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Veterans of 41st Discriminated Against in Bonus Amendment

Any proposition for a state veterans' bonus that does not include all pre-Pearl Harbor veterans of World War II is discriminatory and the veterans' bonus amendment to be voted on November 2 does just that, it has been revealed by F. H. Young, manager of Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc., of Portland.

Veterans of Oregon's famed national guard 41st (Sunset) division, who were inducted into service in 1940, and many other Oregon men and women who were reserve officers, or who had enlisted or been warranted prior to Pearl Harbor, are barred from bonus benefits under the language of the bonus amendment.

The discrimination comes from inaccurate grammatical construction in the preparation of the bill. If the word "or" had been used instead of the first "and," any veteran who served between Pearl Harbor and September 5, 1945, would have been eligible.

A veteran, to qualify for the proposed bonus, must have a service record that meets the following qualifications, all tied together with the conjunction "and": 1. Enlistment, induction, warrant or commission after Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, and 2. Service in U. S. or allied armies between December 7, 1941, and September 5, 1945, and, 3. Was a resident of Oregon when he or she enlisted, and, 4. Had been a resident of Oregon for one year prior to enlistment, induction, or commission, and 5. Was honorably discharged.

Since errors in constitutional amendments are difficult to correct, the discrimination against 41st division veterans and other pre-Pearl Harbor vets should insure its rejection. If desired later a measure that says what it is intended to say can be submitted and stand on its merits as to needs and cost.

Expansion of Sheriff's Reserve For County in Public Interest

Expansion of the Washington County Sheriff's reserve from 27 men to 150, as announced by Sheriff Dick Busch, is a move in the public interest that is commendable. Enlargement of the reserve is important in view of the present tense state of world affairs in that it provides a trained group in case of any emergency.

That such a unit is very much in order is evidenced by a recent request from the federal government for a reactivation of civilian defense organizations. It is to the credit of Sheriff Busch and all others connected with it that plans for the expansion were formulated a month before the governmental request was received.

Although members serve without pay, the organization aids in many activities of the sheriff's office, such as the handling of crowds at large civic gatherings and emergency work in any disaster.

The long experience of Dick Busch, a World War I veteran, in law enforcement and his work as chief deputy prior to, during and after the war gives him an understanding of the over-all picture that few men possess.

National Letter-Writing Week

The post office is conducting a campaign to make more work for itself. October 17-23 has been declared National Letter-Writing Week and if Aunt Sue or Uncle Jim hasn't heard from you for a long time, sit down and write them this week.

There is no pastime which is more put off than letter-writing. This state of affairs is unfortunate, since letters can be great couriers of happiness. Anyone who watched a serviceman at mail call during the war can attest to that. During those unsettled years, a letter often was the lone remaining means of communication and as such, it was appreciated.

Everyone has at least one distant friend to whom a letter has been due for a long time. That friend, very probably, would be pleased immensely should the mailman bring a message from you.

There are many persons who have a deep-set belief that they cannot write a good letter and use that feeling as an excuse for not writing. There are no set rules for a "good letter." If you can talk to someone with mutual enjoyment, a letter will produce the same effect—if you remain yourself when you pick up a pen. Many very good letters are simply conversation in writing.

Letter writing can be made more regular by keeping a supply of the necessary materials on hand—paper, stamps, etc. Then when the mood strikes, the tools are there.

Before Letter-Writing Week is over, write to someone you have been neglecting.—E. O.

With Other Editors

National Bible Week (Industrial News Review) Today the enemies of America's sacred traditions are bending every effort to replace Freedom and Liberty and Justice under God with national socialism and policing government.

Folks... THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Wyan W. Winans Special. Columbus Day has a very special meaning for the C. H. Schmidt family of West Union way, for Columbus was the name of the late C. H. Schmidt. According to his son, Bernie, his father was named after the ship Columbus on which he was born while his parents were en route to America from Switzerland.

Meet the Staff... Editor's Note: The Argus wants its readers to know the men and women who do the considerable work involved in producing a weekly newspaper.

Don Foelker is the only ex-marine on the Argus staff. And he is one of the countless ex-marines who maintains there aren't any EX-marines.

At any rate, Don no longer wears a leatherneck uniform but spends his days operating a linotype and the newspaper web press in the Argus shop.

He is married to the former Madeleine Coussens, route 1, Hillsboro, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coussens. Their wedding took place December 30, 1947.

Don was born in Litchville, N. D., in 1920 and came to Hillsboro with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Foelker, in 1930. He was graduated from B. W. Barnes school in 1935 and from

Hihi in 1939. While at Hihi, he lettered in track and baseball. His event in track was the broad jump, in which he did well enough to place fifth in the state meet in 1939. An athletic

scholarship sent him to Pacific university in 1941 and he left the Forest Grove campus for the Marines in 1942. He was sent to College of the Pacific, Stockton, Cal., under the navy's V-12 program.

Amos Alonzo Stagg, venerable football coach whose son, Paul, is now Pacific university mentor, was directing the COP team that year. Don had quite a season with the player reinforcements brought by the navy.

Don and his brother, Bill, now an assistant coach at Milwaukee high school, acted as trainers for Stagg's team. As a result, Don came into contact with grid stars like Art McCarfry, All-American who is now in the navy's V-12 program.

But Don finished his two years of college in one year—which was the W-12 program—and left for North Carolina to take up the serious business of becoming a gyrene. He was at Parris Island and Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and Quantico in Virginia. He was commissioned a

lieutenant in the Marine Corps and organized with Fred Sewell as lieutenant-colonel. He was a captain and Dr. E. H. Smith and Charles Buchanan Jr. enlisted in marine corps.

War board sends two sets of men for artillery service. Ed Sohler of Verboort, who enlisted in the spring, died of pneumonia at Camp Taylor, October 20. Lt. E. L. Perkins elected captain of local militia company.

Herbert Miller writes his mother, Mrs. George Tompkins of Hillsboro, telling of experiences in front lines in France. Cornelius schools closed because of flu epidemic in major. Hillsboro closed as protection against influenza.

Gene Ivan Lee dies of pneumonia at Camp Lewis last week. Forty-five Years Ago Argus, October 22, 1903 — City grants franchise for 25 years to Farmers' Rural Telephone system. J. H. Sewell, F. J. Williams and others.

Some talk of legal fight against city council regarding repairing Second street. Council holds that street must be planned. Will French and Austin Craig of Washington, Oregon, are in Hillsboro to take charge of Hillsboro Independent and will issue both papers from Hillsboro.

Deaths—William H. Greer, Forest Grove Civil War veteran, William A. Montgomery of Mountaineer, Mrs. R. K. Ennes, pioneer of 1852, at Hillsboro. Fourth regiment state militia or-

Personality of the Week..

Big Man Around Banks—that's Ray Vanderzanden, whose six-foot, four-inch, 215-pound construction makes him a stand-out at any public gathering.

His name is usually associated with the Sunset chamber of commerce, that unique organization which is working for the development of an area rather than an individual town.

Vanderzanden has been president of the organization since its founding in June 1946. Communities included are Banks, North Plains, Mountaineer, Roy, Buxton and Manning. Farmers, businessmen, professional men—nearly all walks of life are represented in the organization.

The first major project of the Sunset chamber was the Bar-B-Q, a festival in which prime barbeque beef is a major attraction. The group also sponsors baseball and basketball teams, the Boy Scouts and now has taken on the fostering of the Bluebirds, young girls' organization. The first Bar-B-Q was September 10, 1946. The 1948 affair added an attraction, the Bunyan Derby, which sent a field of walking men over a 75-mile route between Portland and Banks. The walkathon will be an annual feature hereafter.

The chamber's recreational area and Bar-B-Q grounds has been developed rapidly with the help of work being donated by members. That spirit which resulted in the building of the park presages great things in the future of the Sunset chamber, Vanderzanden believes. Planned by the chamber now is a series of monthly educational meetings with outstanding speakers scheduled to appear.

Vanderzanden is now farming near Banks with his brother, Clarence. Between them they handle over 450 acres. He is a native of the area which he is now leading to better things. He went to grade school at Roy and to high school at Banks. He completed his first year of college at George Washington university in Washington, D. C. and then transferred to Gonzaga as a sophomore.

He started on the gridiron for Gonzaga, playing both tackle and center and captaining the team before his graduation in 1939. He also was president of the Gonzaga lettermen's club.

Following his graduation in 1939, he coached for three years at Rosalia, Wash. Then came the war and the navy. He was deck officer on an attack craft and his wartime experiences led to a Vanderzanden invention—dual retractable rudders for landing craft which give stability and control when the craft is backing off a beach after disgorging its troops. The navy put Ray's brain child through tests and the rudders did what they were supposed to.

Previously, with the single rudder behind the propeller, the craft often were swamped when attempting to back off the beach into deep water. The Vanderzanden rudders are ahead of the propeller. When the screw is reversed the water forced against the dual rudders gives much better control. The device is also useful for holding craft along side a larger ship.

Out of the navy, Vanderzanden went back to farming, although he says he may get back into the teaching profession some day. His teaching experience probably had something to do with his being chosen this year for chairman of

constitutional amendment known as the World War II Veterans Bonus Amendment. It is going to leave out all the boys that served in the 41st division in the last war? If so against it as they fought good and plenty. If a bonus is deserved by anyone they should have all that is coming to them. Otherwise I, for one, will vote it down with the greatest of pleasure.—Hugh Moore

Editor's Note—Due to wording in the measure it would discriminate against Oregon veterans who enlisted, etc. before Pearl Harbor, which would include the members of our own famed 41st division. It has been revealed by the Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc., of Portland.

Sees Discrimination Dear Editor: I am writing this to find out the lowdown on proposed



Ray Vanderzanden

the Banks grade school board, a rare accomplishment for a bachelor. He didn't find out that he had become a member of the board three years ago until he had been on it for a week.

Vanderzanden has ideas about education and they center around giving

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh I'm Glad We're "Different!" There's a lot of difference of opinion in our county on the best kind of pasture. Some say alfalfa mixed with brome grass—others say mixed with oats or barley. But all agree that a mixture's better than a single crop.

So neighbor—enjoy your cider while I enjoy my beer! Vote for your candidate—I'll stand by mine! But never let our differences divide us!

Joe Marsh

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