

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Washington, D. C., May 20, 1944—The much discussed veterans' bill, known generally as the "G. I. Bill," was unanimously passed by the House of Representatives Thursday afternoon. The bill had previously been passed by a very large majority in the Senate and came to the House as S. 1767. The House Committee on World War Veterans Legislation, however, completely rewrote the Senate bill. As a matter of fact, the bill passed by the House was an entirely new bill, embodying the same general principles of the Senate bill. It is believed the Senate will accept the House version.

The bill as passed by the House carried several titles or subdivisions, and a number of sections, and is a long and comprehensive piece of legislation.

Chapter I of the bill deals with hospitalization and claims, and sets out certain administrative provisions, including a section which recites the procedure for review of certain cases.

Title II of the G. I. Bill caused the most controversy on the floor of the House. It is the part of the bill dealing with education of veterans. The bill as amended and passed by the House gives due recognition to state educational authorities. Briefly stated, the educational provisions are as follows: The veteran will be paid \$50.00 per month while going to school, if without dependents, or \$75.00 per month if he has dependents. Tuition up to \$500 per year will be paid direct to the institution in addition to the monthly maintenance allowance to the individual veteran.

Paragraph 6 of the education section of the bill carries this statement: "No department, agency or officer of the United States, in carrying out the provisions of this part, shall exercise any supervision or control whatsoever over any state educational agency or state apprenticeship agency or any educational or training institution; provided, that Indian schools operated or supervised by the United States shall not be ineligible to supply education or training under this Title by reason of such federal operation or supervision." The House spent nearly an entire day debating that section. The result is that it rather clearly states that there shall be no federal interference in education.

Title III of the bill has to do with

Means to veterans for the purchase of construction of homes, farms and business property. As the bill was first written and introduced on the floor of the House, the total amount of the loans was set at \$1500. This figure was amended on the floor, and the amount now in the bill is \$2500.

Title IV of the bill has to do with employment of veterans and goes into great detail on that subject.

Since the House and Senate versions of the bill are somewhat different, a conference committee of Senate and House members will be named, and during the coming week will doubtless bring in a report of agreement as between the two Houses. As soon as this report is adopted by both Houses, the bill is passed and will go to the President for his signature. I shall be very glad to send a copy of the bill to anyone who would like to have one, although the final printed version of it may not be available for some two or three weeks.

The G. I. Bill consumed most of the week. Following the disposition of it, some minor bills were taken up Friday.

Next week the House will consider minor bills on Monday, and on Tuesday we are scheduled to take up the bill to amend the Transportation Act by repealing the railroad land grant rates. At the present time, the government is given great reductions in freight charges on shipments over land grant railroads. Offhand, this would seem like an advantage to the people. Actually it does not work that way. Railroad rate structures are based upon the earning ability of the railroads, so, if the railroads have to carry a considerable amount of tonnage free for the government, all other shippers have to make up the cost of operating the railroads by higher rates. It is argued, and I believe reasonably so, that far greater savings to the public would result from lower freight rates if the government preferential land grant rates were eliminated. This problem will be vigorously debated on the floor of the House next week, and I plan to listen to the arguments on both sides very carefully.

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Belle Knife Hospital

Wm. Nygren was brought in from the Coos Bay Lumber Co. camp last Thursday with a broken ankle.

Mrs. A. T. Morrison, who entered the hospital last Friday from Bandon, is in a serious condition and her daughter, Lois, has been sent for from San Francisco.

On Friday also Mrs. Frank Sinnott, of Riverport, underwent a major operation; Ormand Stanley, from Camas Valley, an appendectomy, and Jackie Chappelle, from Bear Creek, a tonsilectomy.

Marjorie Shipp, of Coquille, submitted to a major operation on Sunday.

Hernia operations were performed on Monday for Raymond Don Morris, of Coquille, and Robert Soper, of Myrtle Point.

Two tonsilectomies were performed on Tuesday, one for Carol, ten-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zwicker, and one for Vic, six-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Groshens.

Dismissals the past week were for Anne Williamson last Friday; Mrs. Margaret Staus, of Bandon, on Saturday; Chas. Gallas and Larry Cotter on Sunday; Mrs. Anna Ekblad, of Marshfield, on Monday, and Mrs. Rita Milligan on Tuesday.

Probate Court Items

Edna Rakegraw was on Monday appointed administratrix of the \$1300 estate left by her mother, the late Estelle M. Dunn. Appraisers appointed were Geo. Gilman, L. H. Hazard and R. L. Medley.

Reidar Bugge was on Tuesday appointed guardian for Torwald Braaten, whose estate is estimated to be worth \$800.

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Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

Each week, bulletins are issued by the State Game Commission regarding angling conditions in streams in various counties of the state and these bulletins are published in Portland dailies and different county papers.

Several weeks ago when the steelhead were really striking in the Coquille river, a report was published in the regular bulletin that fishing was poor in the Coquille river, when in reality the fishing was at its peak and excellent catches were being made.

As every angler knows, there are days when steelhead will strike, as well as other trout and there are other days when they refuse to take any bait or lure, but in spite of this fact, if toward a week-end, if a few fishermen happen to make a good catch in some certain stream, the public is notified at large by a commission bulletin, that the fishing is excellent in that particular stream and a lot of poor devils tear off their last gas coupon and travel miles to that stream, only to find they are a day or two late or that the fish aren't hitting.

During the spring and summer months these bulletins further inform the public that the trout are taking a certain fly on certain streams and any experienced angler will tell you that the same fly that the trout strike one day will be practically scorned by the trout the following day.

Bulletins issued at the present time, during a gas and tire shortage, serve to send anglers on long trips that would not otherwise be taken. For instance, Bill Jones is planning a trip, a short one for Sunday and he has in mind a stream not far from his home, or perhaps has planned on going after striped bass, and being a resident of the Bay area, that means fishing right at home. But, while perusing the newspaper he chances upon the angling bulletin which states that "way down in Curry county that the steelheads are striking on some particular stream. So Bill changes his plans, exchanges three gas coupons for nine gallons of gas and hies himself for the down-coast stream. When he arrives there he finds the stream not infested by fish, but by fishermen, the majority of them having read the fishing bulletin and changed their week-end plans in order to fish there.

From Marshfield, North Bend, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Powers and even from Roseburg, dozens of anglers journey many miles and all converge upon the banks of a certain stream where catches, according to the bulletin, have been reported excellent.

Perhaps the Game Commission put out the information in order to sell more angling licenses but one thing they are accomplishing and that is to cause an influx of anglers on certain streams over week-ends and they are responsible for large amounts of gas to be burned and tires worn thin by an army of anglers who are gullible enough to place explicit faith in a fishing bulletin.

On the other hand, this picking of one or two particular streams to advertise good angling in them is a far move from conservation, for a steady influx of anglers to just a few particular streams through the season is one of the contributing factors to the shortage of trout encountered near the close of the season.

If the anglers were strictly on their own, chose their own particular streams in which to fish throughout the season, without this fishing bulletin business being published to guide them, they would be scattered over a lot more territory and not be converging and fishing to death just certain streams, where some time during the week an angler or two made some good catches and, in view of the fact, the fishing bulletin classified it as excellent angling.

Wonder if the OPA ever thought of curbing the Game Commission bulletin in order to save gas and tires? That's something for them to think about.

Circuit Court Cases

May 18—Casper Earl Mace vs. Viola Cleo Mace. Suit for divorce.

May 18—Martha F. Crippen vs. Nelson J. Crippen. Suit for divorce.

May 20—Shirley Adelle Maiden vs. Arden L. Maiden. Suit for divorce.

May 20—Helen Wasson vs. Earl Wasson. Suit for divorce.

May 20—Laura Gene Mattson vs. Charles Herman Mattson. Suit for divorce.

May 22—Earl G. Hempstead vs. Lydia Hempstead. Suit for divorce.

May 22—Signe Sorensen Dayton vs. Heber R. Dayton. Suit for divorce.

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Marriage Licenses

May 17—James K. Childers, of Marshfield, and Cyla B. Knife, of Coquille. They were married by Justice Bull at his office here last Wednesday.

May 18—Thos. R. M. Johnson, of Great Falls, Mont., and Sara E. Enquist, of Marshfield. They were married by Rev. Chas. G. Brown at the Pioneer parsonage here last Thursday.

May 18—Everett C. Grover, of Caldwell, Idaho, and Grace Hancock, of Marshfield. They were also married by Rev. Chas. G. Brown last Thursday.

May 22—John B. Siam, of Bandon, and Betty Mae Pritie, of Marshfield.

May 23—Burligh Boedeker, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Marie Standley, of Marshfield.

May 23—Jack Woodford Turner and Susanne Yarbrough, both of Marshfield.

Two Divorces Granted Tuesday
Judge King granted two divorces in circuit court here on Tuesday, one

to Estella Hart, separating her from Paul Hart, and one to A. M. Cruise from Mabel Cruise.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Did you hear that Tom is going to be inducted into the Army next week, Judge?"
"Yes, Frank told me this morning down at the barber shop. Our town's got a lot of men in the service now, Jim. In fact, all towns have. I was just reading in the paper where there are more than 10,000,000 men away from their homes in the armed forces. And, from all reports, they're doing a grand job bringing victory closer every day."
"We folks at home have a mighty big obligation to those 10,000,000 fighting men. We've got to produce the food to keep them

well fed. We've got to keep them supplied with the ammunition and equipment they need to finish their job. We've got to help the Government pay for all these supplies our men need by buying more and more War Bonds. We'll have another big chance to do that by helping to put the 5th War Loan drive over the top, Jim."
"And, in addition, we must be sure that, while they're away and can't express their opinions, we don't go voting on and deciding any things that will displease them when they come back."

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