

Heartache, Humor Disclosed in Reactions to State Bonus Checks

Editor's note: This is the first of two articles on reaction of veterans and their survivors to payment of the Oregon bonus, based on letters received by the bonus division of the State Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Salem — (U.P.) — Heartache and humor: tragedy and trivia. They are generously interspersed in written reaction to Oregon's bonus to her veterans of World War II or their survivors. There was the mother who applied for only one bonus, then the state found, tragically, she was entitled to two. There was the veteran who nearly flubbed his bonus for lack of dentures. The widow who wanted her mother-in-law to get the bonus instead of herself. The WAC who refused to worry about her husband after shedding him 15 years ago because she was tired of supporting him.

Double Bonus Due

One mother applied for the bonus. Her son was killed in action. The bonus division investigated, and found she had lost two sons in action in World War II. Hub Saalfeld, head of the bonus division, said it was with mixed emotion his crew informed the mother she was entitled to two bonus checks, each for the maximum of \$600.

A widow, again entitled to the full amount of \$600 because her husband was lost in World War II action, returned the check and asked the bonus division if it could not be made out to her mother-in-law, who needed the money more than she. The bonus division sent back the check with the suggestion that she cash it, then turn the money over to her mother-in-law.

Mother, Sons, Grateful

Another Widow wrote the division: "Your most welcome check for \$555 was received today. My young son and I are very grateful to you and the kind people of Oregon. It is a very thoughtful way you people have of honoring the deceased veterans. Thank you for my son and myself."

An Oregon veteran now living in Spokane wrote: "I thank God

and the state of Oregon for making it possible to launch off in my own small business."

Another GI Joe wrote: "I paid off a long debt on our insurance. It's a big load off our shoulders."

"P.S. Thanks a million."

Another vet with a sense of humor wrote:

Attitude Praised
"I wish to thank the people of Oregon for the \$480 bonus check. It shows a wonderful attitude on their part. Although I can use the money, I personally did not believe in the whole idea. I am a Democrat with Republican beliefs."

A WAC who applied for the bonus gave so many hotel addresses that the bonus division wrote her to ascertain the residence of her husband just before World War II so they could use that as her residence. She replied she had left him because she was tired of supporting him and said: "If you want to know more about him, after 15 years,

Judge Studies Kader Requirement for Bail

Portland—(U.P.)—Circuit Judge Frank J. Loneragan was scheduled Thursday to determine the amount of bail required to free Mrs. Jada Z. Kader from jail pending appeal of a maximum 15-year-prison sentence and \$1000 fine for the manslaughter slaying of her 3-year-old daughter, Sherrie Ellen.

The 22-year-old mother was sentenced Wednesday. Her attorneys, Nels Petersen and Frank Pozzi, immediately gave notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Mrs. Kader was returned to the Rocky Butte jail to await the bail hearing. If she could meet the demands of the court on this point, she could be freed shortly.

SOC To Adjourn Friday For Holiday Week-End

Ashland — Southern Oregon college will adjourn for a three-day holiday tomorrow, according to Donald E. Lewis, business manager. Classes will be dismissed and the college offices will be closed over the week-end.

College will reconvene Monday and the first social function of the week will be a 4 o'clock tea that day. The speaker will be Graham M. Dean, Ashland, who will discuss children's fiction.

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Those C-Rations Are Still Around

Those 16 carloads of army C-rations that made an unexpected arrival here June 8 — they're still here. The storage companies that are keeping them have yet to learn where they are going or why.

Ten boxcarloads of the emergency meals are in storage at Eads Transfer and Storage. The others are at Commercial Transfer and Storage.

As far as the storage companies are concerned the rations are just a shipment that they've been hired to store. A representative of Eads said they expected to keep them eight or nine months. Will they find out then why the C-rations were sent? "Where, we'll probably just find out where to send 'em."

The rations were ordered here by the army's general depot in Ogden, Utah, and apparently are under the control of the army's commercial warehouse, Auburn, Wash. A county civilian defense representative denied any knowledge of the shipment. And the C-rations could not be demonstrated to be ticketed for Camp White.

Delay Requested in Copco Application

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The Federal Power Commission hearing on California Oregon Power company's proposed Big Bend dam No. 2 moved into its third day Thursday with the state of California asking to delay Copco's application.

Spokesmen for California asked for a delay until Copco builds the Iron Gate dam. It was argued that construction of Iron Gate dam would regulate the flow of the lower Klamath river and eliminate considerable fish loss.

Another objection to the proposed dam came from the Bureau of Reclamation. Bureau spokesmen said construction of Big Bend dam No. 2 would take water from the river needed for irrigation in the Klamath basin.

June Building Permits Valued at \$125,579

Fifty-one permits totaling \$125,579 in value were issued by the city building inspector's office during the month of June, according to Building Inspector Herbert E. Mackie.

Last year only 41 permits were issued in June but they were valued at \$127,579. The total value of the 57 permits issued in May, 1952, was \$150,723. Eight residences, one duplex

Post Office Clerks' Convention Due Here

The 1953 convention of the Oregon Federation of Post Office Clerks will be held in Medford. It was reported here today. At the convention held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Portland, D. Ray Allred, Central Point, was elected state president.

Convention delegates from the Medford local union were Mrs. Ada Neal and Budd W. Gail. The convention was attended by 33 delegates.

Resolutions proposing earlier retirement with full benefits, better ventilation of post offices and creation of a court of appeals for civil service cases were passed. These resolutions will be sent to the national convention at St. Paul, Minn., in August.

and three businesses were the new buildings constructed last June. These new buildings were valued at \$96,300 in all. The eight new single family residences were valued at \$74,900. Permits for remodeling and repairing of single family residences totaled \$25,134.

Medford Woman Returns From Mother's Funeral

Mrs. Gaylord Moulton, 101 West Clerk street, returned Wednesday from Billings, Mont., where she attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Genevieve Bertrand, 79, of that city. Requiem high mass was celebrated for Mrs. Bertrand June 17 at St. Patrick's Catholic cathedral in Billings.

Mrs. Bertrand lived in Medford in 1940-41 with Mrs. Moulton and another daughter, Mrs. A. S. Wetterer, who now lives in Los Angeles. The deceased is survived by four sons, eight daughters, 26 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was one of the founders of the Catholic church at Roberts, Mont.



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Voiding of Indian Land Sale Pleases

Portland — (U.P.) — E. Morgan Pryse, Portland area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said Thursday he was "very pleased" with the decision of Federal Judge Gus J. Solomon in ruling for the government in voiding the Gold Beach timber sale.

Barring an appeal of Solomon's decision, Pryse said the land will be advertised for sale at once and about 30 days will be allowed for wide circulation of the notices. He said the sale would probably be made in August.

Witnesses for the government during the trial estimated that the 800 acres of timber is worth more than \$400,000.



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