

The planning and anticipation become reality when a date is set for departure and the car packed with camp equipment, bedding, clothing and food. There are a few personal possessions each member of the family thinks necessary for his or her happiness. Mother has her knitting, the novel she has been intending to read, the newest copy of her favorite magazine and the canasta set. Dad has his fishing gear. Sister is taking her camera; brother his stamp collection for a rainy day. Little Brother guards the pamphlets, maps and a few books he has chosen from the "Read About Oregon" book list published by the Oregon State Library.

After a summer vacation in the forests of Oregon the family will be eager to take part in skiing and other winter sports as well as the hiking and camping activities of one of the out door clubs of the west.

ADDITIONAL MYRTLE TREES SET ASIDE AS PUBLIC PARK

A narrow strip of myrtle forest fronting the state highway for half a mile between Myrtle Point and Powers along the South Coquille river, has been acquired for the public by Save the Myrtle Woods, Inc., according to Thornton T. Munger, president of the organization.

It is the fourth such tract acquired for park purposes to preserve some examples of the rapidly disappearing wood, Munger said. There are seven acres in the tract. Others are Maria C. Jackson grove on Brummet creek near Sitkum, donated by Mrs. C. S. Jackson, Portland, Oregon; Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs grove on the Millicoma river near Allegheny, and Alfred A. Loeb State Forest park on the Chetco river near Brookings now administered by the state board of forestry.

Money to acquire the tract has been contributed by individuals and more than 100 garden clubs under the leadership of Mrs. Walter Wilhelm. The bureau of land management of the interior department also has reserved for scenic and recreational purposes several tracts of Oregon & California land grant lands.—Forest Log.

Veterans' Activities

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VETS RECEIVING GI DIVIDENDS

The long-awaited payment of GI insurance dividends is in full swing, and many reading this will already have received their dividend checks. There are others who haven't even applied, but they should because the Veterans Administration is anxious to get these payments out of the way. According to news reports from Washington, D.C., the VA intends to get busy on a second dividend as soon as the bulk of payments is completed on the current one, although the VA regional office in Portland had no official word to this effect as yet. If the reports are true, the next dividend will be paid in 1951, to cover the 24-month period from the anniversary date of the policy in 1948, to the corresponding date in 1950.

Payment would be on the same basis as the current dividend; 55 cents per month per \$1000 of insurance in force, which would amount to \$132 for the veteran who carried \$10,000 of insurance during the 24 months, provided he was less than 40 years old when he took out his insurance.

The promise of future dividends should be an inducement to veterans to reinstate their lapsed policies, which they can still do by passing a physical examination and paying two back premiums if they had never converted their insurance, or by paying all back premiums if their insurance had been converted to a permanent plan.

Getting back to the current dividend pay-out: If you think your dividend check is less than you should have received, it is advised that you write the VA district office handling your insurance accounts, and give the facts as you see them. List your army or navy serial number, your insurance policy number, and the number on your insurance dividend acknowledgment card. It is not necessary to send your dividend check. Cash and use it