



### VA Domiciliary Joins in Library Week Observance

White City - Joining in the observance of National Library Week April 21 to 27, the Veterans Administration Domiciliary here has a full week of especially planned activities, according to Miss Enid A. Holmes, chief librarian.

VA Library activities are aimed at recovery and rehabilitation and its hospital system last year circulated more than 1,671,200 books to patients and domiciliary members. This is an average of 13 books each - more than double the average of books read per person among the general population.

The program planned by Miss Holmes began Sunday with a hobby-books exhibit at the annual Hobby fair here in the theater. Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wendt gave a travel talk in the theater.

Today, the Readers' and Writers' club will hear Au-thoress Ann Fisher as guest speaker. Wednesday, an open house for personnel and members and friends will be held in the library from 1:30 until 4 p.m. Thursday, a contest, "Know Your Library" takes over all day. Friday, awards for the contest and awards for book reviews by members will be made at 2 p.m.

#### Book Carts Used

Each of the VA's 169 hospitals and domiciliaries has a library which stocks current best sellers, fiction and non-fiction, national magazines and newspapers. Book carts take the reading material to patients who cannot leave the infirmaries or hospital beds.

Volunteers, town people, publishing companies, and voluntary organizations last year contributed 30,012 books to the VA libraries, in addition to those purchased by the libraries.

Volunteers from communities also help in operation of the libraries and reading to patients and members. Through volunteers, some of the VA libraries subscribe to the hometown newspapers of members and patients - small weekly or daily papers that help the long-hospitalized and disabled veterans keep in touch with his friends and communities.

#### FROM AN ADMIRER

Concord, Mass. - (UPI) - The Concord Police Department received a 10-pound box of chocolates in the mail Monday. The card on the box read only "From an admirer."

## Norblad Disagrees On Medicare Plan; Offers Own Scheme

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Editor's note: This is the third in a series on legislation introduced by Oregon's congressional delegation.

Washington - Rep. Walter Norblad disagrees with the Kennedy Administration on

his medicare bill under social security, and has introduced his own plan to provide coverage to those over 65 who pay no income tax. All persons over

65 who desire medical coverage and who have not earned enough to pay taxes, would file a return with the Treasury Department, stating that they want to receive a medical certificate. In return a certificate, worth \$125 per person or \$250 per couple, would be sent.

They would be able to purchase private medical insurance. Norblad's office stated that with this certificate they could buy insurance which would care for complete hospitalization, doctor's and surgeons' bills and prescribed drugs.

All persons would be covered regardless of history of past illness; the insurance would be renewable every year; there would be no means test; and those not now covered under social security would be eligible.

Norblad has introduced another bill, HR 3196, which would allow senior citizens to earn up to \$2400 and still receive social security.

Of Benefit To Oregon Most of the bills he has introduced have to do with matters which especially affect the economy of Oregon. For instance:

HR 4658, which would extend the law which requires military housing to be built of American lumber to include all FHA insured construction.

HR 3548, which would amend the Jones Act to allow shipments of American lumber to compete with Canadian by traveling in foreign ships.

HJR 262, which would direct the State Department to use an emergency quota on the importation of foreign softwoods.

A House Joint Resolution has the same effect as a House Resolution, the President signs it into law; however the enacting clause is prefaced by a number of "whereas" statements. A

House Concurrent Resolution does not have the force of law, merely states the joint opinion of both Houses.

Minor bills introduced by Norblad are:

HConRes 95, to provide markers on the Lewis and Clark Trail.

HR 4364, to provide for a duty-free spectrometer for Oregon State university.

HR 1403, to waive certain gas tax requirements for the Capital Transit Lines of Salem.

HR 2038, transfer of Battery Russell and Fire Control Hill from one department to another.

On Armed Services A veteran of 16 years' service in the House of Representatives, Norblad sits on the Armed Services Committee, and he and his colleagues let Chairman Carl Vinson of Georgia, in Congress since 1914, introduce all military bills. This is the chairman's prerogative and was beside the Member who poaches on a southern chairman's prerogative.

In an interview with Norblad to discuss his legislation, he expressed concern over the stress that Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara is putting on missiles to the detriment of conventional weapons. He said that at present there were no bomber programs on the books and he felt this was a mistake. "What are we going to do about the local brush fires... the blockade of Cuba sort of thing? We still have to have conventional forces," he said. Norblad is concerned about the federal expenditures and generally supports cuts in the budget. He said he will vote for foreign aid cuts. He feels strongly that Europe should bear a heavier burden for its own defense, and that American servicemen and their families should be brought home.

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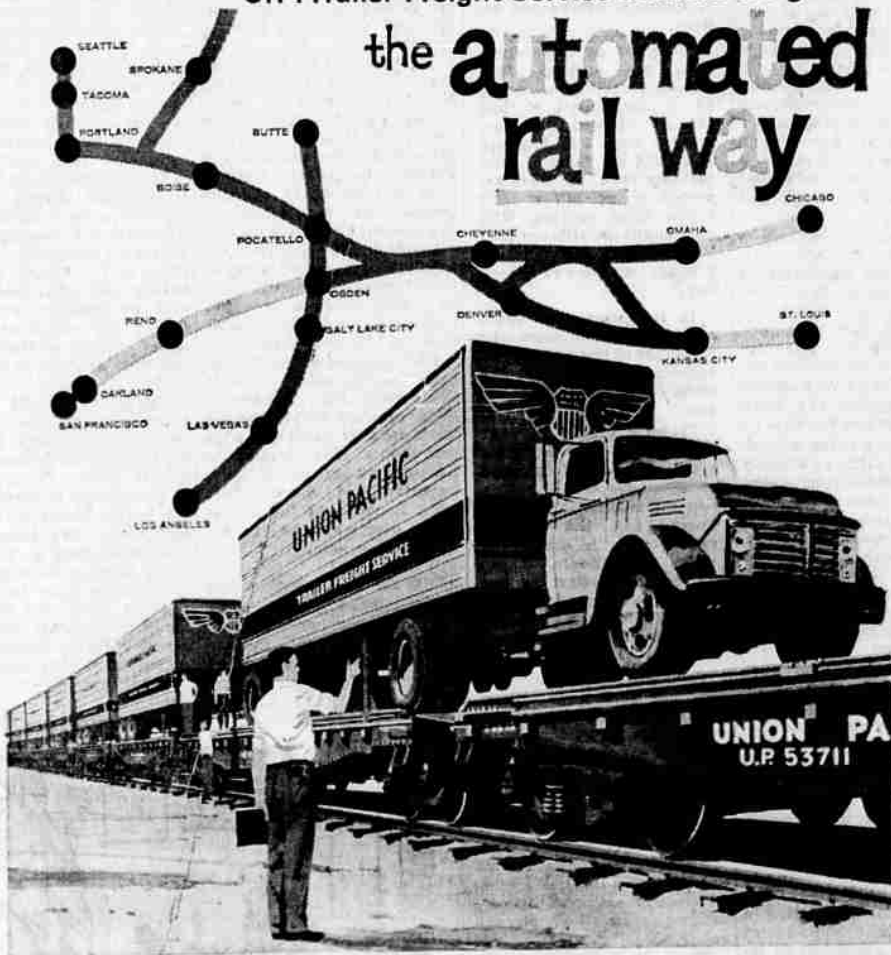
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