Stormont, Va. - Eddy Seward, 82, spent 41 years as a hermit in Virginia's Dragon swamp before he decided ot return to civilization. Now he has decided that-maybe it is time to get married. He drafted an advertisement for a

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## **Veterans**

An increasing number of veterans hospitalized by Veterans Administration for severe mental illness are recovering and leaving the hospital, figures released by the agency show.

VA said its hospitals placed 6, 736 mental patients on trial visit to their home communities during the first six months of fiscal year 1958, and 13,200 during the entire fiscal year 1957.

The fiscal 1957 number represents a seven per cent increase over the 12,351 patients placed on trial visit from VA hospitals in fiscal 1956, a 32 per cent increase over the 9,985 in fiscal 1955, and a 73 per cent increase over the 7,617 in fiscal 1953.

Most of the patients leaving the hospitals on trial visit have been treated for severe mental condi-

tions, VA said. The average daily patient load

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of fiscal year 1956, but rose be- munity living. tween 1953 and 1956. Currently, the figure is 57,423, which includes 52,-456 veterans with severe mental illness and 4,967 with less severe psychiatric disorders.

VA said the incréase in patients on trial visit can be attributed to changes in therapies (including inand group psychotherapy), to an increase in open wards, and to rea-

of mentally ill veterans in VA hos- wakened interest in development pitals has remained at around the of new habits of resocialization to same number since the beginning prepare patients for return to com-

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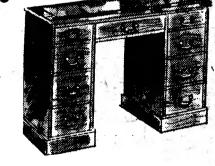
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