

Pickin' Pears News, Gossip, Comment From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
About eight months ago the American Legion auxiliary moved into one of the unoccupied buildings converted into headquarters for the various service organizations, to provide an "on the spot" clearing house for a few odd jobs around the home.

Mrs. Thelma Williams, department hospital chairman of the auxiliary, was put in charge and today her activities are so numerous that it has become necessary for her to move to larger quarters, now in course of preparation.

In addition to providing headquarters for the four Legion auxiliaries (Medford, Ashland, Central Point and Grants Pass) which make periodic visits, Mrs. Williams' office grants small loans.

Men who are temporarily out of funds and drawing pension may "borrow" for incidental necessities. For those who are extremely hard up and worthy, a small cash loan may be advanced until "pay day."

"I have found the veterans to be very reliable in these transactions," Mrs. Williams says. "Of course, I miss out with a few, but I guess that is the way it is in all such undertakings."

She estimates that an average of 125 men are currently using this service.

In addition to this responsibility, Mrs. Williams also handles the cooperative "clothing closet," a clothing service providing men who are in need with

apparel from a stock furnished by contributions from the American Gold Star Mothers and the American Legion auxiliary.

She also handles a picture service, taking orders for photographs made at special functions. "And I also write letters, wrap packages, receive and refer service claims and collect Legion dues," she adds.

The Camp White Veterans Bridge club is especially grateful to the Medford unit of the American Legion auxiliary for donating the monthly prizes awarded first, second and third point winners among member players.

Visiting Camp White this week were members of the VFW auxiliary, including Zuba M. Walker, president, District 7; Vera F. Meyers, senior vice-president, Crater Lake auxiliary; Nora E. Walter, president, Crater Lake auxiliary; Amy Randle, department hospital chairman; Freda Lawrence, past president, Crater Lake 183; Frances Zundel, past president and treasurer, Crater Lake 183, and Ora J. Windus, national area representative VAVS.

William Abbott, VFW post commander, writes from his home at Mount Vernon, Wash., that he is busy working on his new house and is not sure when he will be back. He is doing nicely, he says, and urges the post members to "carry on."

Appreciation of the musical talents of Fred J. Divisek, at the

organ and accordion, is displayed by the large audience on hand for his regular visits with his class of youngsters on the Olsen program.

Herbert C. Ridgely, talented son of an employee in the commissary, was given a radio audition in San Francisco recently. His natural ability before a "mike" or an audience is enhanced by pause and poise.

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The Grange

Eagle Point Grange
At the Eagle Point Grange meeting June 3, C. C. Hoover of Roxy Ann Grange was a visitor and reported for the agriculture committee on the trend of live-stock and produce prices. He also told of the danger from bombs and shells still being found on the Camp White desert.

A square dance for Saturday night, June 7, was announced. Ladies are to bring sandwiches.

It was decided to ask Central Point Grange first and second drill team to come here June 17 and put on degree work for the following candidates: Mr. and Mrs. Will Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Ashire and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

It was decided at the last H.E.C. meeting at the home of Kay Kettlewell, to hold a "Church Sunday," June 22 with all Grangers invited to attend Eagle Point Community church, or one of their own preference, and afterward have a picnic lunch at the Grange hall.

At the close of Grange the chaplain presented a memorial service and also a few numbers honoring Father's day.


Next H.E.C. meeting will be at Leona Watenberg's with Eleanor Jossey as co-hostess, on Thursday, June 28, instead of the last Wednesday, so as not to interfere with the canning school to be held at the high school on June 25.

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