



By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

The first few days after the house of representatives moved into its new quarters in the ways and means committee room in the new house office building, I thought the temporary set-up would work out well. I have changed my mind. The sessions are little short of bedlam. In spite of every effort on the part of the presiding officer, the noise and confusion is terrible. As a result of the general high noise level on the floor, the loud-speaker system used by those who address the house is operated at which seems to be full volume—with six amplifier units blaring down at us from along the walls. A boiler factory in full production would be a nice quiet place by comparison.

A few days ago I was asked by a wire service reporter what I thought of the situation, and when I thought we were going to adjourn this session. Among other comments I said "We should adjourn and go home." This remark I find was widely quoted on the radio and in the newspapers. There was, however, a great deal more behind my remark than revealed by the short easy quote. After watching the house of representatives in operation for nearly two weeks under these extremely trying and adverse con-

ditions, I am convinced that no more than the vitally necessary bills should be considered now. It should also complete action on a few unfinished items of relatively low importance—and then adjourn.

I am certain that consideration and action upon highly important and complicated legislation should not be attempted under present conditions.

There has not been a great deal of publicity given to the fact, but before long the federal government through the veterans administration will begin the distribution of cash to veterans. The total will be two billion, eight hundred million of dollars! Think what that amount of new, unobligated, spendable income will do toward bolstering up a slightly sagging U. S. economy. No, for once an outpouring of federal money is not listed under the heading of government spending. This will be the return to the veterans of World War 2 of overpayments they have made on their national service life insurance policies.

The veterans administration refers to the payments as a special dividend. Anyone who held NSLI for as long as three months is eligible for payments. Veterans do not need write the VA about this. Application forms will soon be available at all post offices. All the veteran needs to do is to obtain a form, fill it out and mail it to the VA.

In a letter I received recently from VA Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., he states: "Every effort is being made to speed up work in connection with payment of the dividend. We hope to mail out the first checks some time in January, 1950, and to have the payment substantially completed by June 30."

The announcement of plans for distributing insurance dividend checks to some eleven or twelve million veterans during the congressional campaign year of 1950 touched many political nerves in the capitol. It was freely stated by Republican members of congress, and on pretty reliable information it seemed, that these checks actually could be sent out during 1949 but that the distribution was delayed until next year for political reasons. I offer no opinion on this because I have no direct personal knowledge about it—but I do know that things of that sort have happened in this big government of ours.

Neufelds To Tulelake

Rev. and Mrs. Nick Neufeld were visitors at Roseburg last week, going while Rev. Neufeld's parents stayed with their children. The Neufelds left Monday for Tulelake, Calif., where Rev. and Mrs. Nick Neufeld took his parents, who will remain there for a visit.

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Chetco Lodge, Odd Fellows, Seats New Officers

Regular meeting of Chetco Lodge No. 249, Odd Fellows, last Thursday evening featured installation of officers for the second six months of 1949. The installing officers were Lawrence Myers, district deputy grand master, Honard Cantrall, grand marshal, Art Bollinger, grand chaplain and Paul Whirry, grand warden.

The following officers were installed:

- Noble Grand—Charles Crosby.
- Vice-Grand—Dave Crockett.
- Right Supporter to the Noble Grand—Lloyd Stefani.
- Left Supporter to the Noble Grand—L. A. Harvey.
- Warden—Frank Tygart.
- Conductor—Roy Marquis.
- Chaplain—Mr. Zirbel.
- Outside Guardian—Mike Page.
- Inside Guardian—Milton Foster.
- Right Supporter to the Vice-Grand—Frank Hassett.
- Left Supporter to the Vice-Grand—Leslie Ray.
- Right Scene Supporter—Jack Kinney.
- Left Scene Supporter—Theodore Freeman.

The initiatory degree was given for Fred Moore and Harold Jesser, and this Thursday evening they will be given the first degree. It was voted to donate the use of the hall for the Red Cross first aid classes.

Refreshments of sake, cookies, and coffee were served.

Card Of Thanks

Directors of Lily Blossom Time association for 1949 wish to thank each and everyone of the citizens of the Brookings and Harbor area for their co-operation and support in making the Lily Blossom pageant a great success.

Baseball Talent Sought By New York Giants

DALLAS, Ore.—Mickey Shader, western scout scout for the New York Giants National League baseball club, has issued a call for diamond talent to report to a tryout camp in this little Willamette valley city on August 6 and 7.

With Hughie Day, another Giant scout, Shrader will look over prospects for the Giants as he conducts the camp "in major league style."

This will be one of three such

sessions to be held by the Giants in the northwest this year, the other two to be at locations in Oregon and Washington, to be selected.

All players eligible to sign professional contracts may attend without charge, although each must pay his own expenses and bring his own uniform. Games will be played both Saturday and Sunday, and all players will be allowed to participate.

In Dallas, camp will be at the high school field, at 10 a. m. on the two days.



Kenneth Ballweber of Salem, Oregon, didn't think much of his future that one day he was on a raft floating down a jungle river on the Jap-infested island of Morotai strapped to a stretcher and gas gangrene paralyzing one of his legs.



K. BALLWEBER

All his life he had been planning and dreaming of being a farmer, but when his World War II service ended in a hospital and a leg amputation, those plans had to be traded in for new ones.

Today, Kenneth Ballweber is a district circulation manager for the Oregon Journal, happily married and owns his own home.

Because he had the courage to overcome a serious handicap and succeed in a new field of endeavor in which his disability didn't make any difference, Ballweber has been selected by the Disabled American Veterans as its "Hero of the Month."

The selection is part of a national program to honor each month a seriously disabled veteran who has successfully rehabilitated himself.

The attack that cost Ballweber his leg took place on Morotai in

the South Pacific. His Army unit was sent into an area thickly covered with brush and jungle growth. The squad was pinned down four hours by Jap fire and in Ballweber's own words, "Lots of us were wounded and killed."

He was among the wounded floated down a raft for eight miles—a raft which natives made by hand. After two days of field hospitals he spent two months in a hospital in Biak and was returned to the States for hospitalization.

Ballweber had been employed at the Salem Linen Mills before he entered service and a job was awaiting him following his discharge from the hospital. However, he decided to go into newspaper work and he became associated with the Oregon Journal.

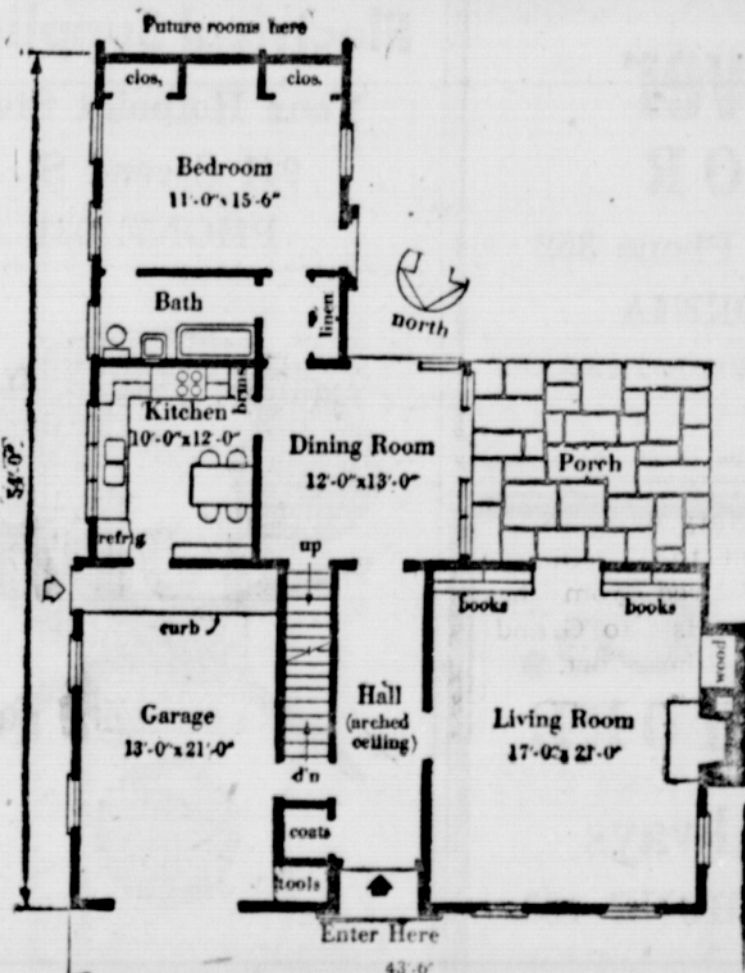
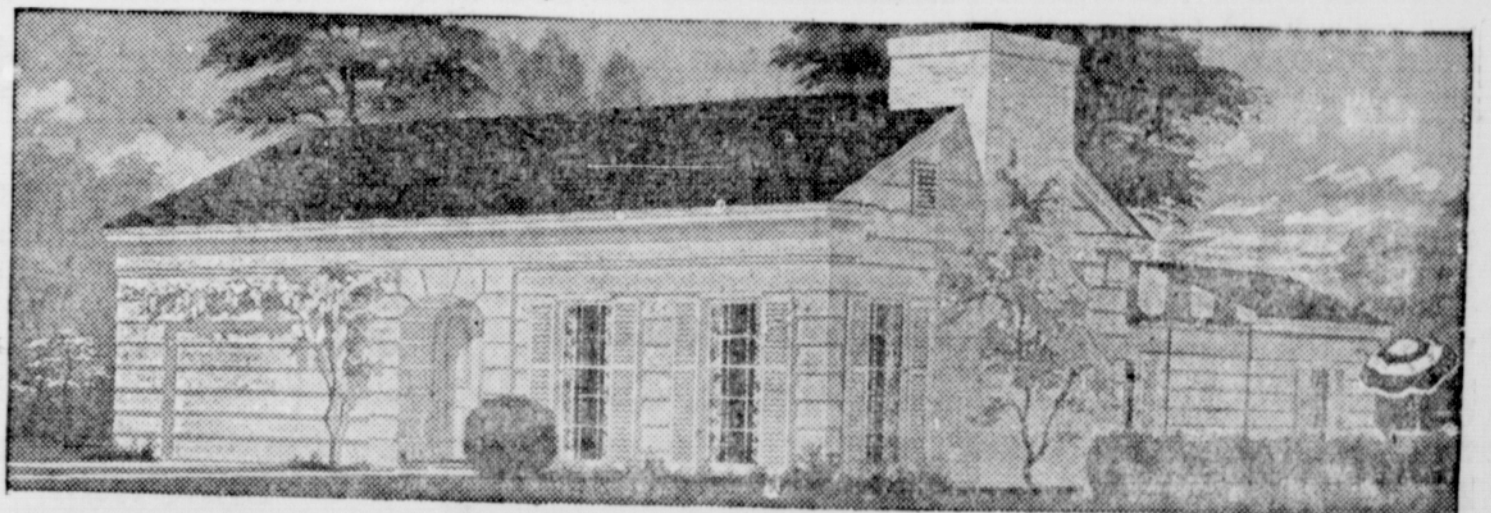
As a district manager he has a 65 mile route and supervises the work of nine carriers. He drives his own car over the route which covers Kaizer, Brooks, Chemawa and Four Corners.

Ballweber attributes his rehabilitation to his own determination, the care and encouragement of his wife, the former Hazel Blackman, and his life membership in the Disabled American Veterans.

He was born in Woodburn, Oregon, March 7, 1922 and attended Fairfield Grade School and graduated from the Gervais High School.

Ballweber was awarded the Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, among other citations.

Little Classic



Here is a little house with a classic, unhurried spirit—a house for those who mind their manners and sometimes like a touch of formality. The house, as featured in the September issue of Good Housekeeping magazine, is bright, original, and very elegant. It lends itself readily to additional rooms.

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