

### Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By L. J. "Tick" Malarkey  
 "Rocky" Farlinger, who finds the unexpected in his numerous jaunts around the Camp White region searching for agates, hit the jackpot this week with one he lugged all the way from Antelope creek. He was about to throw it out after hanging on to it for a month or more. "Just bull agate," he thought. Then he decided to give it a whirl and sawed off several slices. What he found was iris of a very fine quality and the number of slices estimated in the stone at prevailing values makes the item worth at least \$200.

George Walker, Company A, is confined to the infirmary. George prior to entering the VA hospital in Portland five years ago — from where he was transferred to Camp White — was employed by the Longview Fibre company at Longview, Wash. His brother Fred is also on the station and is a member of Company I. Fred has been retired by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. The Walkers are the only brother team that we know of who are in The Home. George is improving in the infirmary and expects to be released from there soon.

"Handsome Harry" Carswell recently was granted a discharge and headed for his home state of Nevada. Harry had a wide acquaintance among the men here. He was a proof reader on Dominews and during his working days "on the outside" he was a printer. It was his boast that he had been employed in every state of the Union, his plans were indefinite but it is a good bet that when the chill of the first fall rains begin "Handsome Harry" will head back to the Rogue valley.

We always get a "kick" from a visit to the station's barber shop presided over by Herman Priem who makes his home in Sams Valley. There is a friendly, good-natured atmosphere and Herman is now assisted by "Razor Jack" Turner who is a member of Camp White. Jack and Herman are kept very busy through the day but seem to take things in stride and never get "out of sorts."

Priem's "thundering herd" which grazes on 300 acres now totals 35 head. There is no doubt as time goes on but what Herman will become a cattle king when he is ready to put aside his clippers and razors. At least he has this to look forward to.

Marion Milne and Eddie Edwards are gone on a 15-day furlough. Both members belong to the Medford Chin-Up club and their first stop was in Portland

to attend the state convention of the Chin-Up clubs. From there they were to go to Edwards' home in Klamath Falls and after there a visit to Reno, Nev. Both men are expected back this week end. They are veterans of World War II. Edwards is a wheel chair patient, the result of severe battle wounds suffered in Europe. He owns a car and Milne does the driving.

Chaplain Albert S. Feller is now permanently installed at Camp White. He returned this week from Roseburg where he leased his home for three years. Mrs. Feller and a daughter will make their home here with him and they will live on the station.

The new Protestant chaplain is a veteran of both wars. During World War I he was with a combat infantry outfit and received a rather bad wound. During World War II he served as a chaplain in the south Pacific. Chaplain Feller was stationed at the Roseburg VA hospital for 10 years. He states that he is enjoying his new assignment very much.

Paul Alexander has returned from Portland. While attending the Rose Festival there he met both ex-President Harry Truman and Senator Wayne Morse. He enjoyed this experience greatly. Alexander said that Senator Morse would visit at Camp White when he came to Medford the first week in July. "The senator is greatly interested in the welfare of Camp White," Alexander stated.

Another one of the lads making plans to leave the "old stamping grounds" is Art Larson, Company A. Art is a veteran of both War I and II. He wants to make his home in Arizona if the climate agrees with him. Art has the distinction of giving pitch-planting Hugh Martin plenty of competition whenever the two get together. At their last meeting "Uclic" Hugh Martin came out on the long end of the score sheet, thus retaining his championship. Larsen thinks that he will take his leave right after the first of September.

Joe Teppan who had a wood-working department in the Hobby shop is still in the Portland VA hospital. He has been there for about three months and is making pretty good progress. Joe worked with wood in the Hobby shop and did everything from repairs to the manufacture of novelties. John "Bubbles" Hall is also at the Portland hospital receiving treatment. Possibly will be there another month or six weeks.



**COOL, YES!**—Things may be cool and green in Oregon but showgirl Dariece presents a torrid picture. She represented home state pulchritude aboard the Oregon float in parade at Atlanta, Ga., during National Junior Chambers of Commerce convention.

### Amon Carter, Man Who Put Fort Worth On Map, Succumbs

Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — Amon G. Carter, 76, multi-millionaire newspaperman-philanthropist who devoted his life to making the world conscious of Fort Worth, died Thursday night. Carter died at his Fort Worth home at 8:20 p.m. It ended a spectacular career that saw Carter rise from a poor Texas farm boy to become one of the world's best-known and most-powerful publishers.

**Family at Side**  
 His newspaper, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, reported that he died with only members of his immediate family at his bedside. That would include his only son, Amon Carter Jr., his wife and daughter.

Carter had been in failing health since Feb. 26, 1953. At that time, he suffered two heart attacks. But he rallied and as late as April of this year attended the annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in New York.

**Entertained Presidents**  
 During his lifetime, he entertained some of the world's greats and near-greats. These included Dwight Eisenhower, before he became president, the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, one-time New York City Mayor Jimmy Walker, and Lord Rothermere, the London publisher.

It was under Carter's astute leadership that Fort Worth grew from a dirt-road "cowntown" to become the city "where the West begins." He poured millions into furthering this growth.

A myriad of business interests—he was an oil millionaire—earned for him the unofficial title of "Mr. Fort Worth," and Fort Worth often was referred to as "Cartersville."

### Togliatti Summoned By Italian President

Rome — (U.P.) — President Giovanni Gronchi summoned Communist Party boss Palmiro Togliatti today to help find a way out of the political crisis that topped Premier Mario Scelba.

Togliatti was calling as president of the Red bloc which is listed first in the Chamber of Deputies. With him went old-time party organizer Mauro Scocciamarro, president of the Senate Communist group.

The new President, himself a left-center politician, expected to consult with at least 23 political groups or leaders by Saturday evening or Sunday when he may be in a position to name a premier-designate.

### Big Four May Discuss Any Issue on Tension

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said last night that there is nothing to keep U. S. representatives at the forthcoming Big Four conference from bringing up any issue for discussion.

"Although these top-level conferences are designed to be exploratory in nature," Knowland said, "there is nothing to foreclose our representatives... to raise any or all problems... of existing tensions."

In a speech to the Foundation to Defeat Communism, Knowland made no mention of Wednesday's Senate battle over whether Congress should demand that President Eisenhower seek to force a discussion of the plight of Soviet satellites at the Big Four conference.

### Phil Silvers, Nat Hiken Have Successful TV Show, But Public Has Never Seen It

By JACK GAVER  
 United Press Correspondent  
 New York — (U.P.) — Comedian Phil Silvers and Nat Hiken, writer, director and producer of comedy shows, have a joint TV enterprise that sometimes gives them pause.

"Once in a while we'll be taking stock," Silvers explained, "and I'll say: 'Nat, we'd be fools to release this show to the public. Nobody's seen it and it's already a hit. Let's quit while we're ahead.'"

This exaggeration, of course, is not boastful on the part of Silvers; it is merely a sort of rationalization attempt in view of

the fact that for months now a few people "in the trade" who have been permitted to see some of the Silvers-Hikens films have been raving about the program that will bow on CBS-TV this fall. Silvers is too old a hand in show business, from burlesque on up, to be overwhelmed by glowing advance notices.

"I do think we have a good show," the comedian said, "but the decision will come from the public after the show is on the air, and quite properly so."

Starting Sept. 20, it will be on the CBS network Tuesday nights at 8:30.

As a matter of fact a small portion of the public—maybe 5000 persons—has seen various episodes of the program. The half-hour shows are filmed here in a studio, and, through the free tickets handed out by CBS to those seeking any sort of TV or radio program in action, about 400 have sat in on each filming session.

"And they supply the laughter for the sound track," Silvers said.

"We wouldn't think of using dubbed-in laughter, and I must say our audiences so far seem to have enjoyed themselves with-

out being prodded into laughing it up. All we ask is that they laugh when something strikes them as funny."

**Army Life**  
 The program is called "You'll Never Get Rich," which is enough of a hint that it's about Army life. Silvers plays Master Sergeant Bilko, and that name alone tells the sort of conniving "big operator" character is.

"But Bilko is not an offensive character in any sense," Silvers explained. "He does not pick on rookies; he does not even fight with the brass. His victims, if you want to call them that—usually he winds up being the victim of his own grandiose schemes—are his peers—the other sergeants in the camp. Really no one gets hurt except Bilko occasionally, and he can ignore defeat as though it never happened."

Silvers explained that the program was carefully planned for many months before shooting began on the first 13 episodes last April.

"The first thing Nat and I decided was that anyone could make at least one good pilot film for a program," he said. "We wanted to know at the start whether he had something that still would be strong and interesting when we got to the 30th show. Only when we were convinced of that—and we've even gone so far as to plan a year or so in advance when Bilko might want to leave the Army—did we go ahead."

**More To Come**  
 Shooting of the second set of 13 films began two weeks ago and will be completed by the end of August. The third set will go on camera late this year.

"We do one a week," Silvers said. "We rehearse right up to Friday, which is shooting day. The cameras roll right after the dress rehearsal, and we finish a 30-minute script in about 45 minutes, stopping only for camera reloading. We do not stop for minor fluffs; they stay right in. We're not filming a movie; we're filming a TV show."

### Action Scheduled On Bill To Okay Colorado Project

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Interior committee today formally scheduled for action next Tuesday a bill to authorize the Upper Colorado Reclamation project. A sponsor predicted it will be recommended by a "good vote."

Committee Chairman Clair Engle (D-Calif.) scheduled the bill in a notice to committee members. It was approved by a subcommittee nearly two weeks ago but a full committee meeting on it last Tuesday was cancelled by Engle.

**To Offer Amendment**  
 He said he intends to offer an amendment to eliminate controversial Echo Park dam entirely from the bill. As approved by the subcommittee, the measure calls for a study of Echo park and possible alternates by a commission appointed by the President.

Rep. Wayne Aspinall (D-Colo.), the bill's author, said the bill should get out of committee by a comfortable margin. But he said he expects a close vote on the Echo park issue.

### Phenix City Among Finalists for Award

New York — (U.P.) — Phenix City, Ala., once "the wickedest city in the United States," is among 22 finalists for selection as the city that has done the most to solve its local problems through citizen action, it was announced today.

The Alabama "sin city" was selected by a screening committee of the National Municipal league which with Look Magazine has presented an annual All-America Cities award for the last six years.

Other finalists include: Riverside, Calif.; Fort Collins, Colo.; Dubuque, Ia.; St. Paul, Minn.; Grand Island, Neb.; El Campo, Tex., and Bellevue, Wash.

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