection is made by a designated civil service employee. The barracks, beds and lockers must be spick and span. If not up to standard a "butterfly" is placed on the member's pillow by the duty sergeant and he then is given a chance to explain to his company commander.

The two company commanders, as well as their sergeants, are all members of Camp White. Company 1 has as its "skipper" A. A. Hampton. Serving under him are Sergeants Walter E. Bernard, Alva F. Black, Irl R. Harris, Leo J. Maslanka, Lester A. Mordick, Edwin S. Valliant and George S. Vander Pool.

After a man is assigned to Company 1 he is marked as to what duty he will be permitted

to perform by his physical condition. At no time is he given a task that would in any way impair his health. Also, he is encouraged to take up a hobby, and in many instances these hobbies have paid off to the extent that the man has been able to go back to civilian life and make a living.

Company Commander Hampton enlisted in the army June, 1918, and went to France with the 35th division. He became an ammunition agent, and served with such distinction that he was discharged as a sergeant major in May, 1919. Hampton then joined the Wichita, Kan., fire department, and 19 years later, due to an injury in line of duty, was retired with the rank of fire department captain.

Hampton came to Camp White and helped open it. He was transferred from the VA hospital, at Hot Springs, S. D., where he had served the VA in a similar capacity. During the last war years, Hampton worked for the engineers at a South Dakota ordnance depot.

Last week Company 1 had a membership of 266. They are in wards divided into three-bed compartments with a day room at one end. There is plenty of room and fresh air.

Company A is headed by Company Commander William R. Cluff, assisted by Sergeants Vernon P. Emmons, W. Rice, Ray

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CAMP WHITE PLAZA, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—Shown above is a general view of the Camp White veterans domiciliary center administration building, seen across the green lawns and flowers of the central plaza area. The domiciliary center is 16 months old, and was converted to its present use from an army hospital which served men of the 91st and 96th divisions which trained at the huge wartime reservation. The center is located on the Crater Lake highway about seven miles from Medford.

L. Maxwell, Everett E. Sibley, George T. Parker, James F. Cantreel and Albert J. Dahl. There are 252 men registered.

No member of Company A may volunteer for a work detail, by order of the doctors. Those who need medication are served by a nurse after each meal. All are encouraged in a hobby, if able to work at one.

Leg cripples number 41. There are four blind, and 55 wheel chair patients. Care is given by a crew of 26 attendants, themselves members, to those who are unable to care for themselves. The wards and the rooms are kept spotlessly clean. Cluff is loud in his praise of the sergeants and attendants who work under him.

"Some of the finest men in the world are in Company A," he said.

Enlisting from his home state of Utah in April, 1917, Cluff saw it all in France. He went over as a casual, was in a motor transport outfit, an ammunition train and finally with the infantry in the 78th division. He was discharged in June, 1919.

"I came to Camp White February 4, 1949, to get a rest. But I forgot I was tired, and have been working ever since," he said. This popular company commander is the hottest baseball fan on this station and hardly ever misses a game when the Medford Rogues are at home.

To men who don't draw pensions, clothes, tobacco and other necessities such as tooth paste, brushes and shaving equipment, are issued, but no luxuries whatsoever—such as coffee in the canteen. In Company A alone there are 60 members who are not drawing any compensation. The volunteer service organizations provide them with whatever they can.

In the infirmary ward there are beds for 25 patients. Here emergency operations are performed and the bedridden are cared for by a nursing staff, working around the clock. Five doctors under chief medical officer Dr. William E. White are on duty.

All dental work is done by Camp White clinic, where x-ray pictures also are taken. The more difficult films are interpreted by a Medford consultant. Glasses are all fitted by a specialist in town. Any member, regardless whether he draws a pension or not, is fitted with glasses when needed, without cost.



MANAGER—Paul A. Hatton, above, is manager of the big domiciliary center for veterans at Camp White. A navy veteran himself, Hatton has served in the veterans administration for 29 years, coming here from Montana.

The library is used a great deal and is restful in its surroundings. For those men from the infirmary and Company A who are unable to get around, a book cart service is provided.

The interbuilding corridor and ramp lay out is out of the weather at all times. There are miles of these covered lanes and a member can reach any point without exposure to the elements.

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beginning to recognize Camp White as one of his assets. It is safe to say that \$20,000 will find its way into his cash tills each month. This figure is conservative and counts only the money spent by members. Lately families of some members have come to Jackson county to make their homes so they may stay close to the disabled veteran at Camp White.

The chaplaincy service is of the best. At present there is a Protestant chaplain on duty at all times, a Catholic priest part time and a Jewish chaplain on call. Sunday services are held regularly and special religious meetings are frequently conducted by denominations of all faiths from neighboring towns as well as Medford.

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Residence Robbed Here During Evening

Dresser and closet drawers at the residence of Dr. George S. Jennings, Saginaw drive, were ransacked Thursday night and guns, shells and money taken, city police report.

They said footprints indicated two prowlers. Entry was gained to a bedroom by climbing the side of a bay window onto a small roof and cutting a hole in a screen. The burglary was noted by George Jennings Jr., who arrived home about 11:45 p.m. and discovered the hole in the screen.

Listed among items taken were a .35 caliber automatic, two shotguns, a .22 caliber rifle and 9 to 12 boxes of ammunition.

First Negro Enters University of Texas

Austin, Tex., June 10—(U.P.)—The happiest man at the University of Texas today was John Saunders Chase, the first Negro admitted to the traditionally all-white campus.

With a legal assist from the U. S. supreme court, Chase, 25, took an unsegregated seat in an architecture class yesterday. Chase's face was expressiveless as Hugh L. McMath, director of the school of architecture, introduced him to his 14 classmates.

McMath said he believed each shook hands with Chase.



LUCKY LASS—This lucky girl escaped with only minor cuts and bruises after being hit by a truck in Milwaukee, Wis. The girl, 15-year-old Georgianna Gill, fell between the wheels of the truck and the driver stopped immediately.

Gold, Two Others Indicted by Jurors

New York, June 10—(U.P.)—A federal grand jury has indicted Harry Gold, Philadelphia chemist, and two unknown persons as the go-betweens of British physicist Klaus Fuchs in delivering American atomic secrets to Russia during the war.

The indictment charged the three conspired from December, 1943, to November 30, 1947, with Fuchs, the top atomic researcher for the British government. It confessed that Gold's co-conspirators were unknown.

60 Jurymen Listed For Federal Court

Federal district court will convene in Klamath Falls Monday and the court clerk has released a list of 60 jurors ordered to report at the federal court room there at 10 a.m. Monday, June 12. There are 20 jurors

from Medford on the list, which is reprinted below.

Anne N. Acherman, Clare H. Ambrose, Klamath Falls; Ray Aubrey, Merrill; C. E. Beebe, Medford; Helen M. Bonnell, Medford; Andrew W. Brink, Mary Britton, Klamath Falls; Robert L. Burdick, Ashland; James Raymond Byrnes, Roland W. Cofer, Klamath Falls; Harvey F. Cope, Harold E. Corliss, Violet B. Cartwright, Medford; Fred Dawson, Crescent Lake; Harold E. Dixon, Charles C. Duggan, Klamath Falls; Gertrude Easterling, Ashland; Freda B. Elliott, Ashland; Jane D. Epely, Klamath Falls.

Leon Ezell, Gilchrist; Irwin L. Faris, Pine Creek; Jack J. Gardner, Medford; Frank Griffith, Bernice Heideman, Klamath Falls; Price M. Hennan Jr., Glenn, Inlow, Ashland; George W. Jacob, Medford; Charles W. Kilgore, Bonanza; Walter R. Kartz, Klamath Falls; Roy Kyle, Medford; Vivian Landis, Klamath Falls; Frieda Lawrence, Medford; Ethel Lollar, Grants Pass; Clifford O. Lovejoy, Medford; Ernest V. Ludwig, Medford; John B. McCulley, Malin; James E. Mammel, Frank Mashburn, Grants Pass.

Lorraine Morris, Iva D. Murray, L. T. Haggard, Medford; Minnie Offenbacher, Jacksonville; Arden Pinkham, Central Point; Hobart M. Price, Frank Earl Redden, C. B. Richmond, Medford; R. Walter Roberts, Floyd J. Smith, Grants Pass; J. Claude Sparks, Medford; L. B. Spindler, Ashland; Guy Staiger, Chiloquin; Fred A. Taylor, Ashland; Todd Thomas, Kenos, Grant, Medford; Cora F. True, Ashland; Viola Vincent, Lakeview; Robert E. Walker, Medford; Fay A. Waters, Klamath Falls; Ruth E. Williams, Bonanza; Hylda Zundel, Medford.

Spain's capital, Madrid, lies almost at the exact geographic center of the country.

Radio Network of Group Near Start

Radio committeemen of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association met last week to make final plans for the activation of the association's radio communication network, which it is hoped will go into operation throughout the county early next month.

Three members were named to a building committee to arrange for immediate construction of a radio relay building atop Roxy Ann butte east of town. They are Sam Taylor, Elk Lumber company; Robert Banning, Tractor Sales and Service company, and L. L. Simpson, secretary-manager of the association.

To Add Equipment
The building will be approximately 10 feet square, and of punice block construction with a 60-foot aluminum antenna on top. It will be large enough to permit additional radio equipment to be installed in the future. Elk Lumber company is aiding in the cost of the building so that they may have the use of it later for their own equipment. The firm now operates more than a dozen mobile and stationary sets.

Ed Pease, Trail Creek Lumber company, former association president, was named permanent chairman of the radio committee at the meeting, and Banning was elected vice-chairman.

It is believed the radio network project is the first in the nation undertaken by a private association.

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WE HOPE that your sessions in Medford will be highly successful and your visit here thoroughly enjoyable. Folks here are learning to become good tourist hosts, because southern Oregon is one of the state's most inviting vacation lands. So you'll find citizens here will be glad to help you find the best places to go—the best things to see. Sniders might suggest a few easy, enjoyable trips to make while you are in southern Oregon.

1 A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY. (Driving time—20 minutes.) For a short drive to obtain a panorama of the valley, we recommend a trip to Prescott Park. An 18-mile round trip that offers you a breath-taking vista of the West's most beautiful valley from atop Roxy Ann Peak. All the cities and towns, Camp White Domiciliary Center, orchards, farms, and mountains are exposed to your gaze. Picnic areas are maintained by the city of Medford with tables, fireplaces and running water.

2 JACKSONVILLE, THE SITE OF GOLD DISCOVERIES IN THE 1850's. (Driving time—15 minutes.) The old court house has been converted by the County into a historical museum, with admission FREE. Filled with relics of the pioneer gold-mining era and the Indian War days... a visit here is a "must" for the family. The oldest Protestant Church west of the Rockies still maintains services. The masonic building erected in 1835 houses the oldest Masonic Pillars in Oregon Masonry, shipped around the Horn in 1856. The Odd Fellows Building, built in 1860, with two feet of dirt between roof and ceiling as protection against fire from Indian arrows, is something to view with interest. The Beekman bank which handled over \$31,000,000 in gold dust and nuggets in its early days: Log-town cemetery with its ancient gravestones just a few miles beyond Jacksonville are well worth your time to visit.

3 TOU VELLE PARK ON THE ROGUE. (Driving time—20 minutes.) And we must not overlook mentioning this enticing public park alongside the turbulent Rogue. No nicer spot to spend a summer afternoon. Using this spot as a base of operations for the family you can go after the fighting steelhead.

4 TO LITHIA PARK IN ASHLAND. (Driving time—35 minutes.) Cool and restful, this natural park, constructed and landscaped by Andrew McLaren, the man responsible for the famed Golden Gate Park, features a zoo with many fascinating animals and birds. The kids will love it!

BE A GOOD TOURIST HOST!

TOURISTS ARE OUR GUESTS; WE ARE THEIR HOSTS!

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