

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
 From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Twenty-seven awards were presented by Manager Henry C. Herzog and Chief Librarian Enid Holmes to members of the Readers and Writers club last Tuesday - the result of participation in the annual Hospitalized Veterans Annual project, together with a local contest sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary.

Money awards to three of the members, James Gillan, former editor of Dominews, Earl J. Sweeney and Walter Grow, could not be delivered in person due to their absence at the present time.

Gillan and Sweeney each received five awards in the HVWP, and Walter Townsend, three, with the largest money prize. Townsend also won in the prose and poetry contests of the Legion auxiliary. Edward Robinson and Charles Reynolds also won prose awards in this contest.

Book awards were won by Charles M. Reynolds, David Frisch, Douglas E. Brown, Charles R. West, Ernest C. Fairchild, Edward L. Robinson, James W. Edwards, Michael Dillon and William Ness.

Dominews, the member publication, received an honorary award, a subscription to Armed Forces Writer magazine and membership in the AFW league. The American Legion auxiliary furnished refreshments for the occasion.

More than 9,000 handicapped men and women are on VA employment rolls at the present time, says a statement published recently.

"Of every 18 fulltime employees, one of them is physically handicapped," the VA reports, adding, "among the disabilities which have not provided a bar to good job performance are arrested tuberculosis, blindness, deafness, various amputations and certain heart conditions."

Through the efforts made by John W. Sinders, personnel officer, this VA installation is one which has been specially recognized in the program for hiring the physically handicapped.

With the increase in the percentage of handicapped people employed, there has been a decline in the total employment figures, Sinders notes.

H. M. Neely, recently named supervisory gardener, is getting his landscaping program under way with a crew of about 25 from the station assigned to this special activity.

In addition to the attention being given to lawns, a new decorative treatment is being projected. A rock crypt is being planned in addition to further cultivation at the cemetery.

About a dozen small plots have been assigned to garden club members in connection with their gardening program. The outstanding member garden for years is the one developed by Walter Odegard.

Others are found adjoining buildings and in front of the administration building.

From 75 to 100 men have been assigned to this outside work, most of them doing maintenance jobs.

The domiciliary office is

working under pressure at this time with the relatively large turnover of men.

There were 137 new men admitted in May. During the first 20 days of June, 69 came in and 107 went out. Generally, arrivals and departures equalize the number assigned to membership, numbering 874 in the domiciliary as of June 15.

This turnover places an extra load on the baggage room which is run by Carl Einkopf, of Medford, whose efficiency at this job results from hotel experience.

Donald P. Davis and Henry Maier are helping out in the rush.

Installation of a new and improved x-ray unit in the medical wing of the domiciliary will be completed this week. Numerous advantages will be obtained from the new equipment, among them the factor of reduction of radioactivity by from 20 to 30 per cent. This is gained by a quicker flash in the exposure.

Greater precision in penetration is likewise gained and areas reached which were not visible in plates from the old machine. This is obtained by a spot film arrangement, it was explained.

Conveniences for the patient are also provided by the improved mechanism. X-ray pictures can now be taken from either direction at any angle, and by means of a movable crane arrangement, patients will not have to be moved from their position when wheeled into the laboratory.

Dr. A. S. Anderson, chief medical officer, is highly pleased with this additional aid to diagnosis and treatment of the type of cases handled here. At present, much of the x-ray work has to be sent outside.

The Evergreen bus service is making a number of radical changes in line with other local bus operations, faced with discontinuance due to loss of patronage.

The Ashland route will be covered by two new "midget" cars, one an express and the other making stops at Phoenix and Talent.

Success of the small car service on the Jacksonville, Central Point and intra-city run justifies this move, according to Larry Pilcher, operator of the line. These new small cars use only a fifth of the fuel needed in the large busses. The new cars will operate with women drivers and will start July 1, it was announced.

The only Evergreen regular bus to be operated in the future will be the one on the White City-Eagle Point run. Plans are being considered to change the schedule for convenience of domiciliary patrons in the case of the bus leaving Medford at 1:15 p.m. which would leave White City at 2:30 p.m. instead of 1:40 p.m.

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