

Benefits Are Available To Men Enlisting In Reserve

Service benefits, including insurance, medical and dental care and death compensation, may be available to those entering the armed forces under the 1955 Reserve Forces act, veterans administration announced recently.

Persons generally affected are those up to 18½ years of age who enlist for eight years in the ready reserve of the Army, Navy, Marine corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard reserves and are required to serve an initial period of six months active training.

Covered When Enter

Upon entering the service they are automatically covered by servicemen's indemnity insurance against death in service for \$10,000.

Post-service GI insurance may be granted only to those in this age group who are found by VA to have a service incurred disability for which compensation is payable. They must not be suffering from non-service-connected disabilities that make them uninsurable.

Those who serve under the act may be entitled to hospitalization, out-patient medical treatment and prosthetic service for service incurred disabilities, providing they were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions for a disability incurred in line of duty or are receiving compensation for disabilities or injuries incurred in service.

Dental Treatment

Outpatient dental treatment may be available to reservists in the eligible group who were discharged or released under other than dishonorable conditions for a service disability or who are receiving compensation for a service connected disability.

Those in this age group may be entitled to domiciliary care if they meet the general eligibility requirements for hospitalization, are incapacitated from earning a living, have no adequate means of support, and do not need full time hospitalization or nursing care.

VA may provide special aid

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CLEANUP IN HIGH GEAR—Joan Berry, 19, dons appropriate costume as the weather turns fair at Stockton, Cal., to hose off flood-damaged mattresses in front of her home. Other furniture in background await cleaning. Flood cleanup operations in Northern California were in high gear with a promise of continued sunshine.

Redman Woman Bites Own Tonsils

Redmond—(U.P.)—Mrs. Ray Adney can boast of a distinction shared by very few people: She "bit" her own tonsils.

The accident came about when a falling signboard clouted her on the head, hospitalizing her for five days. It later developed she had swallowed her bridgework, resulting in stomach pains and a sore tonsil.

State Population Up 11.1 Per Cent In Last Five Years

Portland—(U.P.)—Oregon's population has increased by 11.1 per cent in the last five years, according to the State Board of Health.

The state's population, as of July 1, was 1,690,840, an increase of 11.1 per cent from the 1,521,341 figure obtained from the 1950 census.

Portland's population topped the 400,000 mark for the first time in history, and increased 7.8 per cent over 1950 census figures. The department said the city's population was 402,630, compared to 373,628 in 1950.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said the department's statistics were slightly higher than those obtained by a recent federal census bureau estimate, which pegged the state's population at 1,664,000.

Birth Registrations

Dr. Erickson said the state used actual birth registrations and local migration data for its figures, while the federal government based its estimate on assumed natural increases.

Curry county, in southwest Oregon, showed the largest percentage increase, 76.7. The county jumped from 6,048, to 10,690 in the five year period. Wasco county increased from 15,552 to 24,540, a 57.8 increase. Douglas county was up 31.7 per cent, 54,549 to 71,830.

Polk, Wallowa, Deschutes, Yamhill, Baker, Columbia, Union, and Clatsop were the only Oregon counties to decrease in population since 1950.

Largest increases were in southwest Oregon counties and was attributed to the shift of the lumber industry.

Tornadoes are almost unknown on the eastern and western seaboard, according to weather bureau history.

Forest fires in the U. S. each year burn over areas larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

Clear Track Ahead Seen for Railroads

New York—(U.P.)—The railroads stormed back from 1954's sharply curtailed operations in 1955 as their wheels clicked to the tempo of the nation's industry running at near capacity.

Spokesmen for the railroads, which more than any other industry closely rides the ups and downs of the economy, see a clear track ahead with the possibility of a slight improvement during at least the first half of 1956.

The railroads for 1955 are expected to roll up an aggregate net income of \$850,000,000 or 25 per cent better than the \$674,000,000 in 1954, and could conceivably approach the postwar peak of \$902,000,000.

Operating revenues of the carriers are expected to run about \$9,700,000,000 or around 4 per cent more than 1954's \$9,300,000,000.

Freight volume, the railroad's meal ticket, is expected to run well ahead of 1954, but experts point out this is not a reliable earnings yardstick in 1955 as freight rates are being trimmed in the industry's battle with its competitors.

Now that the spectacular managerial power struggles, which rocked three major roads in 1954, have been resolved, the railroads have closed ranks to press the offensive against existing Federal legislation which allegedly puts them at a competitive disadvantage with other carriers.

Heartening news could break for the railroads in Washington in early 1956 when Congress takes up legislative proposals aimed at putting the roads on a more competitive footing.

With a high degree of dieselization already achieved and 1956 blueprints calling for electronically improved yards and fleets of lightweight cars, the lines are hopeful of making inroads on a \$600,000,000 yearly passenger deficit.

State Laborers Win Salary Increases

Portland—(U.P.)—Some 3,000 AFL-CIO laborers in Oregon have won wage increases ranging from 12-17 cents an hour.

The increase agreement was announced Friday by the union and the heavy construction division of Associated General Contractors, and will run until Jan. 1, 1958.

The contract, for the first time divides laborers into three major groups on a basis of skills, according to G. W. Royer, secretary of the Oregon District Council of Laborers.

Best-Laid Plans Foiled by Weather

Rose, Neb.—(U.P.)—Ambitious townsmen here found that even their best-laid plan to get Nebraska's Gov. Victor Anderson for a speaking engagement failed.

When the governor rejected their invitation to speak only because there was no airport within 50 miles, the town's citizenry pitched in and bulldozed an airfield on a nearby farm.

What happened? When the governor was about to leave the state capital for Rose, a heavy rain set in. All airplanes in the state were grounded.

There are about 100 daily newspapers published in the Dominion of Canada, counting the morning and evening editions as separate units.

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As the bells of the New Year ring out, we take a long look backward . . . and forward. We look back with deep appreciation for confidence and loyalty of friends who have made Fluhrer's success possible. We look forward to the New Year, firmly resolved to hold steadfast to Fluhrer's high standards of fine quality and value, determined to serve you even better in the months ahead.

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And so, again, all of us at Fluhrer's extend to all of you sincere wishes for the biggest and best year you have ever had. May 1956 bring to you an abundance of all that's good in life . . . good health, prosperity, warm friendships and happiness.

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