

VAVS Will Mark 5th Year of Work in VA Rehabilitation Job

Camp White—Five years of effort in aiding war veterans to return to community life will be reviewed at the meeting Wednesday, May 21, in the Elks temple, Medford, of the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service organization, in a national VAVS ceremony.

More than 60 groups and individuals in this region are identified with the work in programs and contacts with the Camp White domiciliary. They will receive the 1952 certificates of recognition at this gathering. The event is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Mayor is to speak.

Mayor Diamond Flynn is scheduled to deliver an address, and Manager Paul A. Hatton will welcome the group. Marvin R. Kahn, chief of special services and chairman of Camp White VAVS advisory committee, will discuss the progress that has been made.

A report covering the scope of this part of the VA program sets forth the major objectives.

The voluntary service program in VA hospitals presupposes that these stations are an integral part of the community in which they are located, and that patient personnel, as members of that community are the responsibility of the entire citizen body. The report stated:

Association Desired
"It is desired that a healthful association of patient personnel with members of the local community be maintained in order that the patient may restore confidence in himself through this normal association. To obtain this association, it is desired that community life be brought to the VA hospitals and the domiciliary centers and that VA patients and members be brought to the community life."

"The objective of the VAVS plan is to provide a coordinated and integrated volunteer program designed to assist VA personnel, charged with the responsibility of caring for the welfare of veteran patients in aiding and motivating the patients to early recovery and purposeful living."

Starts In 1946
Although volunteers have been assisting in the VA program for veteran patients and Home members since World War I, it was not until April, 1946, that a concerted move was started, following the successful arrangement in operation during World War II to coordinate the effort in a national organization, functioning under advisory committees.

On Feb. 12, 1947, the scope of the VAVS plan was widened to include coordination of volunteer aid in all appropriate phases of the VA hospital program, it is pointed out.

The program for Wednesday evening is as follows:
Invocation, Chaplain Henry

W. Anderson; welcome, Paul A. Hatton, manager; transcribed messages, Gen. Carl R. Gray Jr., administrator of veterans affairs, and Gen. F. R. Kerr, chairman, VAVS national advisory committee; special re-broadcast, President Truman; address, Diamond Flynn, mayor of Medford; remarks, Marvin R. Kahn, chairman, Camp White VAVS advisory committee; presentation of 1952 VAVS organizational certificates of recognition, Paul A. Hatton, Marvin R. Kahn; movie, "Within the Town," a special premier showing; and Benediction, Chaplain John Cummsky.

Ore Pockets Claimed In Southeastern U.S.

Cleveland, O.—(U.P.)—If Jack Heller's advice is ever taken seriously it might start a gold rush to the southeast.

The 54-year-old ex-pro prospector said he's too old to work the mines he knows about, but "I can't stand seeing high-grade ore pockets go undeveloped."

Heller has great faith in the southeastern part of the United States as a regular cornucopia of metals just begging to be emptied.

One possible source of silver is in Cherokee county, S.C., where there's a abandoned lead mine. It was used to supply ammunition for Confederate rifles during the Civil War," he claimed. "... the lead ore had so much silver in it, oldtimers used to say the Yankee soldiers were really shot with silver bullets."

In nearby York county, S.C., Heller said he worked a "sluice box" there and averaged \$2.50 a square yard in his quest for gold.

A deserted mine near Gaffney, S.C., occupied him for a time last summer and he said he found gold nuggets in the "throwaways."

Pearly Clothes Worn By British Tourists

Washington—(U.P.)—The pearly king and queen of London's costermongers (street hawkers) visited Washington arrayed in their dress outfits of 60,000 pearl buttons.

The "Royal" couple, Bert and Rebecca Matthews, are making an 8,000-mile goodwill tour of the United States with a group sponsored by the British Travel association. They travel in three London buses.

The "queen" made and repairs their button-covered clothes. She said it's lucky she brought an extra supply of buttons to America because the "king" keeps losing them off his knees and elbows when he climbs in and out of airplanes, taxis, and buses.

Lengthy Schedule of Work Keeps Young Couple Busy

Tupelo, Miss.—(U.P.)—We're doing it because we want to live rather than exist, these two say.

That is the answer given by one of Tupelo's busiest young couples when their fantastically long and complicated work schedule is reviewed.

To begin with, Ralph Knight is taking 17 semester hours of pre-medical work at Itawamba Junior college, has five afternoon labs a week, is taking night classes in addition, plays in two orchestras, baby sits and cleans house on Saturday.

Wife is Secretary

Meanwhile, his wife, Dot, is secretary to Ruff Motors, keeps house, raises a six-year-old son, takes typing and accounting in night school, and is studying medicine on her own.

"After all," she said, "if my husband is going to be a doctor, I should know as much about it as possible. If I'm going to support the family more or less during the next few years while he goes to medical school, I want to be prepared as much as possible."

It's A Long Struggle

It was a long struggle for the Knights, because they had so far to go. "We've still got a long way ahead of us," he added, "but we're going, all the same."

Neither had yet finished high school when Ralph went into the Army during World War II. "After I got out of the Army, I decided I wanted to be a doctor," Ralph said. "We both set about finding a way."

As far as the Knights are concerned, the way was hard work. Dot went to work and Ralph entered Itawamba High school to finish up two years ago. He hopes to be graduated from Itawamba Junior college in June with scholastic honors, counting the night courses he is taking. Then he hopes to enter medical school.

The couple is making its own way through Ralph's schooling for the present, saving his GI benefits until he enters medical school. A lot of his extra cash comes from playing in two dance orchestras every Saturday night. **Sleep No Problem**
Ralph says he figures his

Maybe Girl's Presence Confused This Driver

Omaha—(U.P.)—The young man helped his girl into the car and stepped on the starter.

When nothing happened, he rolled it down a hill. A passing car gave him a push. Still no luck. A passing taxi stopped to help out, to no avail.

Then the young man rechecked, grinned shamefacedly as he turned the ignition key and drove off.

Chicago—(U.P.)—Chicago has ruled parked cars off busy streets at night. Many other big cities have taken similar action.

Hot Summer Foretold By Bug Barometer

Richfield, O.—(U.P.)—It's going to be a scorching summer this year.

That's the word from Miss Eunice Merton, well-known in the northern Ohio region for her annual weather predictions based on what she calls the "Bang's Corners Bug Barometer."

This year Miss Merton foresees a sweltering summer for a variety of reasons.

The groundhog, she said, was "whistling for his lady"; chipmunks began de-hibernating early; cats were sharpening their

claws on mulberry trees and ewes were birthing twins. Miss Merton also noted that cellar-stored potatoes had six-inch sprouts on them.

All those signs and portents, she said, foretell a hot summer.

THEY COLLABORATE

Somerville, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Louis Oliver has a sow and a bird dog, a setter, who figure turn about is fair play. Each has a litter and the dog and sow each nurse the other's offspring as well as their own.

More than 40,000 boys between 11 to 15 years old compete in the annual Soap Box derby at Akron, Ohio.

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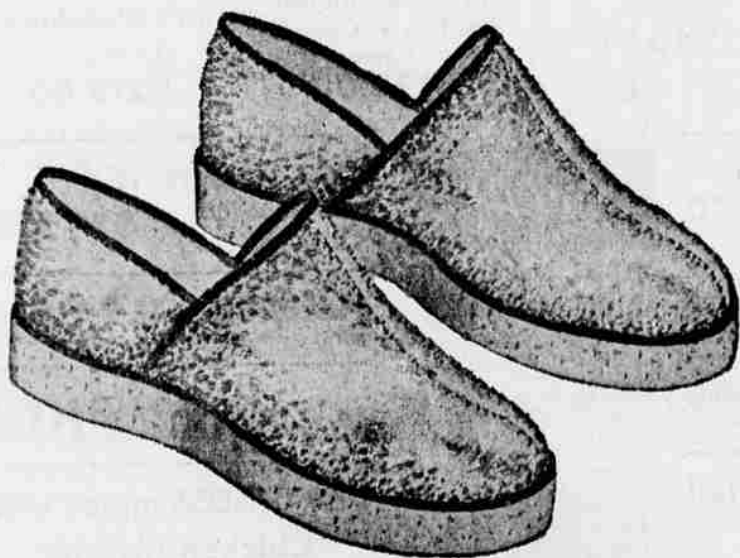
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