

Librarian at Camp White Retiring After Long Service

Camp White — Mrs. Dorothea Glass, librarian at the Veterans Administration domiciliary center here during the past five years, is retiring this month after 30 years service with the federal government.

Mrs. Glass began with the department of agriculture in 1925, where she worked three years in the marketing service. She started with the VA at the TB hospital at Legion, Tex., and was at the San Fernando, Calif., hospital for 19 years before coming to Camp White in 1951.

Mrs. Glass plans to reside with her two brothers, living at San Jose, Calif.

Frank Glonning, chief of special services, praised Mrs. Glass for her faithful service to members, patients and personnel using the library facilities during her tour of duty here.

Reception Held
He spoke at a reception in her honor at which time Manager E. K. Ricker presented her with the 30-year gold pin awarded government employees at the conclusion of this period of service. He also presented a gift of a matched set of brooch and ear ornaments of agate, the product of Camp White workmanship.

Library and special services associates attended the party Friday afternoon. Another gift was a cook book. "I will have a chance to do a little reading myself on a subject I know very little about," she observed.

Miss Grace Stuhler, chief nurse, and Miss Joan McCready, special services secretary, assisted in the serving of refreshments of cake and coffee.

Camp White Receives Canteen Service Gifts

Camp White—The Hollywood Canteen Service has designated Camp White as being among the Veterans Administration hospitals to receive gifts made possible by a surplus account remain from contributions for war benefits.

Two ebony table model TV sets are being sent to the domiciliary station by this organization, composed of public spirited citizens of the movie capital.

Four TV installations are now in use here. The other sets were donated by service organizations in Oregon.



PRESENTING DEMANDS to prison officials, convict leaders at Washington State Prison, Walla Walla, hold series of conferences after taking over half of institution. Bill Shiffman (left), superintendent of industry, talks with Convict James Walker Singletary (white shirt) while at right Convict Richard Davis Armstrong confers with Dr. Thomas Harris, director of state institutions. Convicts are holding nine hostages. (International Soundphoto)

Baby of Catholic Mother, Adopted by Jewish Couple, Pawn in Legal Battle

Boston — (U.P.) — In the winter of 1951 a child was born to a student nurse at a private hospital, a child that became the pawn in a grim legal battle.

The mother was not married but everything had been arranged even before the infant drew its breath. Marjorie McCoy's physician had found a childless couple who would be glad to adopt tiny Hildy McCoy.

Dr. Herman C. Sands, of Salem, Mass., didn't tell Marjorie who the adopting parents were. She didn't ask. Later she said she assumed they were Catholics as she was.

Adoption Papers Signed
Hildy, now four years old, was born Feb. 23, 1951. On March 5 her mother signed the adoption papers and the baby was turned over to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Ellis of Brookline, Mass. The Ellises are Jewish.

Three weeks later, March 27, 1951, Marjorie was asked to sign the adoption papers a second time so her signature could be notarized. She learned then for the first time that the Ellises were Jews.

A state law requires that adopting parents must be of the same religious faith as the child's natural mother "whenever practical."

Probate Judge James F. Reynolds, who later ordered the Ellises arrested for "open defiance of the law," has found that Marjorie withdrew her consent to the adoption "in the late sum-

mer or early fall of 1951." That's less than a year after surrendering Hildy.

Regional Safety Conference Slated

A regional industrial safety conference for Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath counties will be held in Medford sometime this fall, according to the State Industrial Accident commission.

Preliminary plans were discussed by the planning committee at an organizational dinner meeting last week at the Jackson hotel. Members of the committee from Jackson county are William Burt, Herbert Sampert, Chann Drew, Robert Shaw, Claude Haggard, Glen Best, Gene Foresee, Arthur Davies, Bert Wright, H. Barnhart, and Frank Sutcliffe.

A number of regional conferences will be held around the state this year, supplanting the annual Governors Safety Conference. Between 200 and 400 persons are expected here for the southern Oregon meeting.

Boston — (U.P.) — An arsonist, convicted of setting the fire in a vacant building that spread and burned down four homes had a ready explanation for the judge: "The place was an eyesore. It haunted me."

However, the record shows that the motion to withdraw consent was not filed until June 9, 1953—nearly two years after Marjorie signed it.

Judge Reynolds nullified the adoption promptly on June 15, 1953, but the Ellises kept Hildy and appealed to the Massachusetts Supreme Court which upheld the lower court last February.

On June 28 the high court refused the stay of execution of Judge Reynolds' order to surrender Hildy. On July 1, he issued an order to arrest the Ellises.

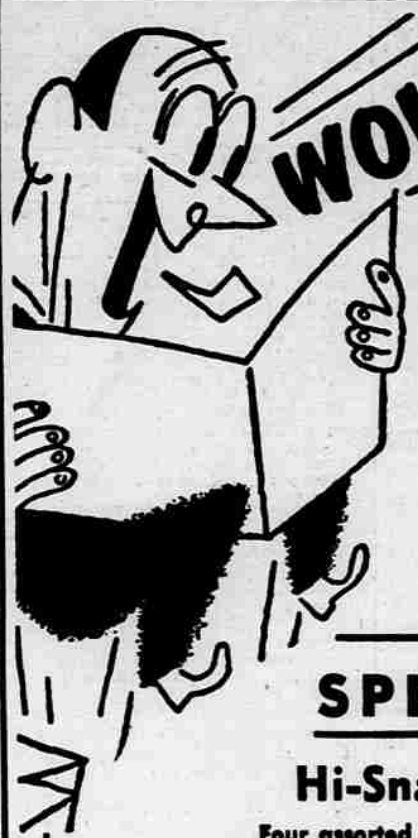
Their lawyer successfully challenged the arrest order on constitutional grounds but counsel for Mrs. Doherty promptly won a writ of habeas corpus for the child as the lawyers boxed and sparred.

Mother Won't Talk
And there it lies. The Ellises are bitter. Marjorie, now Mrs. Marjorie McCoy Doherty, will not talk to newsmen. She intends to turn Hildy over to the Catholic Charitable Bureau for adoption by Catholic parents if the court order is carried out.

Ellis, owner of a dry cleaning firm, said he was "prepared to go to jail. That would be my small protest against the law."

In an effort to keep the child the Ellises have agreed to raise the girl as a Catholic.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.



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