

Executive Committee of Eagle Point Grange Seeks Hospital at Camp White

The executive committee of the Eagle Point Grange has voted to push for full utilization of Camp White Domiciliary facilities so a large Veterans Administration hospital may be created, according to Cliff Moore, Eagle Point Grange master.

An Eagle Point Grange committee headed by Charlie Hoover, Camp White farmer, will work with a group from the local American Legion organization. The latter committee is headed by Eugene Orr, Medford merchant.

A Grange committee led by Hoover visited the Camp White Domiciliary Friday morning and made its recommendation to the executive committee of the Grange following the tour.

The Grange executive committee will send a letter to the state Pomona Grange urging a resolution from it. Another letter will be directed to Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) asking him to push for full utilization of the Camp White facilities.

Written to Morse
Orr said the American Legion and other veterans groups in the county have already written Sen. Morse and Morse has written the Veterans administration in Washington, D. C. In addition, Orr said he has visited the nation's capitol five times requesting Camp White be converted to veterans hospital. He said he hopes the Grange effort will be a signal for other groups to join in the request.

Following questions of officials at the Domiciliary Friday it was revealed an estimated 475 more beds could be placed in five buildings. The Domiciliary now has 860 members occupying present equipped facilities.

Official Name
Harold Jaffrey, assistant manager of the Domiciliary, said if a veterans hospital is made from present unused facilities Camp White will be called officially a veterans administration center since it will combine the facilities of both a domiciliary and a hospital. Now there are 14 such places in the United States.

E. K. Ricker, domiciliary manager, said this is the only veterans domiciliary west of the Mississippi. It is also the largest of the three in the United States.

One is located at Thomasville, Ga., and another at Clinton, Iowa.

A tour of the Camp White facilities and questioning of staff members revealed few additions would be necessary for handling a veterans hospital outside of adding beds and corresponding equipment.

Sewer, Water Lines

A sewer line is already in which could serve a population of 35,000. A 12-inch stand pipe was added two years ago when the new Medford pipeline was installed. This would provide more than enough water for a veterans hospital, according to Bert Sims,

chief engineer. During the war Camp White was housing 1,750 people when it was an Army and Navy base, Sims pointed out. Power and heating facilities would also be more than adequate, he said.

With sprinklers in every room, including the bathrooms, officials feel all the buildings are properly protected against fire. In addition, Camp White is served by its own fire department equipped with two 750 gallon capacity pumper trucks.

Miss Gladys McCracken, chief dietitian, estimated it would take an hour to feed 880 people in the dining room. With the

addition of a hospital it would take a second hour feeding period. The domiciliary food costs are figured at 86 cents per person a day.

Addition of a hospital or approximately 500 more people to serve would require about two-thirds more food, Miss McCracken and Don Pulley, chief cook estimated. Approximately 20 more employees would be needed in the kitchen to serve the added group of patients.

Post Exchange

The domiciliary is now equipped with a post exchange, coffee shop, bowling alley and a large theater. The theater was expanded in November increasing the size of the stage from 16 by 16 feet to 36 by 24 feet. This was financed from "general post funds," Jaffrey said. These are funds provided by donation and money left by members who die leaving no dependents or family to will their money to, he explained. The ball park was financed from the same source, he said.

George E. Heller, national field representative for the American Legion, made a visit to the Camp White facilities recently on request of the local American Legion post. In his report to the National Field Service he recommended that "the veterans administration establish a 400-bed hospital at the VA domiciliary, Camp White, with 300 beds to be used for chronic conditions and 100 beds for general medical and surgical conditions. If this is accomplished it will relieve the chronic bed situation in a large western area."

Veterans On Waiting List

"During my visit here, I read a news item in the local paper that Administrator Higley, while attending a convention in Florida, made the statement that between 16,000 and 17,000 veterans are on the waiting list for medical attention, which is giving the veterans administration much concern. He stated also this situation was caused by the shortage of trained personnel."

"Nearby Medford is considered a medical center for a large area, and has five medical clinics, hospitals, and a new hospital being planned. I am informed, and I believe reliably, that personnel sufficient to man the hospital can be secured without difficulty as soon as funds are made available."

Man Decides to Make Wood Turning Work

South Burlington, Vt. — (AP) — Glen Woodbury has given up dairy products and turned to wood.

After eight years of butter and cheese-making, the fascination of wood-turning caught up with him, and he decided to try earning a living at it.

Now, 15 years later, he owns a fully-equipped, two-story wood-turning shop. He sells his products to approximately 500 department stores and gift shops in the United States and Canada.

"My biggest problem," Woodbury said, "is finding real good wood. Exotic woods like teak and mahogany are so high that I use them only on special orders."

Most of his wood — birch, maple, cherry and butternut — comes from Vermont. But even native woods of fine quality are hard to find.

"It takes a big tree to make a block 14 inches across and four and one-half inches deep," Woodbury explained. "The wood must be free of cracks, knots and blemishes of any sort."

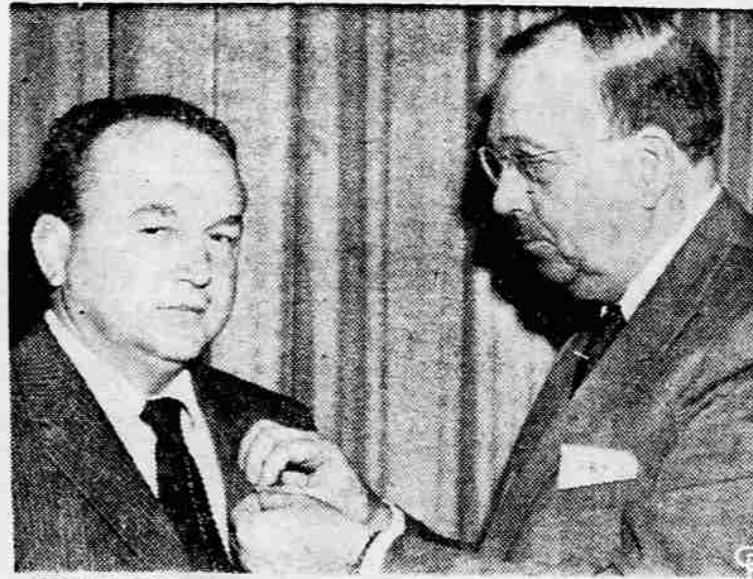
He estimates that half of the rough wood coming into his shop ends up as firewood for his two kilns.

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Navy Recording Church Services for Men at Sea

Newport, R.I. — (AP) — Faced with the problem of getting organ music to Protestant sailors at sea, the Navy is supplying hymns taped at Newport's First Presbyterian church.

The Navy is not only furnishing taped hymns, it also has recordings of 13 different full religious services.

Services are usually conducted by lay readers appointed by ships' captains.

Vermont was the first state in the Union to authorize the practice of osteopathy, the act having been passed in 1896. Dr. George Helmer of Chelsea was seeking the right to practice.

The first U. S. patent was issued to Samuel Hopkins of Burlington, Vt., July 31, 1790 on a process for making pot and pearl ashes.

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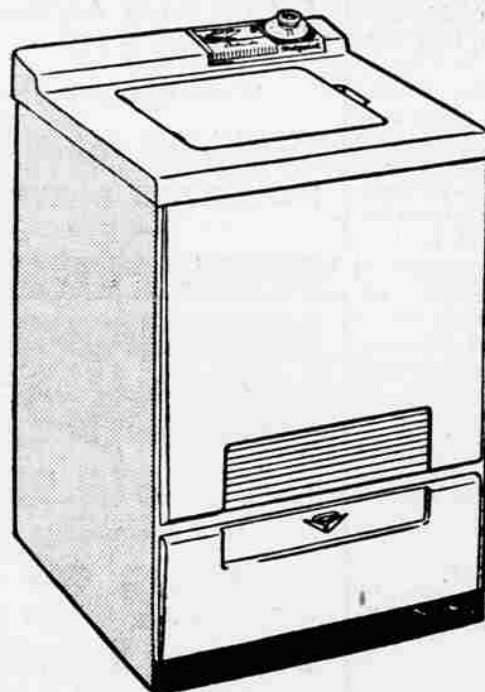
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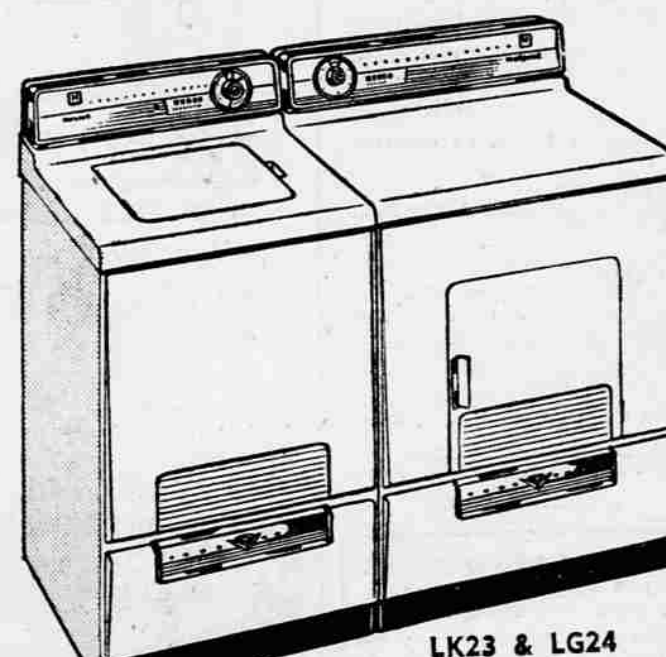
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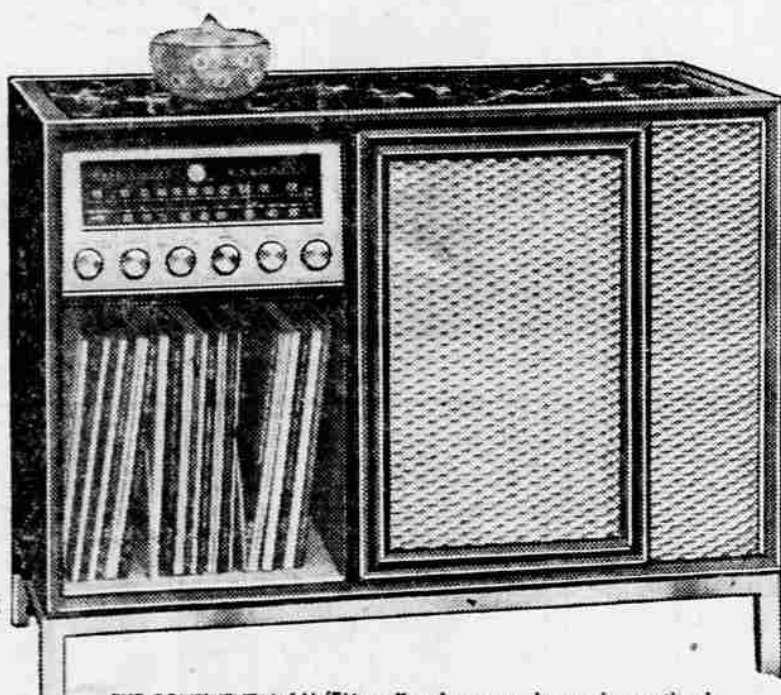
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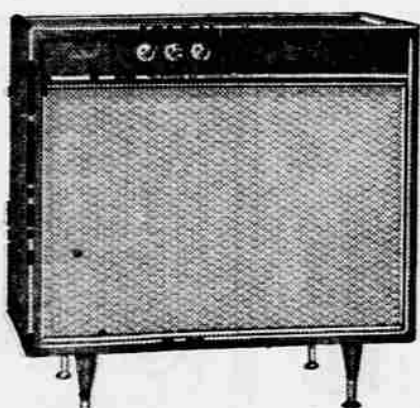
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