

TB Case Level Same As Quarter-Century Ago; X-Rays Advised

Though the death rate from tuberculosis has been greatly reduced through the use of new drugs, Jackson county and the state as a whole has just as many active cases of this disease as we had 25 years ago, Dr. A. E. Merkel stated today.

"That is why, as county health officer, I am urging every adult to have an x-ray at either the Community or Sacred Heart hospital during the 'out-patient' clinics," he added. "It is only in this way that we can break the chain of infection and wipe out this completely unnecessary and preventable disease."

The Sacred Heart hospital clinic is available to the public for the first time this Thursday between the hours of 2 and 5

p.m. The Community hospital clinic is open on Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. Both clinics are being operated by the hospitals and the Jackson County Public Health association in a case-finding program. Officials of the Health association emphasized today that it is not necessary to remove clothing to have a chest x-ray, and no appointment is necessary.

School children are being given tuberculin skin tests which indicate whether or not they have come in contact with the germ, Dr. Merkel explained. "If adults will now take advantage of the x-ray facilities provided for them, with the skin testing program we have a good chance of finding the estimated 100 cases which are spreading the disease," he added.



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Pear Blossom Queen Contest Has Entries

A dozen entries in the contest for queen of the Pear Blossom festival, to be held here April 23, have been entered so far, according to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Deadline for entries is April 1. Queen contestants cannot be older than 6 years. A \$5 entry fee for organizations sponsoring queen contestants is being charged to cover expenses of photography and other costs of conducting the contest.

Some 150 local organizations have been mailed entry blanks for the parade to be conducted during the festival. No entry fee is being charged, but the deadline for making arrangements to enter the parade is April 21.

Youngsters participating in the parade cannot be older than 12 years.

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Some illuminating figures were presented at the last VAVS meeting in Medford by Assistant Manager R. H. Denning, covering operations in the Veterans Administration as a whole.

He gave the volunteers these little known facts:

1. The number of employees in the VA has decreased in the past year by 5,000.
2. The new hospital construction program is almost completed.
3. The daily patient load in hospitals of the country averages 106,000, with 17,000 domiciliary members.
4. An increase of 12 per cent is reported in the number of veterans who are receiving treatment outside of VA hospitals, in Nursing Care Homes.

Mrs. Helen Pearson, chief dietitian, has returned from a conference on dietetics in Albuquerque, N.M., attended by all VA dietitians in the 11 western states. She reports that many new ideas for improving the service and saving money were discussed.

Special Services Chief Frank Glonning announces that four used surplus bowling alleys will be transferred from Port Townsend, Wash., to Camp White for use in the recreation program at the station. They should be installed and in use by next fall, he says. Bowling teams among members will then be organized.

Mae Seeley, national VAVS chairman, Navy Mothers Clubs of America, has appointed Mrs. Charlotte Lehman, Medford, as representative, and Mrs. Daisy Reinhart, of Medford, as alternate.

Appreciation has been expressed by the ladies of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, who were in charge of the mailing of nearly 20,000 Easter Seals in the campaign to "Help Crippled Children," for assistance rendered by the domiciliary members.

The job of stuffing the envelopes with seals and literature was completed last week. The members who assisted Mrs. Howard Phillips, mailing chairman, were Ben Anderson, Arch W. Button, H. Careswell, Don Cirkot, Hugh Ector, Leo S. Kean, Percy L. King, Benton MacPherson, Howard Schoonmaker, Elmer Thomas, Robert F. Wilhelm, Henry Williams and William H. Wolfe.

Other members of the sorority group in charge were Mrs. Roy Howe, Mrs. Lyman Smith, Mrs. Russell Roseborough and Mrs. Chester Peterson. Mrs. Charles Jones, chapter president, is acting as Easter Seal chairman for Jackson county.

Thelma Williams, American Legion Auxiliary representative,

Camp White Needs Revealed by VA

The \$276,760 listed by a Congressional committee this week as being needed at the Camp White Veterans Administration domiciliary center is for four projects, it was learned here today.

A United Press story from Washington said the committee had said that renovations at Oregon's three veterans facilities, at Portland, Roseburg and Camp White, totaled \$4,191,560.

The Camp White job listed for the fiscal year 1955-57 is a laundry and conversion of Building 235, at an estimated cost of \$250,000, and for the year following, a cafeteria counter, \$5,000; concrete slab for coal storage, \$13,700, and a greenhouse, \$8,000.

The list of estimates was presented to the committee by the VA office in Washington.

Unbudgeted Funds Go To Welfare Pot

Salem—(U.P.)—The Ways and Means Committee of the state Senate yesterday authorized use of \$396,641 in unbudgeted funds to prevent further cuts in welfare funds during the next biennium.

Sen. George Ulett said the state would lose about \$600,000 in federal matching funds if the money was not made available, making necessary a 10 per cent cut in all welfare categories. Multnomah and Washington counties recently had welfare funds cut by as much as 50 per cent because of a shortage of funds.

Study of Columbia Bridge Plan Stated

Olympia—(U.P.)—The State Toll Bridge authority yesterday hired Wilbur Smith and associates of New Haven, Conn., to make a traffic engineering study on the proposed second Columbia river bridge between Vancouver and Portland.

Cost of the survey was listed at \$4,500. The TBA also discussed arrangements for a meeting of officials of the Oregon highway department, Sherman county, Ore., and Klickitat county, Wash., officials to work out details on a four-way agreement to study the feasibility of a bridge across the Columbia river at Biggs rapids.

Both bridge studies were authorized by the legislature.

has been receiving numerous letters complimenting the men for the fine poppies made this year. Emma Pearce, Salem unit secretary, writes: "The poppies arrived safely and have been checked and stored for our 'big day.' It will be a joy to offer these poppies to the public as they are beautifully made and assembled."

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