

Sample Resolutions to Make Camp White Hospital Being Distributed

Sample resolutions regarding the proposal for veterans hospital facilities at Camp White are being distributed to Grange and service clubs in the Rogue Valley area, according to Don McNeil, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce manager.

The sample resolutions are intended only as guides for organizations intending to send letters to the Oregon congressional delegation, McNeil said.

"Resolutions passed by or-

ganizations are most effective when they embody the original phrasing of the group rather than that of a copied sample," McNeil said.

He said the sample resolutions are being distributed by Charles Hoover, Camp White farmer. He and Eugene Orr, of the Medford American Legion post, have been spearheading a drive to use the Camp White facilities for a veterans hospital.

An Eagle Point Grange committee toured Camp White facilities recently and the executive committee later voted to support full utilization of Camp White domiciliary facilities.

The American Legion here and other veterans organization have been campaigning for a veterans hospital at Camp White for some time.

The current campaign started when Eagle Point Grange members heard rumors that a veterans hospital is planned for a Pacific Coast location. Since buildings and other facilities are now capable of supporting such a hospital with few changes, Grange members believe Camp White should be used.

Orr said yesterday he plans to attend a conference in Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 23, 24, 25 of American Legion representatives from 11 western states and veterans administration officials.

During the last week in February he also plans to attend an American Legion conference with VA officials in Washington, D. C. The Camp White proposal will be brought up at those times, he said.

Sample Resolution
The sample resolution states the nearest veterans hospital offering general medical and surgical facilities is in Portland, 300 miles north. Veterans needing medical care face an average waiting list in Portland of 60 persons. Oregon's veteran population of 240,000 represents a substantial increase from the original number who enlisted in the state, a condition which exists in only five states, the resolution pointed out.

Empty building offer complete facilities for a general medical and surgical hospital without additional construction at Camp White.

The resolution suggests a 400-bed general medical and surgical hospital at the domiciliary at Camp White. A total of 300 beds would be used for chronic conditions and 100 beds for general medical and surgical conditions. This would relieve the chronic bed situation in a large western area, it was pointed out.

Also being distributed is a report by George E. Heller, national field representative for the American Legion national field service.

Heller's Report
Heller's report states that Camp White is about 10 miles from Medford and consists of 157 acres. The domiciliary buildings were erected in 1942 as an Army general hospital, and was taken over by the veterans administration in 1948.

"There are no beds for chronic or seriously ill patients, as they are transferred when deemed necessary to VA hospitals in Portland or Vancouver, Wash.,"

Heller says in his report. Heller's report states the present infirmary has 50 beds and a full-time staff of five doctors and eight nurses with the services of nine consultants available.

The dental laboratory is well equipped and staffed adequately for present needs, the report states. This is part of a well equipped dental clinic with three dentists on duty.

Summing up his report, Heller wrote, "It appears to me that a general medical and surgical hospital here is a necessity if we are to give the proper medical care to not only the veterans domiciled here, but also to the veterans living in this area."

"There is no shortage of trained personnel in this area," Heller continued in his summation. "It is considered a medical center for a large area, and has five medical clinics, two hospitals, and a new hospital is planned. I am informed that personnel sufficient to man the hospital I recommend can be secured without difficulty as soon as funds are made available."

Mice Infestation Study Continued

Portland—The clock was striking one today for heavy infestations of mice in western Oregon as state and federal officials sought ways to control the rodents.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes Tuesday asked the federal government for help in controlling the infestation in southern Oregon which he said could spread all over the West.

State Agriculture Director Robert Steward said farmers did not necessarily want restitution but biological control so that future crops will be saved.

Loss from mice to crops is estimated in the millions. New outbreaks were reported on Sauvies island near here where estimates ran as high as 10,000 mice per acre. The mice were blamed for about 75 per cent damage to 60 acres of two-year-old alfalfa.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said the U.S. Public Health Service has advised him that investigators are being sent from San Francisco to look into possible public health hazards.

State health officials said they were concerned about the potential hazard to humans. They said tularemia has been found in some mice and that persons could get this disease through careless handling of dead mice.

The Dalles Man, 73, Dies in Road Crash

Yreka, Calif.—A liquor store operator, Frank Barger, 73, of The Dalles, Ore., was killed about 1 p.m. Tuesday on icy Highway 87 when the car in which he was riding skidded and spun into a slough.

Siskiyou County Sheriff Al Cottar said the driver of the auto, Mrs. Della Howard, also of The Dalles, was hospitalized in Mt. Shasta. Attendants said the woman was suffering from shock but otherwise was in good condition.

Cottar said the accident occurred two miles north of Grass Lake, Calif., between Dorris and Weed. California patrol officers said apparently there were no witnesses to the crash.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Ashland—Dr. Alexander Petersen, associate professor of physical education at Southern Oregon college, is the new vice president of the research section of the Oregon Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.



CAUSING PLENTY OF GOSSIP, Actor Hugh O'Brian, TV western marshal, and Nancy Sinatra, former wife of Frank Sinatra, attend Hollywood premiere. (International)

Teacher's Car Hits Albany School Girl

Albany, Ore.—A car driven by an Albany high school teacher struck a 13-year-old junior high student at a rain-slicked intersection in downtown Albany Tuesday, and the girl was hospitalized with a slight concussion.

Hospital attendants said the concussion was very slight and that the girl, Janet Walsh, was in good condition.

David Herbrandson, music teacher at Albany high school, told police the girl had been crossing the street diagonally and darted in front of his car. No citations were issued.

DEATH BLAME FIXED

London—A coroner's jury has returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of a senior scientist who was killed at a British research station last Wednesday. The jury ruled Tuesday that Douglas Whittaker, 39, died of "primary metabolic failure" after a fire broke out in a small furnace at the Aldermaston Research Laboratories, 40 miles northwest of London. The jury said "there appears to be no evidence of any negligence."

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