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Recent Bills Increase Dependency Payments

Under the terms of two bills recently signed into law by the President, 1,355 widows of veterans in Oregon on the Veterans Administration dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) rolls now receiving about \$2,365,000 annually will get a \$187,000 yearly increase.

One bill increased the basic payment for widows receiving DIC from the old rate of \$112 to \$120; the second bill increased military pay in general.

R. J. Novotny, manager of the Portland VA regional office, said under DIC an eligible widow receives the basic payment plus 12 per cent of the monthly basic military pay now being received by servicemen whose rank and years of service are the same as those of the deceased veteran.

Minimum Increase
The minimum increase is \$8 monthly and when military pay is added the additional amount could be as much as \$23. The average increase is \$15.

To avoid a delay in payments to widows, the regular October

checks were mailed at the usual time, and a separate mailing in November will carry one-time checks for just the October share of the increase.

DIC payments are authorized for widows of servicemen who died on or after Jan. 1, 1957, from disability or disease attributed to service in the armed forces.

Increases will also go to widows of servicemen who died before Jan. 1, 1957, if they have elected to receive DIC instead of death compensation.

Clay Disagrees With Eisenhower Proposal

NEW YORK (UPI)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay, special presidential adviser on Berlin, disagreed sharply Monday with an assertion by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower that most U.S. troops could be withdrawn from Western Europe.

Clay said hasty withdrawal could have a damaging psychological and military effect on our allies.

Nation's Gas Firms Plan To Spend \$7.1 Billion in Year

NEW YORK—The nation's gas industry expects to spend \$7.1 billion on construction in the next four years, according to John E. Heyke Jr., president of the American Gas Association.

"Just this year—1963—our industry expects to spend nearly \$1.7 billion building new facilities to better serve the nation's 35.3 million gas customers," Heyke said.

Total Plant Value
The construction survey is made annually by the AGA Bureau of Statistics and covers transmission, distribution, un-

derground storage, production and storage projects.

The AGA president pointed out that as 1963 began, the total plant value of the nation's sixth largest industry climbed to \$24.7 billion. "The gas industry, as do all responsible segments of the economy," Heyke said, "realizes that only by turning back huge sums of money into new equipment and construction, can it accelerate its growth."

"We have made tremendous strides in recent years and we're going to make even greater progress in the future," he continued. "The ambitious build-

ing programs planned by our companies are the frameworks on which this progress can take place."

The AGA survey revealed that companies expect to obtain 45.4 per cent of the funds for the four-year building program from the sale of bonds and debentures. In addition, 47.4 per cent of the funds will come from internal sources and 7.2 per cent from common and preferred stocks. The proportions may change, depending upon prevailing market conditions.

Spend on Construction

It is expected that the industry will spend \$1,740,000,000 next year, \$1,847,000,000 in 1965 and \$1,867,000,000 in 1966. From 1959 to 1962, the gas industry spent \$6.9 billion on construction.

Distribution companies, which directly supply the consumer, plan to spend a record \$738,000,000 this year, and a total of \$3 billion during the four-year period. This latter figure is 11 per cent higher than the amount spent from 1959 to 1962.

Expansion of transmission facilities, which carry natural gas through a network of pipelines from production sources to gas distribution systems, will total \$488,000,000 this year. During the four-year period, the outlay will be \$2.3 billion, a decline of \$524,000,000 from 1959-62 outlays.

This slackening of construction in this segment reflects,

in part, nearly total penetration to all corners of the U.S. by natural gas transmission lines. Future expansion will be primarily to increase deliverability.

Outlays for underground storage of natural gas probably will reach \$104,000,000 this year. In the next four years, they will total \$393 million, compared with \$246 million in 1959-62.

House Okays Funds For Kingsley Field

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House passed and sent to the Senate Monday legislation appropriating \$1.5 billion for new military construction at home and abroad.

The money included \$1.4 million for Air Force facilities at Portland and \$213,000 for operation and maintenance facilities at Kingsley Field at Klamath Falls.

Sands With Firm Since Mid-1930

Martin E. Sands, vice president and division manager of California-Pacific Utilities Company, has been associated with the company and its predecessors since June, 1930.

He was born in Valparaiso, Ind., in 1896. He was graduated from high school in El Reno, Okla., in 1915, and served aboard a mine carrier in the Navy for two years during World War I.

Upon his discharge from the service, he was employed by the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, serving as division auditor. He was transferred to the Mountain States Power Company, Albany, Ore., in July, 1924, serving as division auditor, traveling auditor and later as assistant to the vice president and general manager.

Sands was employed by the California-Pacific Utilities Company as an auditor in San Francisco in June, 1930, and later that same year he was elected secretary of the firm.

In 1938, he was elected to the



MARTIN E. SANDS
Retired Vice President

board of directors and in January, 1933, he was elected a vice president and division manager with headquarters in Medford, a position he held until his retirement Oct. 31, this year.



GAS ENGINEER—J. S. Richards, above, joined the staff of California-Pacific Utilities Company in 1959, and has been responsible for market surveys and studies, field engineering and planning and the ultimate construction of the transmission line in the valley. He holds the position of gas engineer for the company. Prior to employment with the firm, Richards was employed on the engineering staff of Washington Natural Gas Company and its predecessor, the Seattle Gas Company. He has a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Washington.

Concern Expressed Over Lack of New Cartoonist

EUGENE—Whatever happened to the high school cartoonist?

The lack of original cartoons in high school publications is lamented by Roy Paul Nelson, associate professor of journalism at the University of Oregon and professional cartoonist, in an article included in the October issue of Scholastic Editor.

In his article, "Smile When You Draw That," Nelson points out that today there are less technical demands on cartoonists, but few volunteer to contribute original art-work to high school newspapers and yearbooks.

The reason? "I suspect increased emphasis on academic accomplishments and a preoccupation with things scientific have contributed to the thinning of the ranks," Nelson writes.

The article suggests that young editors "recruit" cartoonists, and possibly suggest ideas for cartoons. "I am arguing here for editorial cartoons—

expressions of opinion on controversial issues," Nelson continues.

A former reporter, advertising and public relations man, Nelson is associate director of the Oregon Scholastic Press, in addition to his position on the UO faculty. He is a free-lance cartoonist and author of the recently published "Fell's Guide to the Art of Cartooning," and co-author of "Fell's Guide to Commercial Art," to be published late this year.

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