



IN THE SWING—Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, wife of the vice president, keeps time rhythm beat of a native drum during visit to the Palo Secio Leprosarium in Panama. Patients wearing polleras, native Panamanian costumes, are on either side of Mrs. Nixon. The vice president and Mrs. Nixon are on a tour of Central America.

Veterans Domiciliar System 90 Years Old

March 3, 1955, marks the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the forerunner of the Veterans Administration domiciliary homes for veterans.

While the domiciliary program actually had its inception as a result of the Civil War, it has had a varied history, with some 17,000 former members of the armed forces now residing in 17 VA-operated homes throughout the United States. Of those 17,000, some 14,000 served in World War I; about 2,000 in World War II, and the balance in the Spanish-American, Indian Wars and the Korean Conflict.

By law, any veteran who is unable to care for himself, or earn a living, is entitled to admittance.

First Home
The first home was established at Togus, Me., in 1866, but didn't open its doors until 1867. The home was the result of a study by a "Sanitary Commission" which made a study of health conditions of soldiers of the Union. The study revealed the necessity for quick "special relief" to needy and ill soldiers discharged because of wounds and disabilities.

The Commission also studied permanent hospital and medical needs of soldiers, suggesting after a study that municipal governments take care of their own disabled veterans, since it was thought best for the veterans to be near their families.

When the Civil War ended, however, the number of disabled veterans, as well as those unable to cope with civil life, was so great that the "home town" program broke down.

Act of 1865
The Congress acted on March 3, 1865, to authorize the establishment of a National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, which was superseded by a more effective law on March 21, 1866.

After establishment of the Togus home, others were opened at Dayton, O., and Milwaukee, Wis., in 1867. Other homes were established at Hampton, Va., 1870; Wadsworth, Kan., 1884; Sawtelle, Calif., 1888; Marion, Ind., 1890; Danville, Ill., 1898; Johnson City, Tenn., 1903; Hot Springs, S. D., 1907; Bath N. Y., 1929.

In 1930 the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers was made part of the newly formed Veterans Administration. There were 11 in operation at that time.

Since then, six other locations have been added: Bay Pines, Fla.; Whipple, Ariz.; Biloxi, Miss.; Bonham and Temple, Tex.; Martinsburg, W. Va.; Clinton, Ia.; and Camp White, Ore.

At first, domiciliary benefits were available only to totally disabled veterans of the Civil War, but in 1866 eligibility was broadened to include those with any type of service-connected illness or disability.

In 1871, veterans of wars other than the Civil War were admitted, and in 1884, any veteran disabled by age, disease or

any other reason who was incapable of earning a living, could enter, so long as his disability was not incurred in service against the United States.

Elks Will Honor Former Officers

The Medford Elks lodge will observe Past Exalted Rulers night Tuesday, March 3, it was announced Saturday.

The annual event is in honor of those who have held the highest post in the local lodge in the past. A number of them will be present at the event, and several have been designated to serve as lodge officers during the ceremonies.

These include Dr. C. H. Paske, exalted ruler; J. F. Fliegel, esteemed leading knight; Ed Niles, esteemed loyal knight; Carl W. Norris, esteemed lecturing knight; E. C. (Jerry) Jerome, esquire; B. L. Sanderson, chaplain; Ernest L. Scott, secretary; S. E. Philips, treasurer; Murray Gardiner, inner guard, and Arthur Hess, tiler.

Other past exalted rulers will serve as trustees for the evening, and include L. B. Haskins, F. H. Hart, Frank DeSouza, E. W. Winkle, Harvey W. Robertson, W. E. Lantis, C. C. Leonard, Morris B. Leonard, V. W. Kengla, F. H. Van Pelt, V. Aubrey Norris and Gus Neubury.

Driver Cited Following Accident on Highway

Clarence Kris Yost, 38, Talent, was cited for following too close following an accident on Highway 99 near the Alley Brothers mill road, according to state police.

Officers said a pickup driven by Henry William VanHise, 59,

route 3, box 375D, Medford, had halted to make a left turn when it was struck from the rear by the Yost car. Damage was confined to a fender of the car, which had to be towed away, police reported.

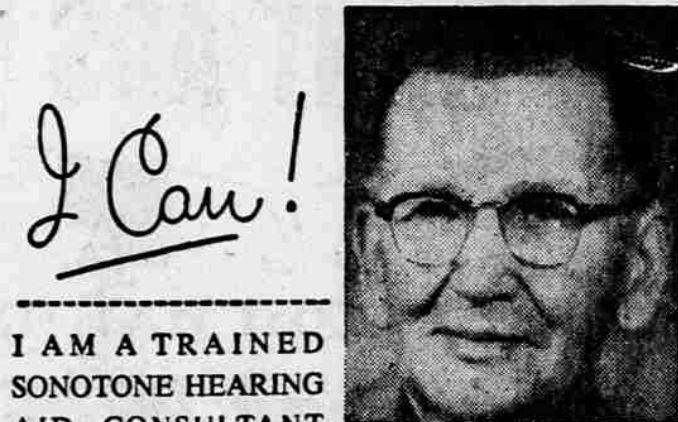
The programs will be broadcast locally by radio station KMGD. The first program will be heard Wednesday, March 2, at 6:15 p.m., and the 12 ensuing programs will be broadcast each week thereafter at the same time.

The first program will feature a story from the life of George Washington during the winter of 1776. It will be entitled "The Winter of Despair."

Other Programs

Following programs will be about Thomas Jefferson's fight to free the press; Chief Justice John Marshall and the steamboat monopoly; DeWitt Clinton's fight for the Erie canal; Horace Mann's campaign for free public schools; Brigham Young's fight for freedom of religion; Abraham Lincoln and the emancipation proclamation; a story of frontier marshal Wyatt Earp; Esther Hobard Morris' fight for women's rights; Samuel Gompers and the birth of organized labor; Scientist George Washington Carver; President Theodore Roosevelt, and an average small American businessman.

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Measures in Oregon Legislature

Salem — (U.P.) — The House has approved a bill that would authorize the State Department of Veterans Affairs to offer mortgage insurance on veterans loans. The insurance would be available to disabled veterans as well as able-bodied borrowers and would be paid by the insured. The bill had been sent back to committee when some members

feared it would put the state into the insurance business. A bill called "The Honest John Bill" was passed and sent to the Senate. It would allow the chancellor of the state system of higher education to spend gift funds without authorization from the legislature. Rep. Orval Eaton (R-Astoria) pointed out that the bill simply would legalize an accepted practice.

New Headlight Authorized

The House passed a bill that would authorize use of a new type, stronger sealed beam headlight on automobiles. Thirty-three states have already authorized use of the new equipment which will become standard on all new cars if the other 15 states pass enabling legislation by next July. Automatic headlight dimmers were also included in the authorization bill which now goes to the Senate.

The House sent back to the Livestock Committee a bill that would have exempted the State Department of Agriculture from normal legal proceedings in filing suits in equity courts to halt the spread of diseases in hogs. The Senate passed a bill that would find any prisoner who had a willful role in killing any person taken hostage at the State penitentiary guilty of first de-

gree murder, punishable by death in the gas chamber. It also would hold any convict who took willful part in holding a hostage liable to a sentence of not less than 20 years and up to life imprisonment.

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill has been introduced in the House that would require the secretary of state to publish in every edition of the voters pamphlet an explanation of voting and registration procedures. It was introduced by Rep. Robert Jensen (R-Portland).

Another elections bill would require voters to sign the poll book when they receive their ballots, attesting to their residency in the precinct. Intentional violation would be a misdemeanor under the proposed law.

A committee bill from the House Highways Committee was introduced to redefine the combined weight term in the weight mileage tax law to mean 170 pounds per seat instead of the present 150, except for transit type vehicles.

A bill cleared through the rules committee for Rep. Herman Chindgren (R-Molalla) would permit counties to issue so-called master warrants to cover short-

funds. The master warrants could be purchased by individuals or banks and repaid from subsequent tax collections. The Lane county delegation put through the rules committee a bill that would give counties

the right of local option to prohibit race meets. The bill would exempt Multnomah county. It contains an emergency clause so that it would become effective immediately on passage and signing by the governor.

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