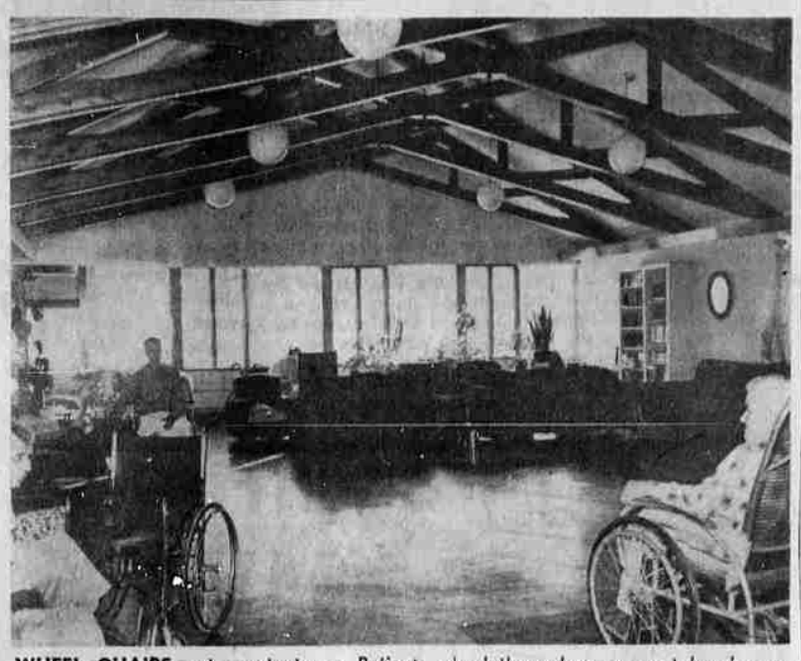
County Nursing Home Makes Excellent Care Available To Aged



WHEEL CHAIRS get constant use. Patients wheel themselves or are taken by assistants to big room to visit, read, play games, listen to the radio,. Churches and other organizations furnish current magazines and manw comforts are donated by interested persons. Windows in background look toward Kingsley Field.

COFFEE BREAKS for nurses and assistants are a part of routine that is a busy one around the clock. Nursing home has own laundry and 120 to 130 sheets per day are not an uncommon number to go through washers and dryers. Clockwise, around the table, are Ina Brown, Clara Rainwater, Ema Cooper and Jane Cooper.

By RUTH KING

The first home in Klamath County for the elderly and the infirm was for men only, located in the present Lindley Heights area on the hill. It was a small white frame structure with few comforts and was known as the "County Poor Farm." Horse-drawn passenger stages, lumber wagons rumbling by and the whirr of a few automobiles disturbed the rest and the thoughts of those who lived out their lives there.

Dates have escaped the memory of those who remember that building and the time when the county farm was moved to the site of the present modern Klamath Nursing Home on Summers Lane.

A three-story frame structure was put up when Judge Will Worden was on the bench and the home was supported in part through farm land that was owned by the county. A dairy provided milk, beef cattle were raised and pigs were kept to provide meat.

That building burned.

With the building of the present modern, brick buildings in 1939, and a change in health standards, policy of administration prevented the use of milk without pasteurization and the butchering of livestock without federal inspection or standardized equipment.

The dairy and production of livestock were discontinued and the 80 acres of land that for years had been farmed to help provide food for the table at the home was disposed of.

The names, "Old Folks Home," and "County Poor Farm," were relegated to the scrap heap and the operation, now financed in part by Klamath County funds, emerged into a convalescent or nursing home, planned to meet the needs of those ill for long periods of time, those who need special care for a short time, for paying patients and those who need financial aid. Ratio of paying and welfare patients is now about 50-50. Families from all levels of financial security take advantage of the excellent care and services offered at the nursing home where Mrs. Madelyn Brown, R.N., licensed practical nurses and others on the staff are on call 24 hours a day.

Patients of local doctors are cared for under the strict supervision of the staff and the present home is as well regulated and orderly as a hospital.

Rates for patients are determined by the amount of care needed and they fluctuate from $101 to $184 per month. Welfare patients who have social security incomes turn over their checks for care and receive a small monthly stipend for personal needs. Many who have not worked under social security or who do not have other sources of income are cared for with welfare funds. Average social security checks paid into the nursing home, statistics show, are $36 to $42. A few are larger.

Private patients who desire care are admitted if a bed is available.

Living quarters for men and women are segregated. The main building accommodates hospital beds, the kitchen, dining room, large recreation room, administrative office, dispensary and other rooms. Cottages, at a short distance from the larger building provide rooms for men and women.

Ambulatory patients go to meals and for recreation in the larger building. All doors are wide enough to permit easy removal of beds in case of fire.

A staff of 34 persons including maintenance men is on the pay roll of the smooth working establishment. The routine and care is exact and dependable with the kindly personal touch so necessary to recovery and contentment.

The home laundry handles up to 130 sheets per day and bed care is almost a continuous task.

The well-planned kitchen is staffed by a first and second cook, tray girls and dishwashers. Trays are taken to those unable to go to meals.

The grounds are in lawn and landscaped. Visitors are welcome.

Army Field Broadens Aid To Many

Work of the Salvation Army, begun in Klamath Falls on Sept. 7, 1921, was concerned primarily with religious activities. Today, the field has been broadened to include many more facets of service and many more persons.

It is not limited to seeking converts to Christianity as in the beginning of the organization, but takes into consideration the physical, moral and mental needs as well as spiritual of the individual.

For many years meetings were held nightly in a meeting hall, and open air services were held on streets each night with prayers and hymns. Youth activity centered around the Sunday school with no emphasis on recreational programs that now play an important part in work with young people.

The depression of 1930-32 was the beginning of the welfare program of the Salvation Army which has now grown to gigantic proportions throughout America. Soup kitchens provided food for the hundreds of thousands of men "on the march" and since that time officers of the Army have developed programs of personal contacts without thought of race, color or creed.

Counseling programs for families, youth programs, help for the needy including food, clothing, housing, furniture, in emergencies, are supplied, the aged are considered and assisted and recreation is provided for the young.

Present goal of the Salvation Army is to aid the individual and the family providing the temporal need to find the spiritual need so important in forming a firm foundation upon which to establish lives.

The first Army headquarters here were located on Oak Street with Lt. Herbert Vaughn commanding officer. A move to the present location, 400 Klamath Avenue, was made in 1941 when the larger, more convenient quarters were purchased through efforts of the advisory board.

After a succession of commanders, Maj. M. Lewis Kendoll and Mrs. Kendoll entered the field in Klamath County to build the present successful organization that reaches into many homes and that touches hundreds of lives, not only during the holiday period but during the entire year.

Salvation Army Headquarters

Pakistan Makes Request For U. S. Aid

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Pakistan has asked the United States for a huge $725,000,000 "food for peace" aid plan that would require sending a shipload of food every other day for four years.

Pakistan's finance minister, Mohammad Shoaib, discussed the request Friday with undersecretary of state for economic affairs George W. Ball and other officials.

"I think they were favorably inclined, subject to examination of the proposal in detail," Shoaib said later.

One of the details is that all the rupees Pakistan would pay this country for the food would be given back to Pakistan in economic aid grants and to cover the United States' contribution to the Indus River irrigation project.

It would require one ship sailing from the United States every second day for four years to deliver all the wheat, rice, cotton and other goods Pakistan wants.

The finance minister said it would also help prevent inflation in Pakistan resulting from the large injection of money into the nation's economy by the Indus River project and the new five-year plan.

The U.S. food-to-India program, which started last summer, calls for delivery of $1,276,000,000 worth of surplus agricultural products over a four-year period.

In per capita terms, Pakistan is asking for twice as much as India.

Shoaib said he will also discuss with the world bank and U.S. officials plans for a meeting in May of a consortium of industrialized nations that might be willing to help Pakistan get the foreign exchange it needs to maintain its five-year plan. The requirement amounts to about $330 million a year. A large part of it is already assured in the U.S. aid.

He said the world bank is trying to get the 17 capital-exporting nations who belong to the International Development Association to participate in the meeting.

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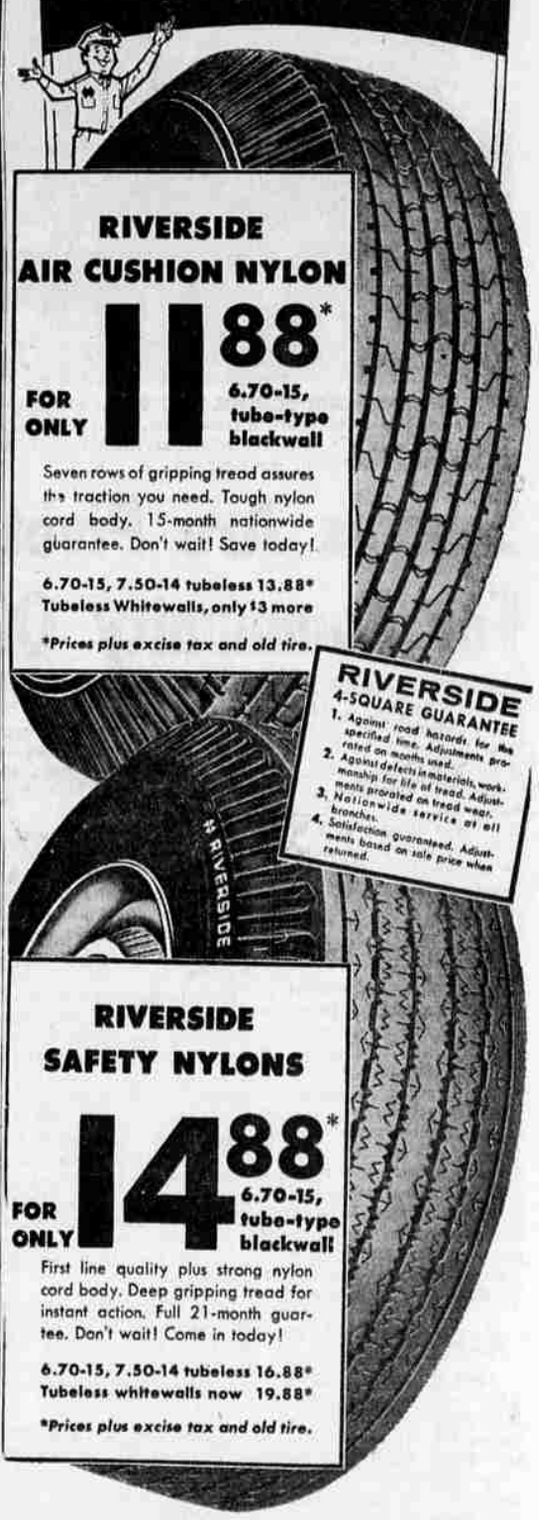

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