

Plans for Vets Day Program Arranged

Arrangements for the annual Veterans Day program Nov. 11 were tentatively completed at a meeting of a Veterans Allied Council committee last week.

Activities will start with a breakfast at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall at 42 North Front st., Medford, between 8 and 11 a.m. A parade is scheduled to start at 11 a.m.

An addition to activities this year is a beauty contest among drum majorettes of bands or other musical groups participating in the parade, committee members said.

The winner will be chosen on the basis of poise and beauty, according to the committee. The "Veterans Day Queen" will be crowned and will ride in the parade in a special car with the grand marshal.

Bands Invited

Bands from Medford High school, McLoughlin and Hedrick Junior High schools, Eagle Point and Crater High school in Central Point have been invited to participate as has the Ashland Kilty Band.

Unit commanders of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force as well as Reservists and the National Guard are expected to participate, the committee said. Floats are invited and encouraged to take part in the parade.

A dance at the National Guard Armory south of Medford, which will be open to the public, is scheduled by the American Legion that night.

Additional details concerning the Veterans Day activities may be obtained from Patrick Graham, secretary of the Veterans Allied Council, at Spring 2-4192.

Portland—UPI—The fall meeting of advertising managers of Oregon newspapers opened here Friday.



CONGRATULATED—Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell, Portland, congratulates Miss Mabel Coffeen upon completion of 30 years of nursing service, and Mrs. Bertha Neff, of nursing service, and Mrs. Bertha Neff, Dagwell, Portland, congratulates Miss Mabel Coffeen upon completion of 30 years hospital ceremonies last week.

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Brown Creeper So Intent He Ignores Nearby Humans

Constant and absolute concentration to small details is typical of the little brown bird, with the stiff tail feathers and the long, down-curved bill, that creeps up the trunks of forest trees. He may even be present at times on the trees in city backyards and parks, the so-called tree, or brown creeper.

This bird becomes so dedicated with the work at hand that it will absolutely ignore the curious human who may be standing within a few feet of the tree on which the bird is working. The creeper begins at the base of the tree trunk, progresses upward by circling the trunk, and all the time peering with near-sighted intentness at the bark, looking into every crack and crevice, searching for insects or insect eggs on which it feeds.

This little character never heard about the fact that there is "always room at the top," for the moment it creeps up to the point where the branches of the trunk begin, it immediately forsakes its high position, flies down to the base of another tree and begins the slow, circling climb all over again, right from the bottom.

They're Hungry

This meek little brown bird with the white markings, spends all his waking time working upward on tree trunks for just one specific purpose—to satisfy his appetite.

There are about a half dozen kinds of tree creepers in the United States. All of them are meek and tame little birds. Unlike the nuthatch that insists on being upside down on the tree trunk, the creepers usually assume a more conventional position, creeping round and round the trunk, but constantly moving upward.

These friendly little creatures seem to be always short on judgment and long on peculiar traits. Due perhaps to their trusting nature, the bird will calmly creep up and up as if on a circular staircase, and remain perfectly oblivious to the fact that someone may be within a few feet of it—someone or something that might easily destroy it.

Where It Nests

Neither does it show a shred of common sense in its selection of a nesting site—something it should be exceedingly careful about, for it insists on building its nest behind a loose piece of tree bark on a

Congress May Get Steel Wage Dispute

Washington—UPI—The government's Taft-Hartley cooling off timetable threatens to dump the steel wage dispute into the lap of the returning Congress in January.

If the strike is not settled during an 80-day breather provided by a government-requested court injunction, Congress will move into the picture. Even if a settlement is reached, the bitterness produced by the dispute may bring congressional action.

Many Suggestions

In either event, Congress probably would try to write a new and improved national emergency section for the Taft-Hartley act.

JUST TO SAY HELLO

Syracuse, N. Y.—UPI—Someone sent a note to George Russo which said: "Couldn't stop to say hello, so greetings anyway." The note was enclosed in a milk bottle which was thrown at Russo's house shattering a \$175 picture window.

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The completion of 30 years of service by Registered Nurse Miss Mabel Coffeen was recognized Thursday during Rogue Valley Memorial hospital's annual Employee Service Award ceremonies.

Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell, Portland, presented silver pins engraved "Service to Humanity" to 10 veteran employees in the hospital board room.

In addition to Miss Coffeen, an imposing service record was made by hospital laundress, Mrs. Bertha Neff, who recently completed 25 years, and practical nurse Mrs. Mildred Riley, a 15-year employee.

Five-Year Pins

Five-year pins were given to Mrs. Marine Wier, Mrs. Margaret Durkee, Mrs. Twila Bradshaw, Mrs. Mabel Randles, Mrs. Lois Beach, Mrs. Margaret Jacobs, and Mrs. Clara Worch.

Early years in the original "Community Hospital" on East Main st. were recalled by Miss Coffeen who began her tenure as a surgical nurse. Thirty years ago, she said,

PROSPECT Eugene Visitor Noted

By FRANCES RING

Prospect—Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Drake and helping with the Prospect play-school is Mrs. Nina Wigglesworth of Eugene. According to the last school census there are still many children eligible to register for play-school. Registrations are still open and eligible children are welcome, those in charge said.

Mrs. Rex Norman from Veernonia, Ore., visited her daughters and their families in Skeeters Camp recently.

Weston Parton from Grants Pass shot a three-point buck while he was visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parton, at Katydidd ranch last week.

Recent visitors at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Reeves were Mrs. Reeves parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Price, of Gold Hill. Charley Price and Judy Wilson also visited.

The Prospect Lady Lions met at the Prospect cafe in

there were no nurses' aides, hospital auxiliary, nor emergency room facilities. However, she noted that, regardless of its shortcomings when compared with the superior facilities of the present hospital, the original building seemed adequate to the hospital staff of those days.

The Prospect PTA executive board met at the home of Mrs. Florence Barnes Oct. 19. It was decided to have a food sale Friday, Nov. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Twombly, ranger at Union Creek, spent the week end at Mt. Hood hunting. Mrs. Twombly was successful.

Charlotte Wilson, who has been living with her aunt and uncle here, has moved to Shady Cove to be with her parents who have recently found a house there.

The Prospect Parents and Teachers will meet at the high school Tuesday, Oct. 27. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner and the business meeting will start at 8 p.m. The program will be on health with a film being shown.

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Auto Helmets, Safety Belts To Reduce Fractures

Miami Beach, Fla.—(Science Service)—Helmets may make auto drivers and passengers look like Buck Rogers, but coupled with seat belts, their use would practically eliminate facial and brain fractures in auto accidents.

Auto accidents are the major cause of facial fractures requiring plastic surgery, Dr. Reed O. Dingman of the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, said here. Safety equipment would significantly reduce these, he told colleagues at the meeting of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery here.

He pointed out that the front passenger in a car is most likely to fracture the bones of the middle portion of his face—nose, cheekbones, or upper jaw—as he is thrown forward in a crash against the instrument panel or the rear view mirror. On the other hand, the driver is more likely to injure his lower jaw.

Internal Wiring

To prevent deformity from developing in such an injured face, Dr. Dingman suggested that the surgeon align and fix the facial fractures by internal wiring as soon as possible. Otherwise, delayed treatment, poor healing or the occurrence of infection may cause a defect which needs later correction by refracturing and repositioning of the bones, or by bone and cartilage grafts.

Dr. Dingman said that although a patient's own tissue was still the best material for facial reconstruction, bone and cartilage preserved in banks had been successfully used during the past five years. More effective methods of preservation and sterilization of human tissue, including the use of cobalt as a sterilizer, are now being employed at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, he said.

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