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## \$200,000 Spent To Remove Crosses in Honolulu Cemetery

Washington — (U.P.) — The Army spent more than \$200,000 to remove white crosses and install flat stone markers on the graves of 13,000 war dead in Honolulu's National Memorial cemetery, it was disclosed Wednesday.

The change in grave markings last fall has set off a bitter controversy, and a House Interior sub-committee is now considering legislation to force the Army to restore the crosses.

**Would Cost \$33,000**  
 An Army spokesman estimated that it would cost \$33,000 to restore the same type of "temporary" wooden crosses which were on the graves from the time burials began in 1949 until last fall.

He said it would cost about \$740,000 to erect crosses of marble or some other material "more lasting" than wood.

The same spokesman said the flat stone markers now on the graves were bought from the H. E. Fletcher company, West Chelmsford, Mass., for \$13 each. **Transportation \$3.59 Each**

The cost of transporting the markers to the Honolulu cemetery was computed at \$3.59 each.

Fletcher said the markers were made of Chelmsford marble, obtained from a quarry about 30 miles from Boston. His firm sold 12,000 of them to the Army last year.

Officials said regular cemetery laborers installed the markers and took up the wooden crosses. Therefore, they said, it would be impossible to compute the overall cost of putting in the markers.

### Bad Check Suspect Iailed in Grants Pass

Grants Pass — Gerald Walter Ferrel, 25, Grants Pass, was arrested by Josephine county sheriff's officers Monday on suspicion of forgery involving at least seven bad checks passed in business houses and banks in Medford and Grants Pass.

Sheriff Loyd Lewis said Ferrel has admitted the offenses. Largest of the checks, for \$78, was cashed at the Medford branch of the First National Bank of Portland, Lewis said.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

## Pickin' Pears News, Gossip, Comment From Camp White

By L. J. "Tick" Malarkey  
 Camp White's Turnabout party was the most successful ever staged at the domiciliary. Two shows were given—one for the members Friday afternoon, the other for the public in the evening. Refreshments followed the entertainment at night. Every seat in the theater was occupied at the evening's performance and many were standing.

The entire program follows, plus the names of the participants: Orchestra, Art Kenton, Lou Flaherty, Walter Rankin, Gene Crowder, Joe Greco, Bud Higgins and Bill Shufflebarger. A song, "The Shiek of Araby" by Gene Crowder followed the orchestra's opening numbers. Next came Vera Brooks and Bud Higgins in a skit entitled "The Rogue River Vampire."

A "Terpsichorean Ballede" was played by Herbert Ridgely accompanied by Fred Divese. The "Junior Captain" was portrayed by George Parker and Archie McBeth. Then came the voices of Klondike Days Quartet blended in harmony, Carl Krogstodt, Joe Thomas, Archie McBeth and George Parker.

George Eichnor next took the stage and recited "The Shooting of Dan McGrew." "Toot, Toot Tootsie" was next given by Chauncy Page. "The Ghost of Stradivarius" was acted by Bill Tusch.

Serving as waiters at Chow Call and acting as ushers in the theater, were: Hugh Donovan, Charles A. Smith, Hans Sorenson, James I. Cassoll, Dock Morris, Ben Anderson and Bill Wolf.

The show was directed by Marvin Kahn, chief of special services, assisted by Jere Girard and Al Birham of the recreation staff.

Certificate presentations to volunteer workers were made by Paul A. Halton, manager. This Turnabout party was the best ever held and the folks from over town were lavish with their praises.

Gus Johnson was transferred to the Portland VA hospital for specialized treatment. His many friends hated to say "goodbye" to this popular member. Johnson is a World War I veteran and was sent to Camp White from the VA hospital at Walla Walla, Wash. Gus was one of the finest workers with leather who ever occupied a bench in the hobby shop. Using only the finest of materials, his finished products were works of art.

With Ben Swindler playing host, this writer had a fine trip Monday to various grammar schools throughout the county. Ben was making his calls in the interest of the state marble tournament which the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors each spring. Swindler is the Shady Post VFW service officer. Schools called upon were Prospect, Trail-Elk, Shady Cove, Butte Falls and Eagle Point. All of them will participate.

We took time out at Shady Cove to visit with Johnny "Red" Wilson at his busy garage for log trucks. "Red" is a past commander of the VFW Shady Cove post. He is a WW II veteran and has been very active in veteran affairs. At Prospect it was snowing, and with the remnants of a former snow it looked as though there might be quite a bit lying on the ground by the time the new fall was over.

Ladies of the volunteer services staged a very successful dance in the auditorium Monday night. Their groups were very well represented. Art Kenton and his fine Camp White orchestra furnished the music. Refreshments were served during the intermission.

We have a real sign of spring here now. Daffodils are beginning to bloom on the south side of one of the wings. They are beautiful and there must be 100 of them in blossom.

Flowers for the chapel were furnished last Saturday by the Brookings Garden club. They were shipped here by plane and consisted of dozens of daffodils. They were beautiful when placed in vases.

Chaplain Cumisky is holding two lenten services each week. The Catholic chaplain is having the recitation of the rosary on Wednesday evenings and the stations of the cross on Friday nights and they are well attended by the men. Father Lawrence Eskay of Portland, who has relieved Chaplain Cumisky several times here, is now the acting Catholic chaplain at the VA hospital in Portland. Father Bigger, the regular chaplain, is away on a leave-of-absence.

### Cautious Watchman Sleeps; Gun Stolen

Atlanta — (U.P.) — J. E. Eden had a hunch his salvage company would be broken into Monday night, spent the night there armed with a shotgun, awakened to find the shotgun missing.

Wednesday, March 5, 1953

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

## Young Robinson Invites Parents to Second Wedding

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Edward G. Robinson Jr. said Wednesday he will invite his famous actor-father and his mother to his second wedding to actress Frances Chisholm.

The 19-year-old son of the tough-guy film star said he and his bride of a month will be married in a civil ceremony here, probably next week.

**Eloped to Mexico**  
 Young Robinson eloped to Tijuana, Mex., with the 21-year-old television actress February 6, touching off a row with his parents that ended with him getting booted out of the family mansion.

The elder Robinson cut off his son's \$70-a-week allowance and informed him that he would be arrested if he showed up at the family home again.

But when the senior Robinson boarded a plane at Los Angeles International airport Monday night, junior was there to see him off. Young Robinson announced later that he and his father were "friends again."

### Concealing Escapee Results in Trial

Mt. Vernon, Wash. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Mary Wright, 36, Sedro Wooley, will go on trial Thursday on charges of concealing an escaped prisoner.

Mrs. Wright Tuesday pleaded innocent when she was arraigned before Judge W. L. Brickey of the Skagit county Superior Court.

She is accused of harboring Ollie Wiles, who escaped from the Washington State penitentiary while serving a life sentence as a habitual criminal. Authorities said that a sheriff's posse captured Wiles in Mrs. Wright's home last month.

### 108 Relatives To Aid Birthday Celebration

Salt Lake City — (U.P.) — When Mrs. Eva M. Perry of Salt Lake City celebrates her 95th birthday Thursday, she'll receive the homage of three daughters, three sons, 34 grandchildren, 59 great grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

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