

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

By WALTER TOWNSEND

The annual "gift room" maintained by the VFW auxiliary, was opened for one day Dec. 12, to distribute gifts to the near relatives of the veterans who live at the domiciliary.

These gifts are first received by the VFW from all over the state of Oregon and northern California, and then sent to White City for the benefit of the members here. Mrs. Lelia Birch called attention to the fact that the VFW auxiliary, department of Oregon, is the only organization that maintains a gift room at the domiciliary. She is well known to the members for her effectual work as a volunteer.

From 9 until 4 o'clock, the gift room was open, and the whole station theater utilized. Represent Dollars.

These numerous gifts represent several thousands of dollars in cost to the VFW

auxiliaries, department of Oregon, which also provides that the packages be wrapped and mailed to the men's closest kin.

Mrs. Francis Zundel, VAVS representative and chairman of the project from the Medford auxiliary, was assisted all day by about 30 volunteers.

Many of the ladies from the 50-plus club assisted in the wrapping of the Christmas parcels.

And even after Dec. 12, eligible members may pick up gifts at the VFW auxiliary "gift office" Wednesday or Friday afternoons for the ensuing year, and have them mailed.

These enormous "gift" undertakings came through without a "hitch" Dec. 12 under the care and attention of Mrs. Zundel, who has charge of the far-reaching activities. And all the ladies who helped her spent an intense day of labor in the spirit of Yuletide.

Junior Red Cross activities are becoming more pronounced at the domiciliary.

Table decorations for the holidays throughout the year are made for the domiciliary by the Junior Red Cross. Travelogues will be started in the library, beginning Jan. 1.

The films are taken from local people's travels all over the world.

Mrs. A. T. Wattenburg, Veterans Administration hospital representative, said, "This is just one of the many new activities we want to start at the domiciliary."

Steps are also being taken, she said, to train volunteers to help in the infirmary.

A new addition to personnel is Mrs. Elizabeth Fenrite, recently of Palo Alto, in the capacity of administrative dietitian.

She has one daughter, Joan, age 8; a son, James Jr., nine years of age; and her husband James, who accompanied her to White City.

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State police said the checks were numbered from 3500 and up. The south door of the building had been forced to gain entrance, they said.

domiciliary during the holidays? Bright and gay poinsettias everywhere herald the fast approaching Christmas season.

For the first time these tall beautiful stately plants have been grown in the domiciliary greenhouse, under Mr. Neely's care, in sufficient quantities

to add to the festive atmosphere. The gorgeous masses of bloom frame the theater entrance, brighten the dining room, infirmary, and library,

with a generous sprinkling in the offices too. Their beauty is exciting, and brings a joyous feeling of life and meaning to this holiday time.

Other decorations which will be hung over the week end included hundreds of wreaths and swags made under the auspices of the garden clubs. This is a project which they have assumed for many

years, in addition to their faithful furnishing of flowers and decorating the Chapel each week. Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Long are in charge of this phase.

Other organizations make some decorations for their particular wards. The Junior Red Cross will also help with decorating the Christmas trees.



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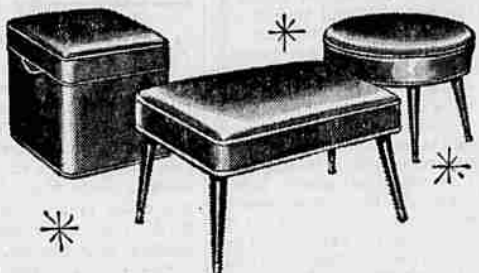
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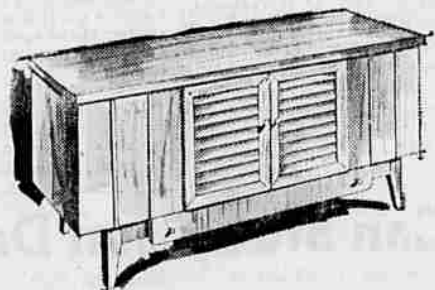
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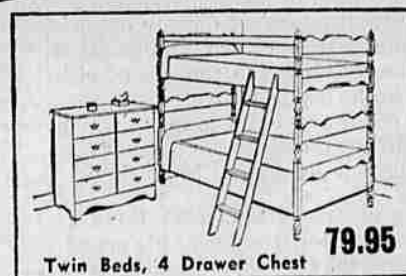
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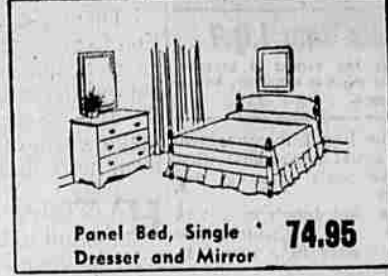
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