

# Vets' Hospital Program Attacked By Southern Medical Association

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MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The Veterans Administration is making "sinister inroads" on the American economic structure through its hospital program, a medical leader charged today.

Dr. H. J. Wilkinson of Huntington, W. Va., president of the Southern Medical Association, said the world's second largest organization of doctors declared in an address prepared for the S.M.A.'s 46th annual meeting.

"More and more V.A. hospitals are being erected each year at a staggering cost to the taxpayer, notwithstanding the tragic and

glaring fact that many of them are only partly filled, and that, only by veterans who are not rightfully entitled to this service."

He said, without amplification, that "it is reported that approximately 90 per cent of those treated have non-service connected disabilities, and many of these probably do not need hospitalization."

"A careful study might reveal the startling fact," he added, "that many of those who are admitted are encouraged to be dishonest by falsifying their application in claiming pauperism."

"V.A. regulations provide that any veteran with a non-service-connected ailment can obtain free hospitalization—if 'space' is available and if he states that he is unable to pay."

Declaring that the disabled veteran with service-connected disability should be given "the finest type of medical and nursing care,"

the doctor suggested that all V.A. hospitals in close proximity to medical schools should be devoted exclusively to such patients.

"The remaining hospitals, and those under construction," he said, "should be given to the states, counties or cities, provided they are operated for the care of the sick, be they mental, tubercular, or public general hospitals."

"A plan of this kind would largely solve the hospital bed shortage that exists in practically every state in the union."

Wilkinson said he was "shocked and amazed" at the "hands off attitude" of the American Medical

Association towards the Veterans Administration hospital program. "I have been repeatedly told by high-ranking officers of this great (AMA) organization," he said, "that we must adopt a policy of 'status quo' because of the American Legion's attitude in helping defeat the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill."

(That's the bill that would provide a system of federalized compulsory health insurance.)

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## Plant Quits Time Clock

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. (AP)—"The individual's own conscience" has been substituted for time clocks at the Electro-Chemical Division of E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc.

The division's 1,600 employees will file their own time slips at the end of each week.

Plant manager, Ross Hare said the move was decided upon at a meeting of the plant committee, composed of employe and management representatives.

He added, "It is the substitution of freedom of action and individualism in place of regimentation."

## Israel Adopts New Program

NEW YORK (AP)—The United Israel Appeal has adopted a plan designed to help Israel achieve economic independence and virtual self-sufficiency in food production within the next five years.

Among features of the plan are: increasing Israel's 575 agricultural settlements to 825 by 1957; and investments in irrigation totaling \$25 million dollars within the next five years by the Appeal and the Israeli government.

## Tele-fun

by Warren Goodrich



CHILOQUIN YOUTH ENJOY the popular, newly painted Youth Center, center of nearly all young people's activities in the town. The current budget estimate for the coming year is only \$695, to be included in the Community Chest budget. Chiloquin residents are urged to contribute generously.

## Chiloquin Youth Center Needs Expanded Budget

CHILOQUIN—\$695 is the total of the current budget estimate for the newly painted youth center, an amount of money listed on the Community Chest budget, if funds enough are collected. Chiloquin people are being urged to donate heavily for the chest fund, which will directly benefit the youth of the community.

The Youth Center was dedicated on March 31, 1949 when a Klamath Falls student orchestra played at an open house program. Since that time the center has been used for a multitude of events. It was open two or three evenings a week for students to dance, play pool, ping pong or visit. A primary recreation program was carried on for two years by members of the Church of Latter Day Saints, Camp Fire and Blue Bird organizations set there. And this past summer it was open every day and evening with assistance on leading the youth being given by the Klamath Agency officials.

The center has sponsored Christmas parades and treats, a complete swimming program in the summer when a bus is run twice weekly to a Klamath Falls pool, and a square dance teaching program.

Since the dedication, the center has been doubled in size, and recently has been painted, floors sanded and varnished and the lighting system improved.

Alan Prescott had donated the original building used and even after he gave the second half of the space, still donated a great deal of equipment. Now he charges a minimum rental, \$96 per year.

The center, which uses between \$600 and \$900 per year, is sponsored jointly by the PTA and the city council. An adult council of six members is assisted by a student representative for each of the upper six grades.

NEW YORK (AP)—The Crusade for Freedom's 1952 campaign opens tomorrow night with a four-network, coast-to-coast radio program featuring President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower and his defeated Democratic opponent, Adlai E. Stevenson.

## British Troops Leave Bermuda

LONDON (AP)—The British start pulling the last of their garrison troops out of the vacation Isle of Bermuda—a crown colony—this month.

A statement issued last night said: "The War Office announces with regret that in the present circumstances they are obliged to withdraw the British garrison, consisting of 154 officers and men, from Bermuda. Withdrawal will start this month and will be completed by May 1, 1953."

No reason for the action was given. But Britain's strained economic circumstances and the presence of sizable U. S. air and naval bases on the island appeared to be major factors.

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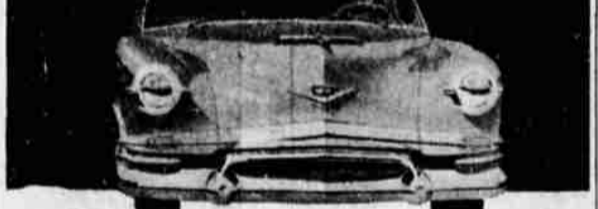
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## Contestants For Carnival Queen

CHILOQUIN—Who will be queen of the annual high school carnival? The event will be held on Friday evening, Nov. 14, beginning at 7 p.m. in the grade school.

Candidates for queen are Karen Wilson, 7th grader, Myrna Kensler, who represents the 8th grade, Lila Kensler, 9th grader, Joy Gard, Sue Seaholm and Betty Porter, who represent the three upper grades.

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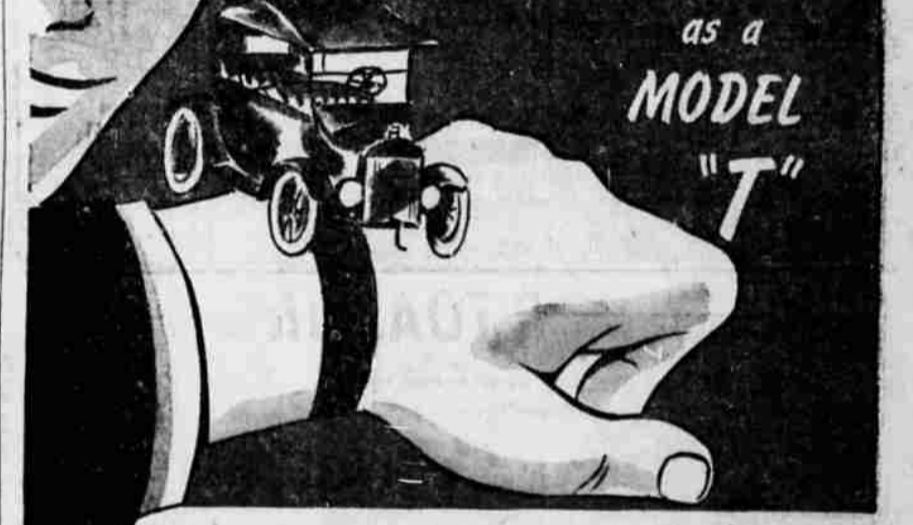
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