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Oregon Vets Ask Loan Limit Boost For Homes, Farms

An increase from \$3000 to \$6000 in the Oregon veterans' loan act for the acquisition of farms or homes, and loans by the state under the federal veterans' loan guarantee provisions of the GI bill of rights, are two of the proposed changes submitted to the state legislature, Director George E. Sandy of the Department of Veterans' Affairs advises.

Important changes sought by veterans' groups in the state veterans' loan act of 1945 would, according to the proposed amendment prepared by Sandy's department from resolutions adopted last summer at state conventions of the three leading veterans' organizations:

1. Permit use of the loan to pay for material and labor for new dwellings and garages, new farm buildings and fences, or for repairing or remodeling the same.

2. Remove authority for foreclosures and the liquidation of properties thus acquired, from the state land board and place it

with the director of veterans' affairs.

3. Permit the widow of a veteran who had died after being approved for a loan, to succeed to his loan rights, or to continue payment on his loan without change in the interest rate, provided her husband died during the time of making repayment.

4. Prevent attachment by creditors of any such loan.

5. Increase the interest rate from 4 per cent to 5 per cent should the veteran transfer his property to anyone outside his immediate family who is not a qualified veteran.

6. Require the director of veterans' affairs to keep up the taxes on the veteran's mortgaged property, by providing for an additional amount to be added to the purchaser's regular installments.

Sandy said most of the proposals came from resolutions passed by the American Legion department convention in Portland last September, including the increase to \$6000, the transfer of appraisal rights, and state

loans under the GI bill. The Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars had passed similar resolutions, except that both these groups have asked that the loan be raised to \$10,000.

To lend money under the GI guarantee, the state would first require the veteran to submit a letter stating that he could not obtain the loan from a "recognized regular lending agency."

Power Shutdown Slated For North Douglas Area

Power shutdown Sunday, January 19, for all consumers served by the Drain substation was announced by the Douglas Electric Cooperative. The power interruption, between 1:30 P. M. and 4:30 P. M., is required by the Bonneville Power Administration for necessary work at Eugene. Co-operative areas affected by the interruption will be: North of Drain, Elkton, Scottsburg, part of Yoncalla, Nonpareil, Scotts Valley, Hayhurst, Hubbard Creek and Tye.

All-Farm Worker Union AFL Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The AFL this week officially touched off a drive to bring 3,000,000 farm workers into its newly-chartered National Farm Labor Union.

AFL officials urged a union convention here to aim for organization of all field workers on farms, ranches, and plantations throughout the United States. About 150 delegates, many of them Negro farm hands, attended the convention.

Although only chartered by the AFL last August, the union was originally formed 13 years ago as an independent group under the name, Southern Tenant Farmers union.

Frank P. Fenton, organizational director for the AFL, pledged to the delegates the federation's financial support in the organization drive.

Fenton also told them the AFL

would try to get congress to bring farm workers, now excluded, under old age pensions, the wage and hour act, unemployment compensation and the Wagner relations act.

Axemen Defeat Elmira
EUGENE, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The Eugene Axemen easily defeated Elmira High, 53 to 32, on the basketball court here last night.

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