

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

VERMIN LETS THE BILLS ACCUMULATE FOR AGES AND FINALLY PAYS UP ON THE LAST DAY OF THE CURRENT MONTH—

SO THE MAILS CROSS, AND HE GETS ANOTHER DUNNING LETTER ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE NEXT MONTH—



Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Birch have represented Steelhead Post and Auxiliary of the VFW at Camp White for a number of years. They have been members of the Shady Cove Post since 1952, and participated in all VFW affairs at their headquarters here.

During the past two years, Mrs. Birch has been hospital chairman for the department, in charge of the entire auxiliary program at the domiciliary, as the VAVS representative. It has been an active two years, and much has been accomplished through the cooperation shown by this group, and the enthusiasm manifested in every undertaking.

Lelia Birch was appointed hospital chairman in June of 1953. It was a year of transition at Camp White, and at the very start of her term she took the lead in providing entertainment and the facilities provided by the CFW for the welfare of the men.

One of the first gestures made was the formal presentation of the pioneer TV set, donated by the Steelhead Auxiliary, and placed in the Green Room. This was followed by the department set installed in the theater. Manager Ricker was on hand to accept these gifts for the VA.

Mrs. Birch has been first in so many of the innovations of this busy two year period, that it is difficult to keep the record of her achievements. Her group was first to volunteer for the ward work in games and programs. When the dances, usually held every Monday night fell by the wayside, her auxiliary sponsored arrangements for two scheduled dances a month, a fea-

Increase Seen for Production of Paper

Portland — (U.P.) — Total production of the Northwest's paper industry should jump 55 per cent in the next decade, J. D. Zellerbach corporation, told the Portland Chamber of Commerce members forum.

He added that this would provide 37,000 jobs and an annual payroll of one hundred, seventy-five million dollars.

The head of the nation's largest pulp and paper manufacturing firm also said the wood industries will see an increasing shift of emphasis from lumber to other forest products in the years ahead.

Japanese Weathermen Blame H-Bomb Tests

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Japanese meteorologists are claiming H-bomb tests for last year's cool summer, warm winter and other weather shenanigans.

The scientists of the government Meteorological Research Institute claimed the tests caused the jet stream over Japan to shift to the south last summer and to the north last winter.

YOUNG YEGGS HELD

Chicago — (U.P.) — Two of the police department's youngest burglars on record, boys 5 and 6 years old, confessed they broke into a barber shop and took \$17.34 from a cash register. A police officer asked the 5-year-old if his father didn't give him an allowance. He was told, "yes, but not enough."

ture of the program during the past year.

When the quarantine was lifted a month ago, the ladies of the auxiliary were on hand at 11 o'clock, the hour the quarantine ended on that "good" Friday. It happens that Friday is the VFW day at Camp White, when candy and other items are passed around to the members in one section of the buildings.

It has just been learned that Mrs. Lelia Birch has been elected president of her auxiliary and she is now making her report for the year as hospital chairman. She has some very interesting things to report. In the first place, she has 96 VFW volunteers on her list. Gifts last year were contributed by 61 of the auxiliaries, 9 of them from California, and one from Washington.

Among the features in their program is the making of Christmas baskets, to be distributed among the members and the personnel alike. Her associates have started work on these novelties for the next Christmas event. They are ingeniously made and filled with fruit and nuts and candy.

Another innovation at Camp White is the CFW gift room, set aside for the auxiliary to furnish gifts for the men to send to their families. This project was started last year and 270 gifts were offered, wrapped and mailed at the request of members interested.

In addition to these extra duties, the VFW auxiliary sponsors two of the birthday parties each year, and a number of variety shows on the regular program of events. The April birthday party had to be cancelled but a special party was arranged for them this Tuesday night by the auxiliary.

Mrs. Birch also serves on various committees, including the picnic park committee. She has attended every VAVS meeting during her term. She is now interested in the encouragement of singing by the men who attend her ward parties.

She has plans for a Field Day event on Labor Day, and is working out the details with Special Services Chief Frank Glonning at the present time. It will effectively round out the summer of outdoor games, now getting started, including croquet, shuffleboard, horseshoes, and some that are being added to the card. Prizes will be provided by the auxiliary.

With such a record, it would be natural to inquire what type of individual this live wire lady of the VFW Auxiliary really is. No one meeting her for the first time can understand how she does it. And being quiet and unassuming, no one is likely to know. She lets the rest speak for themselves. She did give away one secret and it is this: She started in without any experience whatever. She had never belonged to any organization before she joined the VFW Auxiliary at Shady Cove. Her home is in Medford, but before coming to Oregon she lived at Centralia, Washington. "You can say, however, that I was born in Curry County, Oregon," she was quick to add. "I had no previous experience of this sort, unless working in a real estate office can be called such experience. I like the work, as we all do, because we feel that we are doing something worthwhile. And we do try, in all that we do for these men in the Home and the Infirmary."

April Bond Sales Triple Those in '54

Sales of U. S. savings bonds in Jackson county were more than three times as large during April, 1955, as they were during the same month of 1954, according to figures released today by Morris Leonard Sr., county bond sales chairman.

Last month, sales amounted to \$136,093, compared to \$38,645 in April, 1954. Sales last month brought this year's total for the first four months of 1955 to \$436,937, compared with \$328,314 for the same period of 1954.

Statewide, April sales were almost double those of a year ago. This year's total for the month was \$4,123,936, compared with \$2,456,477 in April, 1954. Sales for the first four months of 1955 throughout the state were \$17,394,816, compared with \$12,526,576 in the same period of 1954.

During the first four months of this year, Jackson county ranked ninth among the state's 36 counties in the amount of bond sales.

CLEAN WINDOWS

Wausau, Wis. — (U.P.) — Charles Fiet nursed a cut on his nose and explained to friends he got it when he walked right through a plate glass window in the new Marathon County courthouse. "The glass was so clean I didn't see it," he said.

River Transportation Enters New Era in Pacific Northwest

Walla Walla — (U.P.) — The future of river transportation has entered a bright new era in the Pacific Northwest and it may not be long until boats and barges ply the Columbia-Snake river system from the coast to Wenatchee and Lewiston, Ida.

This is the belief of Herbert C. West, executive vice president of the Inland Empire Waterways Association, who says the day of the 10,000-ton cargo haul on the system is just around the bend.

"After John Day Dam is completed, ocean-going barges will be able to navigate safely with full cargoes all the way to Ken-

newick and Pasco on the McNary pool," he says.

"Construction of locks in the proposed Priest Rapids Dams on the Columbia east of Yakima, plus minor clearing of shoals just above the McNary Dam reservoir backwater, would make river navigation to the doorstep of Wenatchee a reality," he says.

The Coast Guard already is studying the feasibility of installing navigation markers on the Snake so full-scale barge traffic can be conducted from Lewiston to the river's confluence with the Columbia near Pasco.

West points out the future of port districts on the Columbia-Snake system east of Vancouver is tied up directly with improvement of navigation conditions and with how barge operators feel about increasing the size of the cargoes they haul.

Increased Cargoes Seen

At least one company looks forward to increased cargoes. Most firms have been using barges with a capacity of from 500 to 1,000 tons, but Inland Navigation Company is building bigger ones.

Its "Kiska Island," largest barge ever put into service on the Columbia, was launched in March. It is a former LST—landing ship tank—hull 327 feet long with a dry cargo capacity of 4,600 tons.

The Dalles because of the necessity of reducing loads to maintain a minimum draft necessary over the Columbia's treacherous channel," a company spokesman says.

The company also says it has equipment and shallow-draft barges capable of navigating the Snake to Lewiston. The spokesman says some shoal clearing and establishment of navigation markers would provide six to eight months of access to the rich agricultural region of eastern Washington.

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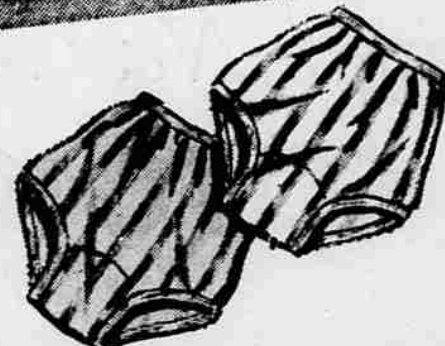
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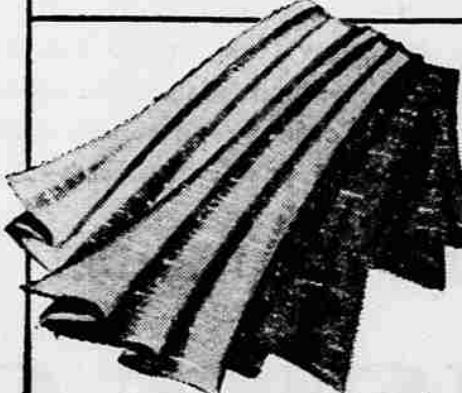
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