

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

VFW Post 5288 and auxiliary, of Mt. Shasta, Calif., had the honor of opening the fall festivity with a dance revue furnished by eight girls from the Daryle School of Dance, Yreka, Sunday afternoon.

A repertoire of 23 numbers was executed with grace and rhythm by the group of Susi Q's: Nicki Evans, Mary Biosotti, Juli Haraden, Chereen Fisher, Carleen Decker and Charlene Cordes.

Carol and Glens, instructors, appeared before the closing number to do a rendition of Shadrack. The party left immediately after the performance to make the long trip back to California.

Interest was divided Sunday between the stage show and the Eagle Point Desert Pegasus "Horse-arama" held at the Memorial Stadium entrance. This was the sixth semi-annual performance held at White City by the 4-H club riders — juniors, seniors and adults. There were 32 in all from Rogue River to Hill.

Trophies were awarded to the high point riders in each age group. The jewelry trophy awarded each winner in horsemanship was donated by Elmer Johnson, domiciliary hobby shop member. Alyce Krambeal, novice; Regina Krambeal, junior; and Laura Mae Noble, senior, were winners in horsemanship.

A special event for children under nine years of age featured the program. In addition to horsemanship, the program included figure eight stake, scurry, musical chairs and a Texas barrel.

The judge was Vic Stewart. The seats set up for member spectators were filled. The fall schedule of theatre attractions presented by the volunteer services is beginning to take shape. During the summer months, the theater is dark with movies the main feature.

One exception was the Talent Show in mid-August sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, department of Oregon. The members showed rare stage presence in this activity which Recreation Chief Bethel plans to continue during the fall and winter months.

The season gets under way with a VFW dance Monday evening, Sept. 17. The regular schedule of VFW auxiliary dances is set for the first and third Mondays of each month. DAV theater programs are scheduled for Friday, Sept. 28, and Nov. 23.

The American Legion auxiliary will resume the musical quiz program which precedes the afternoon show of movies. The recreation department will conduct this program, which is held twice a month instead of weekly as before.

A Red Cross Travel Talk has been set for the second Monday afternoon with the Muzzilli accordionists at night. Three variety shows have been scheduled by the Elks, the Red Cross and the VFW auxiliary for Wednesday nights.

The October program, which is tentative, includes the opening show of the local VFW Post Oct. 12. The WW I auxiliary and Barracks also plan an occasional variety show. WW I auxiliary dances are listed for fifth Mondays. The usual Halloween carnival is being arranged.

Frances Zundel, VAVS representative and hospital chairman of the Ladies auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, department of Oregon, is working out details of activities of her group through Christmas. This includes sponsorship of the October birthday party. The VFW auxiliary will furnish Thanksgiving menus this year.

It was necessary to cancel the planned trip to Oregon Caves, scheduled for the last of this month, but the opening barbecue picnic at the domiciliary held in June was a huge success. Other trips were sponsored, she said.

Among the workers at the domiciliary is one who has been on the job since the beginning and is almost indispensable. He is Frank Richardson.

Frank is often seen hurrying down the hall with his tools responding to a call to repair a broken piece of equipment. He is listed as a machinist and welder, but he is the "Handy Andy" as a mechanic, and he always comes up smiling.

Richardson has a little shop in the engineering section and there he was found after Labor Day, bright and early, fixing a dismembered wheelchair. He is always busy and with all the new gadgets and complicated units to tend, when they don't run, he has his hands full.

There is a compensating factor, however, as he recalls, when the old cast-off machinery was in operation and the frequency of break-downs was greater than it is today with all new equipment.

Frank calls Medford his home. "That's where I enlisted in the Army," he says. He

applied for a job at Camp White when the VA took possession of the boiler room. He soon was shifted to his present position and is an important wheel in the machinery that keeps the station running smoothly.

Major Installation Possible at Baker

Portland — (UPI) — The office of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said Wednesday there was a possibility of a "major federal installation" at Baker, Ore., that would involve in excess of \$20 million in construction costs.

Bill Berg, Morse's administrative assistant, said nature of the project could not be disclosed at this time. But he said when completed it would be permanent in nature and would involve "substantial" employment.

Berg said Morse has been working on the project for some time. He indicated it would be 10 days or two weeks before formal announcement would be forthcoming.



MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY — A modern-day "man without a country" is Wong Let Poy, shown aboard the President Cleveland as she docked in San Francisco. The Immigration Service discovered recently that Poy, a crewman with the line since 1938, had obtained U. S. citizenship by fraudulent means. He has now been refused permission to work aboard the ship or to disembark at any U. S. port or in Hong Kong where his wife lives. (UPI)

Capitol Cover-Ups Topic of Book by Washington Writer

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Washington (Special) — As the federal bureaucracy grows, under either party, it will become increasingly important for the public to know what is going on inside the Government; and it will become increasingly dangerous for secrecy practices to hide maladministration.

This is the sound message of a hard-hitting new book, "Washington Cover-Up," by Clark R. Mollenhoff, Washington correspondent for the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

In recent years, Mollenhoff has become a crusader for freedom of information in public affairs. Recognized as the ablest investigative reporter in Washington (he is a Pulitzer Prize winner in this field), Mollenhoff documents brilliantly how the Washington cover-up has been managed under presidents of both parties.

What he is saying, in short, is that there is an inherent compulsion on the part of the executive branch to hide its mistakes, even from duly constituted congressional investigating committees and a watchdog agency, the U. S. General Accounting Office, sometimes in patent violation of law.

On the premise that such secrecy fosters corruption, favoritism and mismanagement at the very least, and threatens arbitrary, possibly dictatorial, government, Mollenhoff calls for more vigorous and criminal penalties against cover-up practitioners.

Off To Wobbly Start
Citing chapter and verse, the author reports how stalling hampered the investigation of tax fixing in the Truman administration; and he believes the Kennedy administration has got off to a "wobbly start" in denying Congress full information on who was censoring the speeches of military leaders.

But Mollenhoff indicts the Eisenhower administration with drawing down the heaviest "secrecy curtain" in history.

It began during the Army-McCarthy congressional investigation, when on May 17, 1954, President Eisenhower signed a letter refusing permission to a Senate committee to question certain government officials about conferences they had held on what to do about Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's assaults.

This claim of "executive privilege" by Eisenhower became the precedent for some 19 government departments and agencies to refuse to reveal their internal workings to Congress and the Comptroller General.

Mollenhoff says if such a blanket refusal had been used by Presidents Harding and Truman, Congress never would have been able to discover the Teapot Dome oil scandal under Harding or the tax fraud cases under Truman.

System Threatened
"This doctrine of an 'inherent right' of persons in the executive departments to refuse testimony or documents threatened our whole system of government," contends the author of Eisenhower's May 17 letter.

"By claiming a right to withhold all information on opinions, conclusions, recommendations, or suggestions, this doctrine could allow the secrecy blanket to be dropped over virtually every document in most agencies, for there are few governmental documents that do not contain some opinions or suggestions. It carried within it, in short, the seeds of dictatorship."

Mollenhoff singles out for special blame former Attorney General William P. Rogers, who was a hard-hitting Senate investigative counsel against government cover-ups when Truman was in office but who did a complete flip-flop once he landed on the other side during the Eisenhower era.

Mollenhoff notes that no president has ever been corrupted and no holder of that exalted office is likely to be, but secrecy breeds wrongdoing at lower levels where it is often hidden from the president himself because the government is too immense for him to keep watch over in this detail.

Said Excellent Reporting
"Washington Cover-Up," with its crisp, pull-no-punches style, is excellent, enterprising reporting in depth, and should be "must" reading for every good citizen who needs to understand that no matter how popular or well-intentioned a president may be, he must not be allowed by public apathy to perpetuate secrecy.

Yet presidents tend to regard freedom of information as a risky invitation to snoopy fault-finders in Congress. Instead, they should recognize it as an effective instrument of clean government that is fundamental to a democratic society.

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