

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Minnie Bryant has been busy this week assembling material for her "History of Camp White," which will be brought up to date after the revision made a year ago.

Few people are in a better position to relate the story of Camp White than this tireless social worker of Medford, WCTU state director in the department of soldiers and sailors, and a charter member of American Legion Post 15 auxiliary.

She started looking after the boys when the Army was camped here, and continued her work after the Navy took the hospital which now accommodates the Veterans Administration demilitary center.

Minnie Bryant started her special mission for the demilitary men about four years ago. In 1953, she decided to publish a mimeographed story about Camp White today. The idea grew out of the numerous requests for information from the soldiers and sailors she knew, when they were here.

The pamphlet, which she pays for herself, is running close to 1,000 copies. She has mailed them to WCTU organizations throughout the country, and is sending the latest issue to the convention at Long Beach, Calif., in August. Copies were sent to the meeting at Lexington, Ky., last year.

Response from this unusual publicity effort has brought inquiries from churches and families affiliated with the WCTU, concerning how they might help in her work at Camp White, as a member of the Legion auxiliary.

Minnie Bryant knew what was needed most, and what could be supplied by the women on her mailing list. She told them to send lap robes, table covers, laundry bags, Christmas and other greeting cards, and they have been arriving by the hundreds from California and Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

One lady sent a beautiful afghan, which some lucky member received. She has just received two quilts from a lady 85 years old. All of the items are hand made by old and young alike.

Minnie Bryant is well acquainted with many families in this area. One of her activities calls for visiting the homes in the community to conduct the school census. The regular school census is made once a year, but

a continuing count is kept to ascertain the number of children of school age in the family of new arrivals.

There are few families in this valley who don't know of the work Minnie Bryant is doing, and they assist her in many ways, and furnish her with a vivid cross section of the vicissitudes of life. Only once in her experience, she says, has any mother stated her desire to keep her child out of school.

She has been engaged in recent weeks with arrangements in connection with the Legion poppy poster contest in the Medford public schools, an annual affair, conducted nationally. The winning posters are now being shown in Medford, she stated.

"We handled the Army and Navy housing bureau, under sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce, for families of servicemen during the war," she relates. "And we made it a rule never to turn anyone away in all of this time." This, she admits, was sometimes a difficult assignment for the WCTU households offering assistance. She could write another book about these experiences, but they will have to remain a part of the legend of the times.

Her work here now is largely with the American Legion, and every post in the state knows about Camp White from the history she is writing each year.

Two Medford Boys Named Counselors

Corvallis — Fred DeVos, Jacksonville, and David Kelso of Medford have been selected as 2 of 13 junior counselors for Beaver Boys State June 12 to 18 at Oregon State college.

DeVos and Kelso attended last year's State meeting and were picked for counselor posts on the basis of outstanding performance during the week's camp.

As a counselor, he will assist camp leaders in the organization of the camp and in carrying out the week's citizenship training program.

Nearly 500 boys from every section of the state are expected to attend this year's 19th annual camp. To further the training in government and citizenship, boys are organized into city, county and state groups with each one holding office. The age limits are 15 to 18.

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WEARING traditional kimono, Mitsuko Kimura, 22, film star, arrives in San Francisco by Japan Air Lines to complete scene consisting of one kiss which she refused to enact in Japan during shooting of film because it violated Japanese custom. (International)

Four Brothers Die In Fire at Home

Los Angeles —(U.P.)— Four brothers, the oldest aged 4, were burned to death last night when their 10-year-old half sister accidentally set fire to some rags while searching for a diaper with a lighted candle.

Parents of the victims, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Franklin, were at a movie when the tragedy occurred at the garage apartment in the Watts area.

The 10-year-old girl, Margie, was pulled to safety by neighbors who were unable to save the tots, Leroy Jr., 4, Billy Ray 3, Lewis Lee 2, and Michael, 4 months.

The grief-stricken Negro parents explained they lacked money to pay the electric bill and that for the first time in months they had gone out of the house to a movie.

Existence of Anti-Polio Vaccine Said No Cause to Be Careless

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

New York—(U.P.)—Polio specialists are afraid the mere existence of the Salk anti-polio vaccine will make some people careless about polio, which would be too bad because polio is not something to toy with.

When some one is about to come down with polio, there usually is fever. The fever may be accompanied by headache, lassitude, sweating, nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea.

During the summer polio season, fever in combination with any of the others is justification enough for calling a doctor. If there also is sore throat or stiff neck or back, walk fast when you walk to the phone.

When it comes to deciding whether a slight illness is the beginning of a polio case, doctors divide the polio possibilities into three categories—abortive, non-paralytic, and paralytic.

There isn't much doubt about the full-blown paralytic case for very long. These cases proceed quickly into paralysis which may be temporary. But there may be much doubt about abortive and non-paralytic cases.

Vague Symptoms
The truth is that the first signs may be almost anything. The ill person doesn't feel well. The symptoms are vague; a doctor can't say positively what it is which produces fever and "general malaise."

The patient seems to get well. But four to seven days later, he is hit again and this second time the central nervous system may be involved with the danger of permanent paralysis.

Usually this does not happen in abortive or non-paralytic cases, but it can. This is why any vague illness during the polio season should be looked at and watched by a skilled and knowing person.

The chances are that polio is not the cause. But when there are quite a few polio cases in the community, these chances are lessened. The summer polio season has already started in the Deep South and is moving northward.

Polio specialists estimate that up to 90 per cent of all polio illnesses are abortive. Indeed,

the signs are often so very mild they're not even noticed. But abortive cases produce healthy "carriers" of polio viruses.

Personal Hygiene Rules
They excrete viruses which in another human body may cause paralysis or even death. Therefore, the rules of personal

hygiene and ordinary sanitation should be observed most rigidly during polio seasons.

Sudden chilling is bad. So is violent exercise by persons unaccustomed to it, or anything which brings about inordinate fatigue. These things have been known to make latent viruses active.

But people should be calm and live their accustomed lives, polio specialists said. They warn against "poliophobia" as well as against polio. Poliophobia is the illness of a person who is so afraid of polio, fear alone makes him ill. In extreme cases, there may even be paralysis, along with fever and other symptoms. It's amazing what a mind that is being powered by hysterical fear, can do to its body.

Prospect Concert Raises Over \$200 Tuesday Evening

Prospect — A "highly successful" concert by the Prospect school music department was held here Tuesday evening. Proceeds from the event, more than \$200, will go into a fund for the purchase of band uniforms and robes for the chorus.

Between 200 and 250 people, a number of them from outside the immediate area, attended the event, which was sponsored by the High School music club. Darrell Langevin conducted.

Groups performing included the beginning band, the grade school chorus, the high school band, swing band and chorus. The concert lasted about 1½ hours.

Receives Award
Gary Dickenson was awarded the John Philip Souza band award at intermission. The honor each year goes to the top band student of the year. Other nominees for the award were Steven Hoag and Darwin Bean.

The newly-made choir robes, made by members of the Parent-Teacher association with funds earned by students, were worn. Director Langevin was presented a portable radio by student members of the music club during the evening.

Cake and coffee were served following the concert by students. Langevin expressed his thanks to the community for the cooperation the school has received in building the music department. He said that without the support shown by "practically everybody" the achievement would not have been possible.

Winds Again Delay Juan de Fuca Swim

Victoria, B. C. —(U.P.)— Strong winds forced the postponement of Bert Thomas' attempt to swim the Strait of Juan de Fuca for the second day in a row last night.

The disappointed Tacoma logger reluctantly called off his bid for the second day running when late weather reports showed unexpected winds of up to 25 miles per hour blowing across the strait.

Weather permitting, Thomas will make his attempt beginning at 9 p.m. today.

The husky ex-Marine frogman has been plagued by bad weather ever since he came here 12 months ago to train for the 18-mile marathon to Port Angeles.

Lowry on Committee For Education Board

Salem —(U.P.)— State Senate President Elmo Smith today announced appointments to an interim committee that will confirm appointments to the State Board of Higher Education.

Members are: Sen. Howard Belton, Canby; Eugene Allen, Portland; Philip Lowry, Medford; J. O. Johnson, Tigard; Truman Chase, Eugene; and Mark Hatfield, Salem.

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