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By CLAY R. POLLAN		
Your Daily Activity Guide, According to the Stars		
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News and Notes
From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

The human equation was stressed by Dr. Wallace J. Pianka, chief medical officer, in his indoctrination talk to the volunteer workers Wednesday.

After reviewing some of the specific conditions with which the medical department of the VA has to deal among the members, Dr. Pianka emphasized the fact that as veterans, they are entitled to such benefits as they receive.

"In the old days, chronic disease was regarded as something the individual developed early in life and took care of as he grew older. Now we have methods of treating the aging that call for special consideration in encouraging an interest in life," he said.

Dr. Pianka stressed the importance of friendly contact and diversions as well as an understanding of the natural marks of getting old.

The comparatively new department of physical medicine and rehabilitation was explained to the class by Dr. Samuel D. Earhart, in charge of the program at Camp White.

He spoke of the advantages of therapy employed in dealing with arthritis and the effects of paralytic strokes. "In some instances the patients, after treatment, walk around as if they had never suffered a stroke," he declared.

Dr. Earhart is now handling the largest enrollment since the establishment of this phase of medicine at the domiciliary.

Supplemental therapy in manual arts, more specialized than that provided in arts and crafts, is planned to aid the handicapped in developing use of fingers and hands.

Domiciliary Officer Ralph Ruffin explained the need for recreational interests in preserving the morale of the men, and

R. E. Kelly, chief of social service, outlined the types of veterans and some of the reasons they are living in the domiciliary.

Frank Glonning, chairman of the VAVS advisory committee, arranged the program and introduced the speakers. A tour of the station was conducted Wednesday morning.

"Little did I realize when I joined the National Guard in Washington, D.C., in 1915, that it would lead to the field of service with the federal government I have followed for 40 years," Manager E. K. Ricker declared, in accepting the ruby studded pin presented at exercises in his honor Wednesday.

There were varying shades of emotion at this gathering, as Assistant Manager Harold Jaffrey extolled the type of management and administrative experience represented by the devotion to duty and breadth of understanding of Ricker in his entire career.

"I will admit that at times he has appeared hard, but underneath his exterior is a warm individual with no malice whatsoever toward anyone, and I say without fear of contradiction that the same traits of character have been exemplified in his contacts with every man, woman and child throughout the course of his life," Jaffrey emphasized.

Ricker summed up his attitude in these words: "I repeat now what I have said before. No one works for me, but with me."

Manager Ricker assumed his duties at Camp White in the summer of 1953, during a period of transition and confusion generally in the affairs of government. He proceeded "with firmness in the right" to reorganize the domiciliary operations and

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Curiosity Shop Vase Is Pepperbox Pistol

The sign said "Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe," but a casual glance at the window showed it to be mainly an ultramodern gift shop.

No so to my friend, Charles. "Look," he said. "There in the window—I saw it first."

He ran inside. I saw him point to what seemed a vase, and a clerk removed it. I ran inside, too.

The vase was not a vase at all, except by a strange perversion. Instead, it was a pepperbox pistol, standing on its butt in a corner and with flowers

protruding from its six barrels. Charles breathed a sigh of relief as he shook the flowers out on the counter.

"How much for this . . . er . . . vase?" He was examining the pistol carefully, expertly.

The clerk pointed to a small price tag stuck on the heel of the butt. It read \$15.

"I'll take it," he said. He turned the stubby, .36 calibre weapon over and pointed to a name stamped in the metal. It was C. & H. Egg.

"One of the greatest London gunsmiths," he said. "This is actually worth up to \$100."

OLD MALAYAN STAMP IS WORTH \$100 NOW

An argument was waxing hot and heavy over whether the colonial powers should give the colonies their freedom.

"And we can expect the same thing soon in Malaya," one said.

Our host, spotting the danger signals in rising tempers, decided to change the subject.

"Speaking of Malaya," he said, "do any of you know of Negri Sembilan? It's a country, not a person."

Presently someone spoke up to say that he knew the place well. "Hunted tiger there in '35," he said. "It's just south of Selangor. One of the Malay States."

"I was just wondering about it," our host continued. "When I saw the Malayan independence

story, it reminded me of a Malay stamp I had as a youngster. So I looked it up."

He produced the stamp from a nearby desk. It was a lilac-colored item of 80-cent denomination. Its dominant feature was a ferocious-looking tiger head. On either side were the words POSTAGE and REVENUE.

Above was a crescent between two stars. Below the name N. Sembilan. Surcharged on it in red and green ink were the words FOUR CENTS.

The old, tiger-hunting, Malay hand became quite excited when he saw it.

"I know the stamp well," he said. "With that surcharge in both red and green ink, it's worth \$100 easy."

LE MAT REVOLVER SHOOTS BUCKSHOT

There was six quart bottles lined up side by side on a board at the end of Jack's basement shooting gallery.

"I'll break them all," he said. "And with just one shot from my .44."

There was a blast of flame and noise from the muzzle of the heavy revolver in Jack's hand. And, sure enough, when the cloud of black powder smoke had cleared away, only one of the bottles was still standing.

"It's really not a billiard technique," Jack said. "A handful of buckshot does the trick. This is one of the famous Le Mat revolvers."

The weapon had two barrels, one above the other. The upper, rifled for .44 caliber cartridges, served a nine-shot cylinder. The lower, extended to form an axis for the cylinder, was a smooth-

bore of 12 gauge, carrying either shot or solid ball.

As a shotgun, the Le Mat's pattern was terrific. Since the barrel was only seven inches long it made an enormous spread. A load of birdshot, No. 6s, made a pattern 11 feet across at 40 feet.

Jack's weapon was one that had been purchased by the Federal government from its Paris manufacturer for use in the Civil War. Its pinfire mechanism had been converted so that it would take center-fire ammunition.

Jack paid \$175 for it and felt himself very fortunate to get such a gun in good working order.

"I've seen one with a ten-gauge axis barrel," he said, "and I've offered \$300 for it. But the owner won't sell."

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A QUICK DIP

Ashland, Wis. — Nick Rouskey, 60, should have weighed his anchor before dropping it over the side of his boat while fishing in Lake Superior. The heavy anchor quickly ran the length of the short rope and flipped Rouskey and the boat wrong-side-up in the water.

to encourage the program of systematic growth started by his predecessor Paul A. Hatton.

Committee Reports Set At Council Meeting

Committee reports on the Safety Fair in November are scheduled at the Monday, Oct. 28, meeting of the Medford Safety council.

The meeting will be held in the Medford hotel at 8 p.m. with dinner starting at 7 p.m. All committee members have been asked by Myron Terpening, chairman, to attend. Details on judging and booth space arrangements will be discussed, Terpening added.

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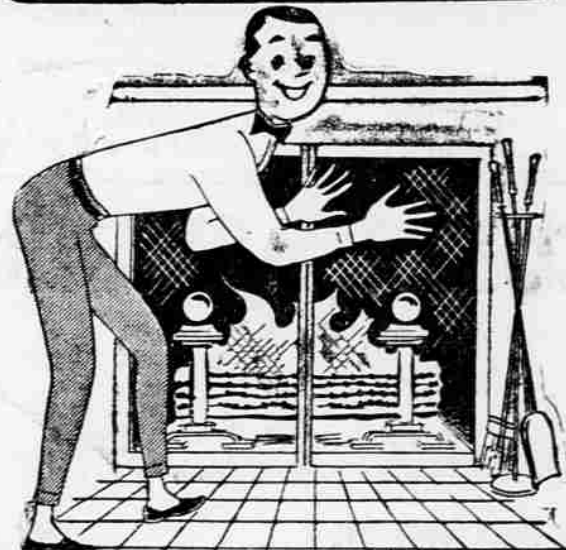
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