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Veterans of the present war are making the same mistake with respect to their government insurance as did veterans of world war I, according to records in the office of the veterans administration where a recent checkup shows that four out of five discharged men are failing to continue premium payments. Since October, 1940, 18,100,000 applications for insurance had been received by the veterans administration, aggregating more than \$141,000,000 of insurance and 15,200,000 service men and women were insured up to a maximum of \$10,000 each. As the law stands now payments to beneficiaries of an insured man or woman are made in installments, but it is stated to be the purpose of congress to permit payment in lump sum in case of death.

Veterans administration is deeply concerned over the attitude of discharged persons in permitting their premiums to lapse. Government insurance, it is declared, is at a lower rate than can be offered by insurance companies for the reason that the government pays all cost of administration and various other factors are not reflected in the rate structure. It is therefore, distinctly to the advantage of the veteran to protect his insured status by prompt payment of premiums after his discharge. Even after a lapse of three months this can be done by filing a health certificate and the payment of two months' premium.

A veteran may convert his term insurance to ordinary life, or a 20-year or 30-year payment policy and reduce it in multiples of \$500 if he does not desire to carry the full \$10,000. After the payment of one year's premiums such converted policies have a guaranteed cash, loan and paid-up automatic extended insurance value, exempt from taxation and without restriction as to residence, travel, occupation, or military or naval service. All premiums paid and all interest earned on policies are covered into a separate fund in the U.S. treasury, the government acting solely as trustee of the fund for the benefit of policyholders and their beneficiaries.

It is the hope of the veterans administration that wide publicity given the many advantages of government insurance, may induce service men and women to keep their policies in good standing and secure reinstatement of those which have been permitted to lapse, and in this effort the private insurance companies are giving whole-hearted cooperation.

Declaring that the agency charged with disposal of surplus war property has made a miserable failure, Representative Eberhart of Pennsylvania said he is seriously considering a proposal for a special committee of the house to conduct an inquiry and make recommendations. Mr. Eberhart is especially concerned over what he insisted is a studied denial of priority rights of service men and to health and educational institutions as provided by law, while special favors are shown in the award of contracts to big business concerns. One practice complained of it the lumping of surplus materials in such a manner as to give junk dealers an advantage over state and municipal purchasing agents, which, he said, have not been given any priorities whatsoever. Another complaint is that government agencies delay declaring vast stocks of surplus materials, thus permitting much of it to become wasted.

Failure to bring the St. Lawrence (Continued on Page Two)



Shining up the bronze boots of the Pioneer (well-known campus landmark) is part of the job of "sprucing up" the campus for returning alums that these Homecoming members have undertaken.

Wasco Youngsters Home For Turkey Day Holiday

Miss Janet Kaseberg, who attends St. Helens Hall in Portland, visited her parents, Mr and Mrs Albert Kaseberg, over the week end.

Fred Anderson, who is attending Willamette University in Salem, spent the holidays in Wasco visiting his parents and friends.

Miss La Villa Gosson, who is teaching at Fairview, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr and Mrs A. Gosson, then returned to Fairview Sunday.

Mrs Alvina White of Santa Rosa, California, who has been visiting Rev and Mrs Cannell for some time, left Sunday to visit friends in Bend.

Miss La Vaine Cannell of Geyser, U.S. treasury, the government acting solely as trustee of the fund for the benefit of policyholders and their beneficiaries.

Court Sells Lots, Approves Sale of County Car To Judge, Grants Sheriff \$45 per Month for Traveling on County Business

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR OCTOBER 1945 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 1945 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

General Fund
First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$147.40; Aid to Dependent Children \$24.80; \$172.20; Clarence Melsinger, Janitor's salary less tax \$101.00; James W. Jones expense of Government trapper \$50.00; David Reid, County Commissioner \$45.93; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$28.40; T. Lester Johnson District Attorney expenses \$47.50; Moro Lumber & Fuel Yard, courthouse expense \$335.19; C. A. Ruggles expense to Assessor's meeting \$30.95; Appraisal and Field work \$5.75; \$36.70; Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Sup't's office expense \$2.75; Elmer Lutje, bounties \$12.00; E. M. Alley, Coroner's expense \$22.80; Sherman County Journal Sup't's office \$7.00; County Printing \$17.55; Clerk's office expense \$54.00; \$78.55; State Industrial Accident Comm., peace officer's protection \$4.62; Bureau of Labor Courthouse expense, \$5.00; Department of Agriculture, sealer weight and measures \$3.76; City of Moro courthouse expense \$13.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., Demoss Park \$0.95; courthouse lights, \$21.63; Peetz \$107.90; C. Bargenholt \$101.

several days.
Mr and Mrs Richard Stanklo of Arlington spent Thanksgiving at the home of E. T. Olson.

Mr and Mrs Vern Wallace of Klamath Falls spent Thanksgiving at the Glenn Wallace home.

Max Williams has been discharged from the army and returned to Wasco Sunday.

Miss Lorraine Gosson, who is attending college in Corvallis, spent Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Archie Gosson.

A dinner was given by Mr and Mrs Lloyd Royce at their home on the 16th of November, honoring Mrs Ted Everett, Mrs Augusta

Mrs Royce and Mrs Barbara Tidwell on their birthdays. Others attending were John Royce, William Tidwell and Ted Everett and their families.

Marion Crews spent the holidays here, coming from Salem where he is attending Willamette University.

Mrs Vernon Van Gilder, who entered The Dalles hospital last week is somewhat improved.

Mr and Mrs A. Van Gaasbeck of Blalock spent Thanksgiving day at Mr and Mrs George Van Gaasbeck's.

Robert Cannell, who has been discharged from the navy, accompanied by his wife, Frances, is spending a week with Rev and Mrs Cannell.

Rev and Mrs Charles Neville of Corvallis are spending a few days with Mrs Neville's parents, Mr and Mrs Arthur Sargent.

Mr and Mrs Ed McKee spent Thanksgiving in Portland with their son, Marion and family. George Wilcox was in charge of the store during their absence.

Mrs Estelle Bailey spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Portland visiting her father.

Guests at the Ormond Hilderbrand home Thanksgiving day were Mrs Marian Uzelak and daughters, Joan and Gail, Mr and Mrs O.W. Barnett and Mrs Hoyt.

Guests Sunday at the Ormond Hilderbrand home were Mr and Mrs H. M. Turner, who came to take their daughter, Mrs Uzelak and family home.

Wheat League Speakers Have Lively Subjects

World Wheat Supply, AAA, River Development, New Chemurgy All Topics

A program with several "big name" speakers and covering such items as the wheat outlook, federal farm programs, Columbia river development, industrial outlook and soil conservation is to be heard at the Eastern Oregon Wheat league meeting at Pendleton.

The first day will be devoted to committee sessions with the general program starting Thursday morning. The annual banquet is Friday evening when Dean U. G. Dubach, head of political science at Oregon State college, will speak on "Keeping the Peace." Dubach was speaker at the annual banquet at Heppner four years ago, two days before Pearl Harbor, at which time he mentioned the likelihood of a Japanese sneak attack.

Thursday forenoon the members hear a welcome by Mayor Sprague Carter, and response by H. R. Weatherford, Arlington; president's address by Lloyd E. Smith, Mayville, and report by Secretary-treasurer Chas. W. Smith, Corvallis. Appointment of special committees, and preliminary reports by three major committees, "Wheat Chemurgy Development at The Dalles." Ronald E. Smith, Northwest Chemurgy cooperative.

Thursday afternoon "Conserving Soils," A. L. Hafenrichter, regional SCS office, Portland; "Oregon Agriculture," E. L. Peterson, director of agriculture, Salem; "Looking Ahead at Wheat," C. C. Farrington, director grain branch PMA, Washington D. C.

Friday forenoon reports by all committees ready: "Soil Saving Methods for the Columbia Basin," E. R. Jackman, extension crops specialist; "Proposed Development on the Columbia River" B. E. Torpen, district army engineers office, Portland.

Friday afternoon "Tomorrow's Agricultural Program," N. E. Dodd director field services branch PMA Washington D. C.; "Industrial Development in the Pacific Northwest" N. W. Carothers, chief industrial analysis section Bonneville Power administration.

John Conroy and Pat McHugh went to Portland Sunday on business for several days.

Rains Late But Reaches Normal At Month End

Rains of the last of November, although delayed, have brought the rainfall for the first quarter of the crop year up to normal. The lateness of the rains have made seeding very late, but the comparatively warm weather has made it possible for the wheat to sprout and much of it is through the ground.

In September .71 inch of rain fell, in October .67 and November has brought 1.89. Normal for these months for 1944 was .68 for September, .94 for October and 1.67 for November. Normal is thus but .02 greater than the 1945 precipitation.

Hospitalized Vets To Get Auxiliary Aid

The American Legion and Auxiliary is charged with the responsibility of collecting packages for the service men who are hospitalized. Standard form for gifts to these men is a box costing \$5.00 which may be purchased from donations made in cash. Others may give materials to be included in boxes. These may not be food nor any sharp article such as razor blades but games, toilet articles, smokes and stationery are acceptable and more than welcome. Members of the Auxiliary will accept the donations for these hospitalized men.

Grass Valley

Mr and Mrs J. E. Johnson and Mr and Mrs Gus Hartmann of Wasco were business visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer Sunday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs John Koepke and family of Redmond were dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Herman Peters Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Willis Brittain and family of Tygh Valley were dinner guests at the home of her father, Sam Stark, Thanksgiving day.

Anita Barnett PH 3-c came up last Tuesday from Corvallis to spend Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs A. A. Dunlap, leaving on Friday to return to duty.

Mr and Mrs Norris Gilson had as dinner guests Thanksgiving day Mr and Mrs Tom Coyle, Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin and children Mr and Mrs John Engstrom.

Mr and Mrs Wallace May, Mrs Grace Zevilly and daughter, Jean, Mr and Mrs Dean Reynolds and Mrs Helen Alley and children were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs Lorraine Kent returned Sunday from Lebanon where she spent last week visiting her husband, T-Sgt Sanford Kent, and her parents. Sgt Kent returned to his camp in Utah.

Mr and Mrs Arch Cantrall and Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mr and Mrs Glenn Perry had as dinner guests Thanksgiving day Mrs Don Smith and son, Larry, Mrs Audrey Vaughn, Mrs Helen Alley and children, John and Barbara, Earl Olds and Gus Engstrom.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Bibby had as their guests Thanksgiving day Mr and Mrs August Wassenmiller of Tygh Valley, Mr and Mrs Jacob Wassenmiller, Mr and Mrs Joe Bibby and O. M. Fraley of Maupin.

Mrs Don Smith received a telegram Tuesday morning from her husband from Honolulu that he would be in the states December 4 and expected to be home soon afterward.

Jeannette Holmes came up from Corvallis to spend Thanksgiving and the week end with her parents, Mr and Mrs William Holmes.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Blagg and daughter, Marie, went to Portland Friday to visit relatives a few days.

Mr and Mrs Bud Coon had as guests for Thanksgiving day Mr and Mrs Florin Coon of Sandy and Mr and Mrs Roy Schilling and son,

Reedsport Wins 'B' Title 27-0 From Moro

Moro Meets Bigger, Stronger Team On Muddy Field; Game Not Rout

Reedsport defeated Moro 27-0 at Oregon City Thanksgiving day in a game that was more of a battle than the score indicates. After the middle of the first quarter when DeWitt, Reedsport back, broke through the left side of the Moro line and ran 57 yards for a touchdown, the local team was trying to score. Taking chances toward that end made the final score larger than it might have been.

Announced weights gave Reedsport a 14 pound advantage per man and the nine seniors on the Reedsport team had more experience than the Moro boys. Nevertheless the Moro line held well except for a few plays made through it. The Reedsport team was bigger and better, and it won.

Moro came closest to scoring in the third quarter when it drove to the Reedsport 20 yard line before losing the ball on downs. Not a penalty was called against Moro while Reedsport was losing 80 yds through that source. This was enough to practically nullify the Reedsport gains and, in fact, the game was played in the middle of the field as neither team could make yardage consistently. Scores were made by breaks. The first score was the 57 yard run by DeWitt, who fooled the Moro secondary, next was a pass from Mooney, quarterback to DeWitt after Moro had knocked down two passes. The third touchdown came in the fourth quarter when Reedsport got the ball on Moro's 47 yard stripe and DeWitt took it over by making three first downs. Final score came after Moro lost the ball on an intercepted pass by Mooney, DeWitt and Diehl carried the ball down the field and Collier went across.

Oddity of statistics: Moro made 72 yards, 3 first downs to 162 yards and 8 first downs for Reedsport and lost 27-0. Grant made 97 yards, 2 first downs to 200 yards and 11 first downs for Medford and won 7-6.

About 200 Sherman countians were down for the game, many missing a Thanksgiving dinner to attend.

Service Units Meet To Plan Futures

The newly formed Veterans of Foreign Wars met Tuesday night with several members from The Dalles post coming up to inaugurate the new Sherman county post. Officers that had been chosen before were inducted into office and preparation made for a meeting to be held December 19.

Chris Schultz post, American Legion, is in search of a place to meet that will meet its specifications. Stanley Coelach and Bob Marvin were named as a committee to investigate and try to find a building that might be purchased that would be suitable. Need for social entertainment in the community was discussed and some plans made to provide it.

Men released from the service, most of whom have reported to the local draft board, in the past two weeks are Steven O'Meara, Frank Bayer, John Rust, Bob King, Dean Pinkerton, Lloyd Johnson, Roland McLachlan, Richard Holdaway, Harold White, Max Williams, Warren Elele, Antony Istle.

John Buether with the navy came home from Portland Saturday evening and spent Sunday with his parents, Mr and Mrs John Buether.

Miss Dorothy Holmes, a nurse, left Wednesday along with several other nurses for Alaska, they expect to be gone a year.