

Roll of 44th Legislature Includes 39 Vets of Three Wars

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SALEM — (AP) — Legislation for veterans is expected to get a sympathetic ear in this 44th session of the legislature because 39 of the 87 male legislators are veterans.

The list includes veterans of the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. Rep. Harvey Wells, Portland, dean of the legislature, is the only Spanish-American War veteran now in the assembly.

There are 12 veterans of the recent war, including three senators and nine representatives,

plus one who served in the merchant marine.

Two of these, Sens. Allan G. Carson and Douglas McKay, Marion County's two senators, served in both world wars.

Rep. John M. Bates, Portland, holds the silver star, purple heart and croix de guerre for service in the first division in the first world war. He was in the merchant marine in World War II.

Sen. Orval Thompson, Albany, is the only other World War II veteran in the Senate.

In the House, the World War II veterans include: Reps. Carl H. Francis, Dayton; Martin P. Gallagher, Ontario; John F. Gantenbein, Portland; Robert C. Gile, Roseburg; Donald E. Heisler, The Dalles; Herman P. Hendershott, Eugene; Earle Johnson, Corvallis; Frank J. Van Dyke, Medford; and Rudie Wilhelm, Jr., Portland.

Fifteen senators and 14 representatives served in World War I. The Senate list including Carson and McKay.

As would be expected, the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the House is headed by a veteran, Rep. J. O. Johnson, Portland, veteran of the first world war. The Senate Military Committee also is headed by a veteran of World War I, Sen. Lee Patterson, Portland.

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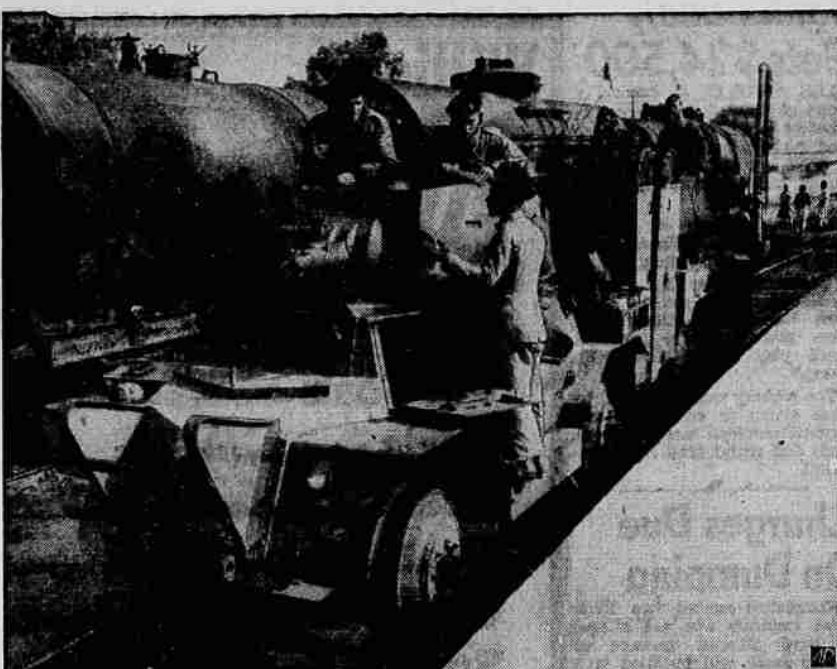
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ON PATROL IN PALESTINE—British soldiers man an armored pilot car, equipped with radio and flanged wheels, in which they patrol the Palestine railway ahead of trains as a precaution against land mines placed on the tracks by terrorists.



RECORDS FOR UN CHILDREN—Actor Basil Rathbone presents sets of his phonograph recordings for youngsters to United Nations delegates' children at New York. They are from Uruguay, China, Sweden, France, Australia and Russia.

Woman Gives Dress to War Aid; Finds It Sold in US for 18 Cents

WASHINGTON—(AP)—If there's anything to that business about a woman scorned, the folks who run the Victory clothing drive for European war victims are in for a hot time.

The woman in this case is Mrs. Lars Midjaas of Fairdale, N. D., who cheerfully donated a dress to the clothing drive last year. She even pinned a note high inside the sleeve wishing "lots of good luck" to the needy European woman who would wear it.

Unwelcome Answer
Mrs. Midjaas got a prompt answer to her note, but she didn't like it a bit. It came from Miss

Elizabeth Ohlauer, who lives about 200 miles away in Hazelton, N. D., who reported she bought the dress from a Chicago mail order house for 18 cents.

She said she bought 99 other dresses from the same firm, but Mrs. Midjaas was the only one with a note in it, and thanks for the bargain.

Miss Ohlauer explained she bought the dresses sight unseen in response to an advertisement placed by the Chicago firm in the Farmers' Union Herald. She paid \$12 for the 100 dresses, a bargain in plenty of places besides North Dakota.

Sen. Milton Young (R-N. D.) who told the Senate all about the incident, said Mrs. Midjaas is pretty unhappy about the whole deal and wants something done about it.

Investigation Asked
Young said the Senate should investigate. He said it looked to him and his constituent like "fraud and corruption of the worst kind."

For one thing, he would like to know how the mail order house got a dress that was donated for European relief. For another, he wants to know how much other clothing has gone the same way.

Chairman George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) of the Senate Committee on Executive Expenditures, said he would be glad to start investigations at once.

New Jewelry Store Will Open Thursday

F. P. Rich of California and Mrs. M. Millsap of Eugene announce the opening of Rich's Jewelry Store at 927 Willamette St. Thursday morning.

Mrs. Millsap formerly was employed in two other jewelry stores here. Watch repairman will be Charles Sundberg, who was associated with the Gruen watch manufacturers for many years. The store will feature diamond setting and general jewelry repair.

The store is at the former location of Laraway's, and has been completely remodeled.

County Roads Muddy After Ground Thaws

Warmer weather in the past few days has caused county roads in some places to become "sticky," County Judge Clinton Hurd reported Wednesday. The judge reported that logging trucks have become mired on Fox Hollow Road and in other spots where roads are thawing after the recent freezing weather.

County Engineer P. M. Morse said Wednesday that his crews are still occupied with patching bridges. Commissioner Allen Wheeler and Roadmaster Fred Smigley Tuesday were visiting western Lane points to check on road conditions.

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Through Street Plan To Relieve Congestion

All drivers were reminded by the Eugene traffic department that Hilyard St. from Thirteenth to Nineteenth Ave. has been designated as a through street, and that they can now drive from the downtown area to Nineteenth and Hilyard without stopping.

The city council on Jan. 13 designated Hilyard as a through street, and made Thirteenth and Hilyard a four-way stop for all through traffic. This was done to slow east-bound traffic before it arrives on the University of Oregon campus.

However, right turns are permitted off Thirteenth Ave. on to Hilyard St. without stopping. Police Chief L. L. Pittenger said the council hopes that residents living in the south and east portions of the city will use the Hilyard St. route instead of going through the campus.

In another step to prevent accidents, city police Wednesday began enforcement of a year-old ordinance providing one-way traffic in all downtown alleys.

The absence of signs prevented enforcement, but street department employees began erecting them Tuesday. The ordinance provides that all alley entrances be made off Willamette St. and that all north-south alleys be designated as southbound only from Fifth to Eleventh Sts.

VA Policy Explained On Subsistence Pay

Oregon offices of the Veterans Administration have received renewed instructions that recovery of subsistence allowance over-payments from veterans in training under the GI bill should be made in a manner that will impose no hardship. M. J. Thompson, VA training officer in this area, said Wednesday.

Any veteran whose subsistence has been suspended to balance prior over-payments, and who can show that undue hardship is resulting, should apply to the VA regional office for a readjustment, Thompson advised.

The overpayments followed wage ceilings set by congress for veteran trainees last Aug. 8. To avoid sudden mass suspensions, the VA continued full subsistence payments, pending receipt of monthly wage reports from the trainees.

Report forms sent to veterans contained the warning that any subsistence payments which put a trainee over the \$175 or \$200 income ceilings would be subject to recovery by the government. Many returned their over-payments voluntarily as they were received, but others chose to postpone the "day of reckoning."

During December, 171 veterans in Oregon cleared up their over-payments with the VA. At month's end, 2095 cases of over-payments totaling \$151,702 were still outstanding, for which no recovery



KING SPEAKS—King Mihai (right) calls on Romania's parliament to seek better relations with other nations. At left is Dr. Petru Groza, Romanian premier, attending the first session of the legislature since the end of the war.

Forest Products Lab Director Asks Funds

SALEM — (AP) — Many western industries are interested in experiments of the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory at Corvallis, Paul M. Dunn, laboratory director, told a joint ways and means sub-committee here Tuesday.

The laboratory had asked a \$169,286 appropriation for the next two years, but the State Budget

arrangements had been made. About 2000 trainees with overpayments are still drawing reduced subsistence.

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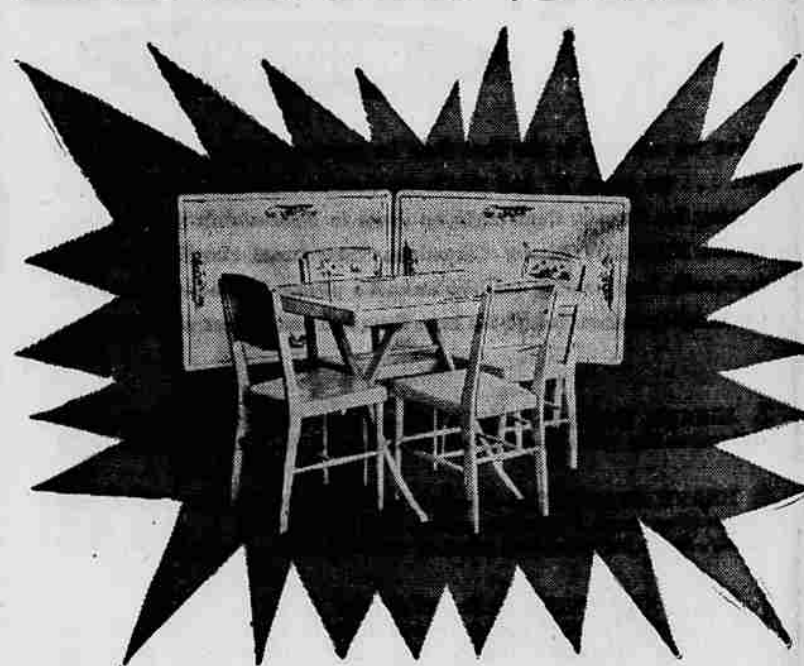
Division cut it to \$100,000. Asking that the higher amount be reinstated, Dunn said new facilities are needed to carry on experiments on a much larger scale.

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