

THE VETERANS LIGHTHOUSE

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For ANP

The State Department of Veterans' Affairs has approved loans to Oregon veterans of World War II amounting to \$93,150 for the acquisition of farms and homes, Hugh E. Rosson, director, announced today. The average loan was for \$2,388.

Up to December 19, a total of 127 veterans have applied for loans, with Multnomah county leading and Marion, Clackamas and Lane counties following in that order. The first loan was approved on October 15.

A maximum of \$3000 but not to exceed 75 per cent of the appraised value of the property may be loaned veterans of Oregon under the act, approved by the 1945 session of the state legislature. The act is administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. Rosson pointed out that application may be made by any eligible veteran, in writing, at the department's offices in the State Library building, Salem, or at the Portland branch office in the Oregon building at Fifth and Oak streets. The veteran will be sent an application form along with instructions, or these may be obtained from any county or veterans' organization service officer.

The application form, along with a certified or photostatic copy of the veteran's discharge, is then mailed to the Salem or Portland office.

If the loan is approved, an appointed attorney in the veteran's home county can help him complete the legal details, thus eliminating the need of a trip to Salem or Portland.

The applicant should clearly state whether he is acquiring a farm, or a city or suburban home, it was advised.

In response to inquiries regarding the recording of veterans' discharge papers, Director Hugh E. Rosson of the Department of Veterans' Affairs explained today that all counties in Oregon will perform this service without cost, as provided by state law.

Some confusion arose when the Navy began issuing a "notice of separation" on a separate sheet from the actual discharge certificate. But Attorney General George Neuner, in an opinion handed down in November, ruled that this was an official part of the formal discharge and should be recorded, along with the discharge, without cost to the veteran.

On his return from the service the veteran should have his discharge recorded without delay in the office of the county clerk of his home county, Mr. Rosson emphasized.

This is important, he pointed out, because the veteran will then be able to procure photostatic or duplicate copies needed in applying for many types of employment, for state or federal educational and loan benefits, for pensions, and for compensation under the federal readjustment act.

Further, it will save the veteran the trouble and delay entailed in applying to the government for a duplicate in the event his original discharge papers become lost or stolen, Mr. Rosson explained.

Last week, my good friend James L. Hicks of NNPA, wrote some advice on how veteran

meetings and community centers for veterans information can help this rehabilitation business along. This column sincerely hopes that "Jimmy's" pertinent advice will be heeded.

"Black Metropolis," ably written by Horace R. Cayton and St. Clair Drake, is a must for veterans reading. Of even the highly acclaimed "The American Dilemma," by the renowned Gunnar Myrdal, can excel "Black Metropolis" as an objective, coldly logical vehicle of sociological information concerning the American Negro. Do not miss reading this book, buddy and be sure that you tell the white folks about it. It will do us a lot of good.

The Women's Army for National Defense (headquarters Chicago) has turned all its wartime energy and effective operation toward veterans' rehabilitation. The WANDs recently had General Omar Bradley, head of Veterans administration, send them an official representative to help set up a program of concrete veterans' aid. The ex-war volunteers are raring to go with their program. You'll be hearing about it.

President Truman's new housing control program is not meeting with a great deal of enthusiasm from some of the Government officials who do not wish to be quoted in their opinions. However, these men are saying that the over-all cost of construction under the proposed plan will place the home beyond the pocketbook of the majority of vets. In the meantime, hopes for controlling inflation in real estate values continue to be in the ceiling provisions of the Patman (D. Texas) housing bill.

Keep your eyes open for confidence men, buddy. They are out to get you and your change. Whatever else happens to you, don't be a sucker with your money.

SUCCESS STORY: Out in the middlewest, a Negro veteran returned home after a medical discharge from the army. He arrived home without a great deal of money, but was determined to go to work for himself, nevertheless. Lacking formal education, or specialized training, he knew that whatever he decided to do, would of necessity be something which required a minimum of education and skill. But despite the fact that he was lacking in these things, he still possessed the No. 1 requirement for success—ambition.

While looking around one day, he went into the heart of the business section of the city. In passing by a large office building, he noticed that there was considerable space in the foyer. After a great deal of discussion and conference with the owners of the building, it was agreed that the stand could be placed as requested, provided it was kept up neatly and was a modern and attractive project.

Meeting all these requirements, the vet opened up. Today he has three similar shining parlors in different buildings, and his monthly net income from the ventures average \$350.



CAMP FIRE GIRLS discuss "World Friendship," important feature of the organization's program, symbolized in this painting, executed by Gertrude Whiting, well-known artist. Inter-cultural appreciation starts in the girls' own group.

New Technician At Tuskegee Institute Hospital



Miss Rose Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Campbell, was recently appointed as registered physical therapy technician at the John A. Andrew Memorial hospital, Tuskegee institute. Miss Campbell is carrying on her activities in the physical therapy department. Miss Campbell was reared at Tuskegee and graduated with the class of 1943 with a degree in physical education. She acquired a master's degree at the University of Wisconsin, and has recently returned from the University of California where she spent an additional year of study in the field of physical therapy.

Mother of Infant Put on Probation

ATLANTA (ANP)—Miss Clara Barlow, charged with abandonment of a minor when her alleged bay was found in a garbage can here last Oct. 25 at the First Methodist church (white) last week was tried on the charge and given a probated term of twelve months by Judge John S. McClelland of Fulton Criminal court.

Miss Barlow, 21, acknowledged that she is the mother of the baby and testified that she placed the infant in a garbage can because she thought it dead.

The baby, still in custody of officials of Grady hospital, is the subject of an injunction filed by Mr. and Mrs. Redell Brooks, asking hospital authorities to show cause why they should not have permanent custody of the child. The court order is returnable in the domestic relations court next Jan. 10.

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SEARCH LIGHT NEGRO BUSINESS (1945)

Mr. Oliver E. Smith sets pace for Negro Leadership in Portland. Coming to Portland in 1937 from Longview, Washington a part of the greater Portland Era. For a period of time Mr. Smith made a study of minorities, particular the Negro in Oregon and Southwest Washington. His interest since has been in RIGHTS for all Americans.

In 1941 he married Miss Alice M. Evans daughter of an old pioneer family of Portland. They reside in Southwest Portland.

Mr. Smith's interest is varied. In 1945 as well as years before, he had been either active or consulted in every major organization dealing with minorities. In civic and political organizations his 1945 activities were:

Vice-president of Portland Branch of NAACP.

Secretary of Billy Webb Lodge No. 1050 (Elks).

Board member of the Urban League.

Secretary of Progressive Democratic Club.

Field Co-ordinator for National Council for Permanent F. E. P. C.

Correspondent for American Council on Race Relation.

Director of Allied Racial and Minorities Study.

Board member of Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee.

In 1944, he ran for State Representative and received 14,885 votes, just twenty-eight (28) votes behind for the nomination of his party. He was indorsed by organized labor for the post. He was the first Negro to run on the Democratic ticket.

He has opened an office in the heart of the Williams Avenue District as a Notary Public with Books on or about the Negro. Mr. Smith still contends his deep interest is Minority Rights and a booster for the scenic beauty of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Tillamook Luncheon opened September 14th under the management of Mrs. Mary Proctor, Proprietor. The location is directly across Williams Avenue from the U. S. O. at Tillamook and Williams Avenue. Choice food is served in connection with an up-to-date fountain. Mrs. Proctor is a Progressive business woman. During World War II, she had three sons in the service of the country. She has been a resident of Portland since 1935.

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lic. Having a physical handicap, Mr. Sibley needs to be congratulated for the way he has conducted his business.

Mrs. Kitty Blackwell known as "Kitty" with her personality and esteemed ability to help Negro business, now operates a florist shop at her home 1712 N. E. Victoria Avenue. "SAY IT WITH FLOWERS".

What started out as a snack bar for the patrons of the Acme Club in December, 1944, along with Mrs. Mary Carter, is now one of the Avenue's busiest Restaurants. Mrs. Carter now employs six (6) persons. "That is what we call business management".

SUGAR HILL DINETTE at 84 N. Broadway better known as Myrt's of which Mrs. Myrtle Bar-no is the congenial and well known proprietress and Hostess. The theatrical people from all over the nation make Myrt's their headquarters while in the City of Roses.

The Madrona Radio and Record Shop operated by the very popular couple, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Garrett, better known to their friends as Dorothy and Charlie. The Garrett's started in this business in 1937 and have been engaged in the same business since that date.

They have recently purchased the building at N. Williams and Broadway where the new home of the Madrona and Record Shop will be located. The public is cordially invited to inspect their new home on January 2, 1946 from 5 to 10 p. m.

CLARK'S BLUE HEAVEN LUNCH ROOM—1042 N. Larabee St., managed and operated by a young and progressive couple, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark. They have been in business at this location since July and are doing nicely.

The amendments to the G. I. Bill of Rights have been roped out, and it soon will be "in the bag." Chief changes will affect the loan and education provisions, which will be greatly expanded.

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