

5460 Vets in State Affected By Pay Limits

Federal subsistence for 84 per cent of Oregon's 6,500 veterans in job training under the G.I. bill has been trimmed to comply with \$175 and \$200 income ceilings fixed by congress, including 20 per cent cut off entirely. Wayne F. Smith, veterans administration training officer for this area, revealed today.

on earnings reports from the trainees and 800 veterans are continuing this month on the suspended list for subsistence, because of failure to report earnings to the VA, now five weeks overdue, Smith stated.

Three weeks ago suspensions for lack of earnings reports amounted to 2,750 but nearly 2,000 of these have since turned in the required data, and those eligible will receive their checks, in most cases reduced because of the legal ceilings.

When combined income limits became effective August 8, the VA continued full checks for two or three months, rather than cut off trainees' subsistence entirely. Now, however, the VA is taking steps to recover the resulting overpayments, in line with ad-

vice notices sent to all recipients.

Deductions Limited

In an effort to minimize individual hardship, the VA has limited deductions from November checks for previous overpayments to \$10 and will spread out further deductions over several months, unless the veterans wish to clear up the overpayment more rapidly.

For the 800 who have failed to report earnings, Smith explained that the VA will wait 60 days, then assuming that all subsistence paid after August 8 has been an overpayment, the agency will take steps to recover the entire amount paid out.

Ruling Adds to Disabled Vets' Education Time

Some disabled veterans, who need more than the usual four years of training to reach their occupational objectives, now will be permitted to take additional training under public law 16, according to Wayne F. Smith, Veterans Administration training officer in Salem.

Veterans so severely disabled that no course of training will restore them to employability in four years, and those who lose time in their courses because of health or other personal circumstances, will be helped by the new ruling, Smith said.

The VA official pointed out, however, that the plan for added training does not apply to any veterans in training under the G.I. bill, which bases eligibility on length of service up to a maximum of 48 months of training. Most disabled veterans also will remain within the limit of four years of training, Smith declared.

Training in excess of four years will be given only the severely disabled, in school, except in unusual instances of job training. The VA office at 167 S. High st. has further details for inquiring veterans.

Tax Forms To Be Mailed

The work of sending out state income tax return forms for the year 1947, based on 1946 incomes, will get under way within the next few days, the state tax commission announced.

Officials said the number of returns for 1947 would be approximately the same as for this year with estimated collections a trifle higher than in 1946. The law provides that these returns shall be filed with the tax commission not later than April 15. Taxpayers who fail to file their returns by April 15 will be subject to both penalty and interest.

Riverdale School Christmas Program Held on Friday

RIVERDALE—Christmas program at the schoolhouse Friday included from the primary room a play, "The Toyshop Mix Up." Taking part were Ronnie Kihns, Jerry Simmons, Sandra Graham, Charlotte Allen, Jim Bowman, Thelma Cook, Shirley Bogosian, Roy Simmons, Twila Cunningham, Sue Williamson, Shannon Barton, Joanne Barnes, Joyce Daley, Gary Barker, Lee Newton and Bobby Bogosian.

"What C Stands For" was given by Joanne Bowman, Geraldine Allen, Ronald Simmons, Joanne Ficus, Johnny Beatty, Evelyn Bowman and Irene Rogers. Jimmy Seydel gave a reading. Readings and Christmas songs completed the primary program.

The upper grades gave a play, "A Visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus," and a pageant, "Still Shines the Star," with Harold Nichols, Margaret Bogosian and Nina Bowman as young people; Barbara Daley and Mauryne Nichols, angels; Patricia Morton, Mary; Cunningham, Gabriel; Harold Hanson and Harry Bogosian, shepherds; Donald Phillips, Norman Newton and Torval Klein, three kings; Freda Rose Bowman, Marlene Bronson, George Cook and Bob Kihns, faith, hope, peace and love; Vern Klein and Harry Bogosian, strollers.

Santa came at the close of the program with treats for all. School is closed until December 30.

Hayesville Boy Scouts Have Holiday Frolic

HAYESVILLE—The annual Christmas party for the Hayes-

ville Boy Scout troop 20 was given Tuesday night at the George Strozut on Portland road. Guests were grouped around a lighted Christmas tree. Indoor pictures were taken. John Henning was awarded a plaque on behalf of the Flying Eagle patrol having collected the largest amount of rags on the rag collection drive.

George Strozut was presented with a fountain pen for his years of endeavor in the troop. Gifts were presented also to the Scoutmaster Monty Christofferson and the assistant Bob Hartzell. Also to Harold Button, janitor of Hayesville school. Special guest was Carl Kom-

yale, charter member and former assistant, recently released from the army. A sack of candy was given each one present.

Others present were Ronald Hamann, Jerry Andresen, Galen Siddall, Robert, David and Carl Cooley, James Wiemals, Gerald Schwalen, Richard and Allen Reitzenstein, Jim Snyder, Larry

Fed, Pat Watt, Richard Baltzer, Buddy Remington and Junior Strozut.

Troop 20 has made arrangements at the Y for a series of ten swimming lessons Saturday nights. An overnight stay at the cabin in the woods during Christmas vacation is planned.



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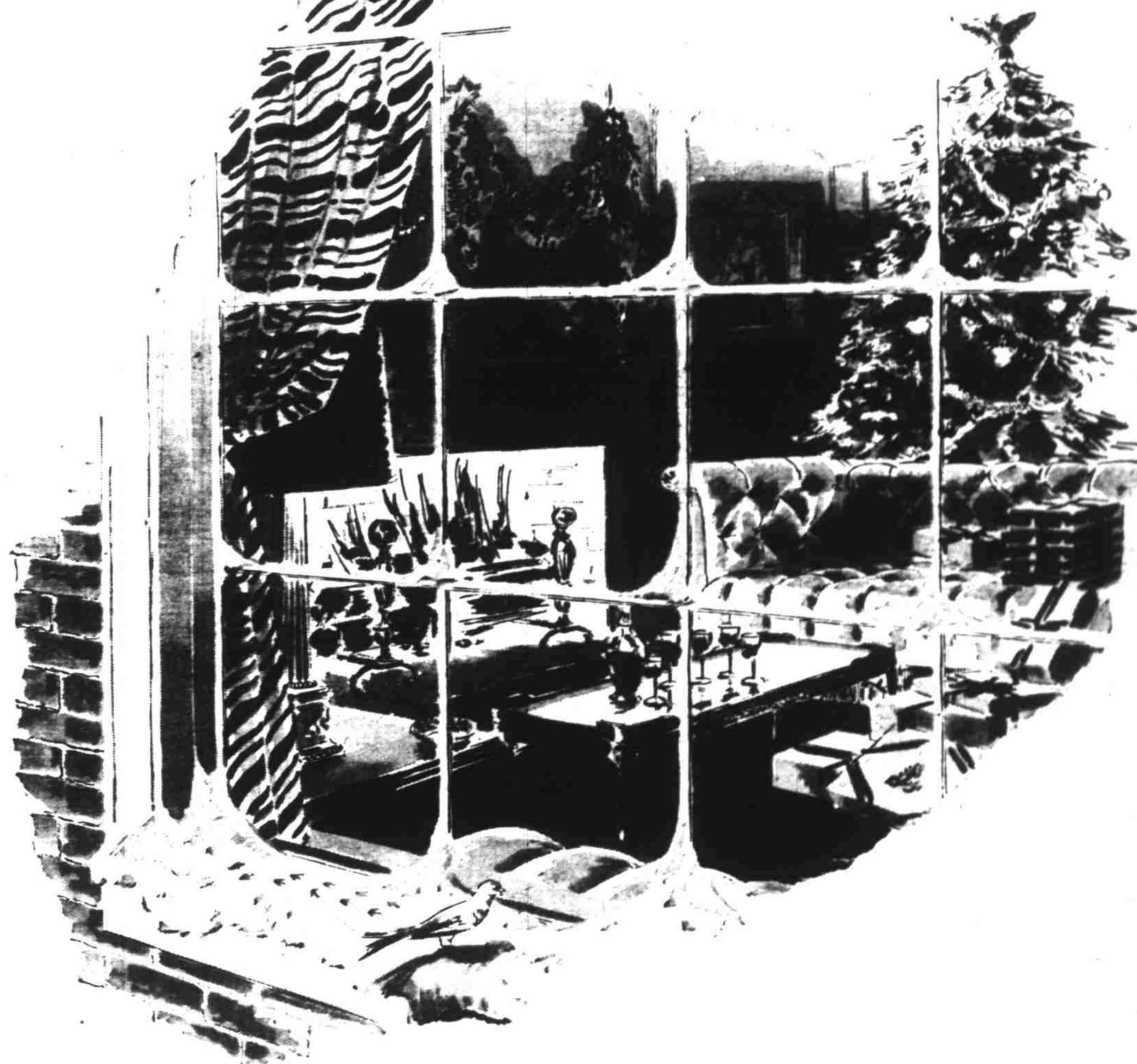
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