

System of 'Guilds' Develops in Camp White Handicraft Pursuits, Preparations Made for Annual Hobby Showing

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Camp White—The "old world" tradition of crafts and guilds dominates the activity in arts, crafts and hobbies of members at Camp White.

Approximately 100 men at various times are engaged in some craft or lucrative pursuit. While the program comes under supervision of the medical and special services division of the Veterans Administration domiciliary, the natural inclination of the men to form "guilds" for congeniality and mutual assistance, is noticeable. These include woodworking, copper and leather work, weaving, painting and gem work, and flower making.

Classes for Beginners
As in any well organized craft system, there are schools for beginners. These have been established with volunteer instructors in art, novelties, flower making and lapidary.

"Smoky" Hines is the general supervisor in arts and crafts where the new members start in. He is adept at a number of skills and helps the men to get started. He represents the members in their problems and gripes.

"Bud" Ash, a trained therapist, is in charge. He maintains order and provides the tools, machinery and materials as well as the place to work. There are rules that must be followed both in arts and crafts and in the Hobby shop, and each "guild" assists in acquainting new men with the code, as well as the difficulties encountered in mastering a craft.

Have Typewriters

The writing guild has now been provided with typewriters, and a place to use them, in the arts and crafts building. They also have the editorial offices of Dominews as a place to congregate, and hash over the merits of any particular writing style or achievement.

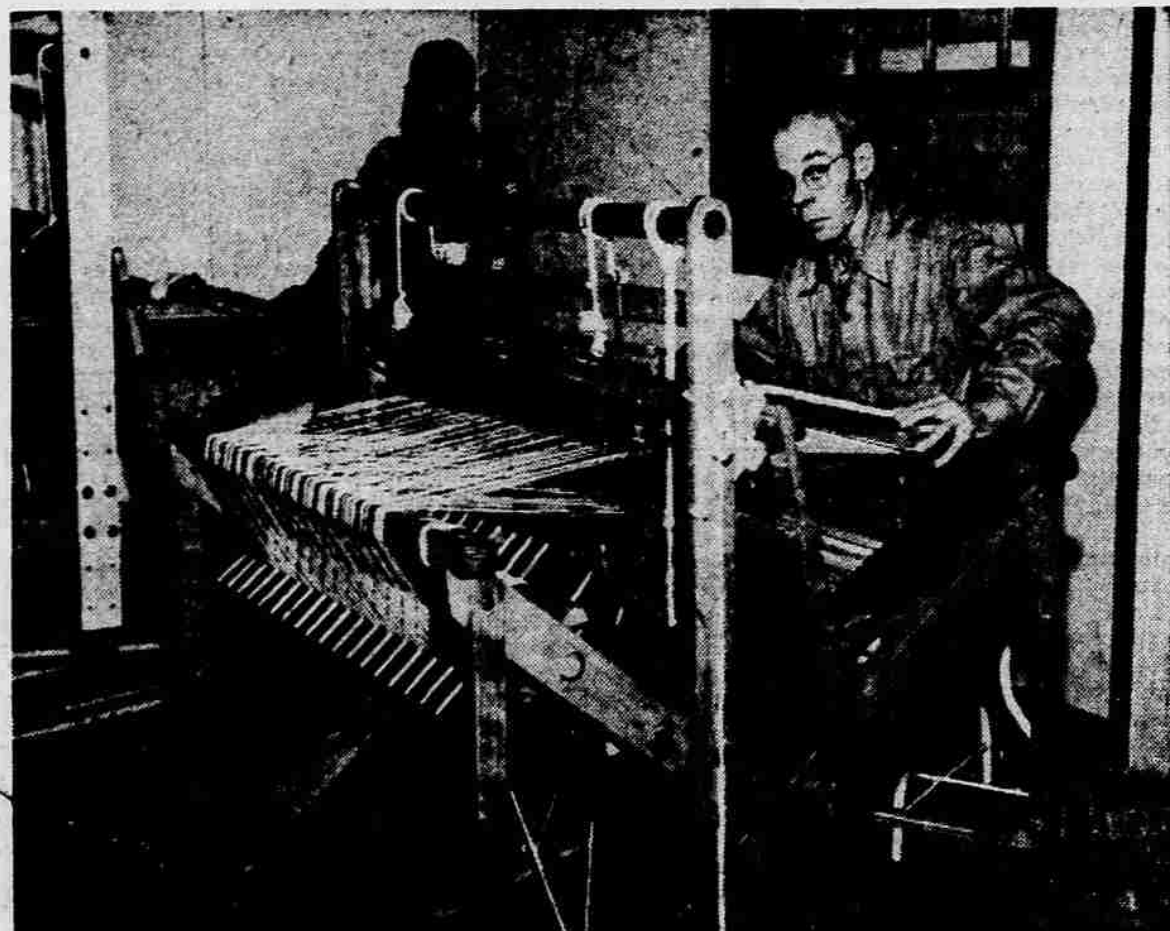
There has never been a time when artists have been lacking at Camp White. Some of them have had exceptional talent for painting, sketching, or other activities calling for artistic ability.

A class has been meeting each week to receive instruction from Vola Tolman, a member of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists. There was an exhibition of their work at the Medford Art Center during April.

Flower Making

Another class allied with art has been that of flower making. The corsages made by this group appear real in every respect but fragrance. Mrs. Audrey Sims, Medford, for some time conducted this class. Now Asa Kimball, one of the experts among the Home members, has volunteered to give instructions to those interested in this kind of creative work. The poppy making, generally during the winter months, is a preliminary step in the more advanced flower making art.

When any member feels he has mastered a craft, he is entitled to move over to the Hobby shop, a place set apart for men



WEAVING AMONG MANY CAMP CRAFTS

The weavers shown at their looms are only two of some 100 or more members of Camp White who are devoted to various arts and crafts, developed at the Veterans Administration domiciliary for the benefit of the residents there. Culmination of the years work in the arts and crafts department, and the hobby shop, is the annual hobby show which this

year will be May 22 in the theater building. The public is invited to inspect the wide varieties of handicraft, which include everything from mats and weaving to woodwork and metal craftsmanship. The "guild"-like groups which have grown up among the Camp White craftsmen are described in the accompanying article by the Mail Tribune's Camp White correspondent.

White Rock club, and was put on a paying basis by Leland Green and Hans Sorenson, with their lapidary and gem shop, where rings, brooches, ear pendants and numerous other items, were made by these experts.

Still Runs Shop
Green still runs the shop and continues to handle odd jobs for the members. He has been a consistent winner at Hobby fairs with his fine collection of finished and semi-finished specimens of stones found in this part of the country.

Another "old timer" among the professional craftsmen is Deane Stewart. Deane is an artist in his finger tips, which he also uses, on occasion, to play the piano. He has a stall in the Hobby shop where he works with sheet copper, to bring out embossed figures, scenes and effects. This special art he has developed profitably, as one of the disabled company determined to overcome their handicaps.

Stewart comes from Seattle. His son is an artist with one of the leading advertising agencies there. Deane will no doubt display one of his Eisenhower portraits in copper at the Hobby Fair this month. He has made a feature of this effort lately. His work adorns the walls of several service organizations and clubs in Medford.

Youngest Member
George W. Lord is probably the youngest member of the Home. It is certain that he is the sole representative of the youngest war at Camp White. He was badly shattered when he arrived while the Korean conflict was in full swing. He stayed for weeks beside his bed and refused to talk to anyone other than the doctor.

One day, Dr. Schulz, then chief medical officer, began to tell him about arts and crafts and what the men were making over there.

"I can't do anything like that," Lord argued.
"What makes you think you can't? I'm putting you on detail there; now let's go over and find something you'd like to do."

That was the beginning of one of the most remarkable transformations of skill in spite of handicap that has been made at Camp White or elsewhere.

Tricks His Hand
Lord watched the men working at weaving small mats and thought he would try that. He

made several nice looking ones and showed them around. Everyone was amazed that he had done so well.

"I think I could operate one of those looms," he told Recreation Director Franklin Girard one day, having become fascinated by the manner in which rags and pieces of silk and cloth of different colors form a pattern when completed that becomes a marketable article.

George tried his hand at weaving at a loom and after learning the craft, decided to go in business for himself. He bought his own loom and went into partnership in the Hobby Shop, where the team turns out numerous saleable and attractive rugs.

John Sharp has an interesting story, if he can be persuaded to tell it. But being a newspaperman, he prefers telling stories about what other people do.

Tricks Crafts
Sharp wanted to do something in craftsmanship as a hobby. For a while he tried designing sport coats, being somewhat adept with a needle and scissors. His flair for design led him to try another medium — myrtlewood which was being fashioned into lamps, novelties and articles of furniture.

Sharp has been turning out smart pieces in wood for a number of years now. He invented a magazine rack that is convenient and useful as well as ornamental.

He is now specializing in novelty lamps for desk or bedroom, equipped with electric clocks and other modern conveniences and attachments. He has put them up for sale and has invested rather heavily in time, effort and money to make them works of art—which they are.

Only Old Training
It is quite an achievement for a newspaperman to become a cabinet maker, and Sharp claims he had nothing more than manual training at grade school to fall back on when he turned to tooling and finishing his woodwork. All of his creations he designs himself.

Sharp comes from Salt Lake City, where he did most of his newspaper work on the Salt Lake Tribune. His great-grandfather and grandfather, under contract, constructed the first two railroads in Utah, and the tunnel work of the Union Pacific railroad. Perhaps his talent traces to this source.

Incidentally, Sharp is one member of the armed forces who

was with the 91st Division at Camp White during the last war.

At present, the various groups and members are busy putting the finishing touches on some of their recent efforts to exhibit in the Hobby fair, to be held Sunday, May 22, in the theater building.

This event is one to which they look forward during the year, when the opportunity to gain recognition for their work is afforded. The fair was scheduled for April 17, but due to the epidemic of flu at camp, the show was postponed.

Elaborate Preparations

Elaborate preparations were made to publicize the fair throughout the valley, and the committee in charge has been able to give extra attention to the promotion of interest in the interim.

Cliff Howard of the Elks is general chairman, with Bud Ash, of Special Services, as coordinator of arrangements. Austria Barneburg is chairman of the awards committee; Helen Lusk is chairman of publicity; Charlotte Lehman, refreshments committee; Thelma Williams, reception committee, and Frieda Lawrence, decorations.

The three judges were selected from nearby schools, and include Don McGovern, art teacher at Eagle Point High; Varne Voss, shop instructor at Medford Junior High, and O. J. Wilder, art teacher at Southern Oregon college, Ashland.

A special room has been set aside where the exhibitors can establish stalls for the sale of their articles. This will permit each exhibit at the Fair to remain intact. In the past, many of the best items have been sold before the public, which is invited to the Fair, have had an opportunity to view the display.

Another feature this year will be the hobby exhibit of personnel, which, however, will not be eligible for prizes.

Air View of Valley Attractive to Flier

Tourists and visitors to the Rogue valley have been attracted here in a number of different ways, but the Chamber of Commerce last week reported a new one.

The chamber received a letter from a serviceman, who said: "Recently I had the pleasure of flying over your city and the surrounding area on a flight to Salem. I was very impressed with the beauty and expanse of the country, and particularly the abundant streams and rivers which appear to provide excellent fishing and recreation."

He asked for folders and information on fishing, points of interest and accommodations, and added that he, his wife, and their 16 year old son plan to vacation here.

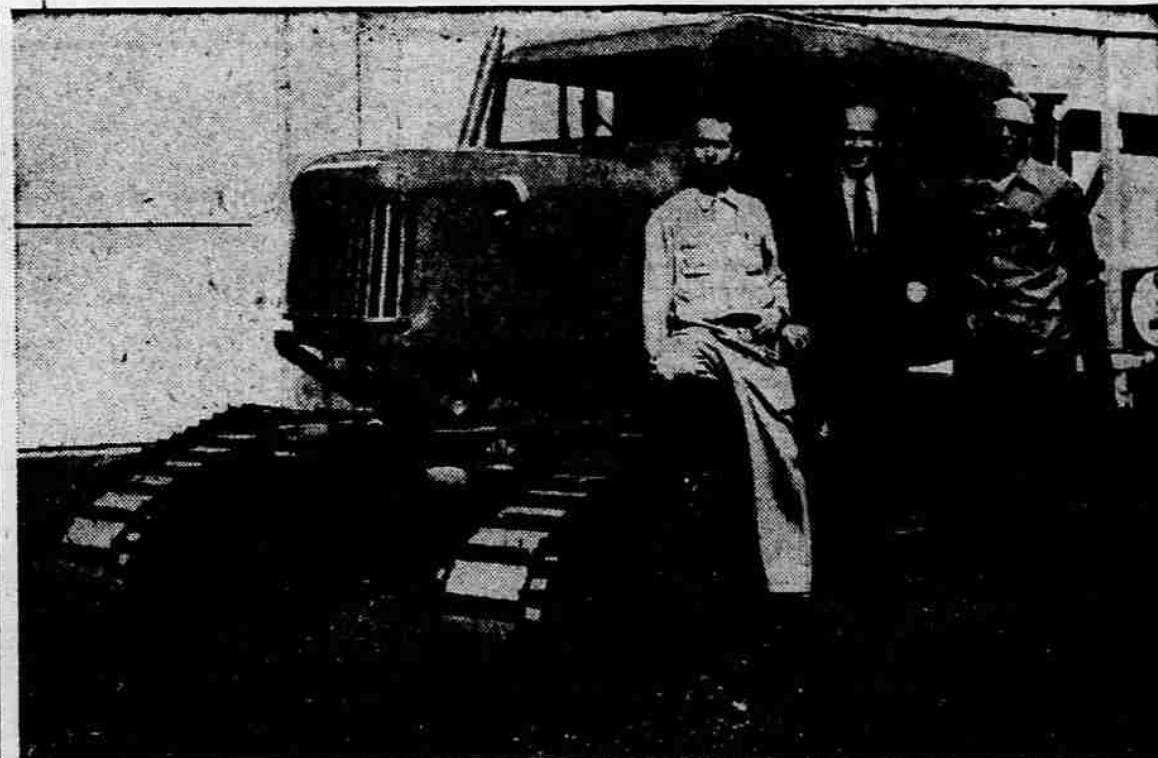
Despite Lack of Rainfall, Fruit Growers Welcoming Warm, Sunshiny Weather

Despite the fact that rainfall has been below normal in the valley this year, most fruit growers of the area are glad to see the current spell of warm, sunny weather. Don Berry, county horticultural agent, said yesterday.

He stated that the warm weather is "very welcome" because it shortens the blossom period, which is a susceptible time for blight in the orchards. As long as days are warm and dry there is also less likelihood of scab infections, Berry pointed out.

When daytime temperatures are high, it is normally not necessary to heat orchards at night, Berry reported. Temperatures are not likely to fall to the danger point when they go as high as 72 degrees in the day, he said. He added, however, that there have been exceptional occasions when temperatures reached 76 in the daytime and dropped to freezing level at night.

Most fruits of the area, according to Berry, have just passed the stage of full bloom. Most varieties of pears and peaches and apricots are in this



BUYS SNO-CAT FOR TIMBERLINE—Shown above, center, is Richard Kohnstamm, who recently started operation of Timberline lodge, on Mt. Hood. Kohnstamm has purchased a Sno-Cat, oversnow vehicle, for use

at the lodge; from Tucker Sno-Cat company, Medford. With him are J. Morris Tucker, manager of Tucker Sno-Cat, left and E. M. Tucker, president, right. They are pictured with one of the oversnow vehicles.

Sno-Cat Purchased For Timberline Use

Richard Kohnstamm, new operator of Timberline lodge on Mt. Hood, has purchased a Sno-Cat and trailer from Tucker Sno-Cat company, Medford, according to E. M. Tucker, president.

The Sno-Cat, a Model 443 with a 115 horsepower Chrysler engine and a four-pontoon double drive mechanism, will be used to transport skiers to Palmer snow field, on Mt. Hood.

The old ski tows will be out of commission while Kohnstamm's new concern is refurbishing them. The Sno-Cat can be used to haul as many as 35 or 40 people, and the trailer will carry 10.

Kohnstamm also is erecting a \$100,000 chair lift which will have a capacity of 900 skiers per hour.

Local Lions Speak At Jacksonville

Jacksonville —Larry Neeley and Leland Knox, members of Medford Lions club, were guest speakers at the seventh anniversary dinner of the Jacksonville Lions club at the high school here Thursday night.

About 45 members and their wives attended the dinner, which was served by the Jacksonville Parent-Teacher association.

Neeley spoke on Lionism and what it means to the community and the club itself, and Knox spoke on finances of the Lions International. Other Medford guests included Willard Buchanan and Eston Humphrey.

The club announced that more than \$134 was turned over the Band Boosters club for purchase of uniforms for the Jacksonville high school band. The amount was raised at a Lions carnival recently.

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