Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

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There is a lesson to be learned in community spirit from the modest little town of Eagle Point. It is really no more than a village tucked away in the folds of the hills back of the Camp White VA Domiciliary.

For some years now, sparks of good will have been radiating from this small community that cannot escape notice. There is, to begin with, the example of the Rogue Valley State Bank, which after building sufficient prestige, moved into Medford.

Then came the Dairy Maids, with Eagle Point as the base of operations and the source of much of their talent in softball. The Rogue Valley Dairy Maids are known now throughout all of the northwest.

Horsemanship is preserved here as a tradition, matching Kentucky, Maryland or any part of the "old west." The interest is preserved by a sustaining interest among the younger generation. The 4-H club Pegasus group performs regularly in riding feats.

The new stadium at the domiciliary has furnished an arena for demonstration of this latent skill in sports and Camp White veterans have shown their appreciation in pecuniary as well as verbal support. Many men from the home have adopted the town and journey there frequently by foot or by bus as patrons.

The town is quiet and its citizens are unassuming. There are two fine schools, for grade and high school pupils, both modern and attractive. A fine band is another attribute of this kind of promotion. There are not many towns this size that do more for their country than Eagle Point.

One can say with Portia in the Merchant of Venice: "How far that little candle throws its beams.'

Innumerable little things are done for the domiciliary by Eagle Point residents.

The Grange ladies come over to do miscellaneous sewing for members. Cub Scouts are on hand for special ceremonies including Memorial Day exercises. There is a bowling team of Eagle Point school teachers, and in stage appearances of volunteer groups, Eagle Point is always well represented.

An enlightening breakdown of figures pertaining to the volunteer work at the domiciliary is published in the March issue of Dominews.

The aggregate number of volunteers is shown to have jumped from 3,669 in 1956 to 3,953 in 1959. Total hours for the four years was given at 103,422.

Special Services Chief Frank Glonning reports that last year was the best on record for program participation by the people of the Rogue valley community in the rehabilitation and recreational work at Camp White.

Eight organizations provided 10 or more volunteers in the six months from July 1 through Dec. 31. They were American Legion auxiliary; VFW auxiliary; Oregon Federation of Garden clubs; American Red Cross; Blue Star Mothers; Salvation Army; Fifty Plus club; and National Catholic Community service.

The greatest number of hours in this period was provided by the VFW auxiliary with 1,325; American Red Cross was second with 1,025 hours. Non-affiliated groups numbering 164 gave 2,643 hours of service.

The fields of activity at the domiciliary included such divisions as nursing, physical medicine and rehabilitation, chaplaincy, arts and crafts, library and recreation, as well as special services.

Fifteen "Future Nurses of America" from Medford High school were guests of the nursing service Thursday afternoon. They were greeted by Miss Grace Stuhr, chief nurse, and escorted through the domiciliary by Mrs. Christine Bates, of the nursing staff.

Enid Holmes, chief librarian, says at least 400 visitors attended the "library week" party at the new domiciliary library April 3. Among them were librarians and local officials from nearby towns. Refreshments were provided through the Civil Service bowling team and the VA employees association.

Chaplain Lawrence Eskay announces that high mass will be sung at 8:45 a.m. Easter Sunday in the chapel, following the mass at 7 a.m. The high mass will be celebrated with the aid of a choir from Medford. Appropriate motets and organ selections will supplement the Gregorian chant of the mass proper and the choir.

Frances Schuchard is organist, and the choir includes Katherine Parlier, Ann Spears, Ilene Hull, David Espey, Bob Betschart, Ken Jacks, Dave Turner, Jerry Byrd, Jan Glass, Karen Henderson, Karen Dunn, Connie Sokolowski, Karen Van Dyke, Carmen Valentine, Sharon Roberts, Coleen Dunn, Charles Parlier, Marjorie Stieck and Christine Clark.

The usual Catholic Sunday services at White City are at 7 and 8:45 a.m., and on holy days and first Fridays at 7 a.m.

The Salvation Army will conduct Good Friday services at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Special instrumental and vocal music is announced by Protestant Chaplain Roger Prior for Easter Sunday.

The soloist will be Mrs. Betty Niedemeyer. Easter music, led by Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, also is scheduled. Instrumental music will be furnished by the Apostolic Faith church of Medford. Chapel services will be at 10:15 a.m.

The Rev. Paul Kroon headed a group from the Central Point Community church for evening services Palm Sunday. The Eagle Point Community church will conclude the Easter week services Sunday evening.

Cyclist Asks Wrong Woman for Help

Pittsburgh — Motorcylist William R. Prysock's mistake wasn't fatal, but it cost him 30 days.

He outraced a police car but wound up ramming a car stopped at a traffic signal. This left him with a broken left leg. That was a mistake, true, but not the most serious one.

He asked a woman to help him escape. There's the rub. She was a policeman's wife and she snitched.

After his leg was patched up, Prysock drew a 30-day jail sentence for assorted offenses.

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Youngstown, Ohio—(UPI)—Carl Meyers, 68, vice chairman of the board and former president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Corp., the 10th largest steel company in the nation, died Sunday.

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