

LADIES' AID OF MERRILL MEET

MRS. JOHN GIACOMINI
MERRILL, Ore., Feb. 22, (Special)—The monthly meeting of the Ladies' aid was held at the Franks home Wednesday afternoon, February 18. At the close of the business session daily refreshments were served by Mrs. W. P. Franks, assisted by Mesdames H. P. Stanton, M. L. Wood and P. H. McNeill. Members answering roll call were Mesdames R. H. Anderson, M. A. Bowman, C. Bowman, Blake, L. E. Brown, Harrows, Bailey, Carleton, C. N. Haskins, J. L. Haskins, C. P. Haskins, M. G. Hartlerode, M. Howard, Frank Hanchent, Jewell, Jinnette, P. D. Lewis, G. W. Offield, H. C. Parker, J. L. Pope, Etta Scoggins, James Scoggins, Telle Taylor, D. W. Turnbaugh, James Stevenson and I. B. Wolfe. The visitors for the afternoon were the Mesdames Paul Mauldin and Ernest Walker.

The second February meeting of Merrill Grange No. 717 was held Tuesday evening, the 17th. The attendance was very good, with 49 members present and all the officers were in their respective chairs. Seven new members were given the first two degrees of the order, and other business details were taken up. The speakers' hour was very interesting, inasmuch as the lecturer, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, had just returned from a lecturers' conference held February 9, 10 and 11, at Corvallis, Ore. Mrs. Taylor returned with many ideas, and is enthusiastically putting them into practice. The next meeting will be held on March 2, and an interesting evening is in store for all attending.

A festive group of friends and relatives gathered Sunday, February 8, at the Scoggins' home, celebrating the anniversary of James Scoggins' birthday. A dinner was served for 21, and the present was a fine one. Mesdames C. G. Merrill, Ray Merrill, J. C. Duff, Etta Scoggins and James Scoggins; Misses Margaret Turner, Dorothy Hutchison, Elizabeth Merse, Mildred Jean, Betty Lea and Ruth Ellen Merrill; Messrs. C. G. Merrill, C. H. Merrill, Lyle Merrill, Ray Merrill and the host, James Scoggins, in whose honor the dinner was given. Out of town guests were Messrs. and Mesdames Harry Turner and J. Fitch, accompanied by Miss Garmelius, all from Medford.

Mrs. R. L. Dalton entertained at a dinner Sunday, February 15, in honor of her husband's birthday anniversary. Covers were laid for Messrs. and Mesdames R. H. Anderson, H. O. Cox, L. E. Brown, Ray Merrill, the honored host and hostess. Cards and music afforded the social after-dinner diversion.

An enjoyable surprise was in store for Glendon Colwell Wednesday evening, February 17, when his mother, Mrs. John Colwell, entertained with a dinner in honor of his 17th birthday anniversary. The boys of his senior class were invited and a lively time enjoyed. Covers were laid for Donald and Lawrence Fraser, Wayne Holaday, Leo Faus, Phelps Lewis and the honored guest.

George Wilson, who has been visiting with relatives in Nevada the past four months, returned to the community last week. His many friends are glad to see him back again and looking so well.

Julius Sanders, who is residing in Klamath Falls, was a week end visitor with former classmates in Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Giacomini attended the matinee at the Broadway theatre Sunday.

Dale West and Frank Carey, postal men, were in Merrill Thursday on business.

The death of Dave Shanahan, well known among the residents of Merrill, which occurred in San Francisco February 11, was a great shock. Mr. Shanahan was only 38 years of age at his death, and a native of County Limerick, Ireland. He leaves three brothers and five sisters, of whom Mrs. Tim T. Sullivan of this community is one.

Mrs. R. L. Dalton, prominent matron, left Friday on the excursion trip to Portland. She plans to stop over at Eugene to visit with her daughter, Louise, who is a student at the university.

Don Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bailey, left Friday evening for a visit at Corvallis. Mr. Bailey is employed with the American National bank at Klamath Falls.

THE A B C OF THE BONUS ROW!

**Fight in Congress for Immediate Cash Payment on Certificates Due in 1945
Recalls How Uncle Sam Is Still Paying Billions for World War**

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of four articles by Rodney Dutcher, Washington correspondent for The Evening Herald and NEA Service, on what lies behind the bonus fight in Congress. The others will follow daily.)

By RODNEY DUTCHER
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—Ever since the Revolutionary war, and even before, this country has rewarded with pensions of money or grants of public land the men who have carried its flag on the field of battle.

Decades before the revolution, the colonies pensioned disabled veterans of Indian wars. In 1815, after previous laws had rewarded veterans with service-connected disabilities, an act was passed to pension all survivors of the Revolution.

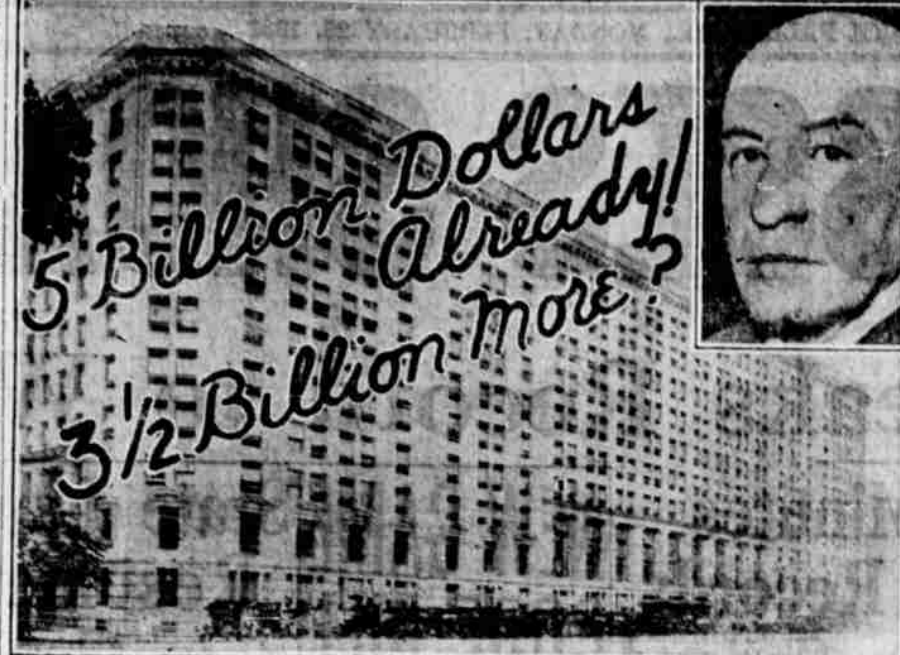
It was George Washington, himself, who had received a grant of land for his service in the French and Indian wars, who successfully urged congress to reward with land the veterans of 1776. The same principle was followed for many decades and even to some extent after the civil war. Abraham Lincoln applied for and received a grant after he had served in the Black Hawk war.

Varying in form, but not in principle or purpose, there have followed money pensions to veterans of the civil war and Spanish-American war, and rewards of "adjusted compensation"—or "the soldier bonus," as it is best known—to veterans of the world war. Throughout history, politicians have always used pension bills to carry favor.

These "adjusted compensation" certificates are, in reality, the government's I. O. U.'s to pay each holder a certain amount in 1945. The average face value is about \$1000 per man. They also carry a cash value which, at present, is about 52 per cent of the face value, and a loan value which is now about 22 1/2 per cent. Such is the background of one of the major issues of the present session into which Congress has suddenly been plunged. This is the movement to have the government pay this money to the veterans now, instead of waiting until 1945.

It is backed by certain leaders in the American Legion who contend that distressed and unemployed veterans need the cash immediately, and that putting such a large amount of money into circulation would greatly aid business. It is opposed by Secretary Mellon and leading bankers who see therein the necessity for a huge government bond issue, a shattered market for all securities and a resultant business depression far worse than any yet known.

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Three Main Proposals
Supporters of the plan, varying only in detail, have put forward the following proposals:
Congressman Wright Patman of Texas: To pay the full, face value to each veteran now. There are



MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS A DAY is spent from this great building, which is the U. S. Veterans' Bureau headquarters at Washington. Since the World War, it has expended more than five billion dollars for insurance, hospital care and as compensation for wounds or injuries. Some 400,000 former World War soldiers or their relatives are getting help of one kind or another. This is in addition to the bonus, timed to be paid in 1945, which would require an additional \$3,500,000,000 if paid immediately. Inset is General Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

embarked upon an elaborate program of insurance, hospitalization, vocational rehabilitation and compensation for service-connected disability on which it has thus far disbursed more than \$5,000,000,000.

Congress Grows Liberal
But the world war veterans obtained from congress a more extensive bonus system than was ever granted before and won a general pension system much sooner than did the veterans of any previous war. In 1924 congress passed over President Coolidge's veto the adjusted compensation act, which gave war veterans the certificates due to be cashed at an average of \$1000 each in 1945.

On top of the arrangements already made for payment for disabilities connected with military service, congress last year enacted legislation which granted payments of from \$13 to \$40 a month for disabilities not connected with military service.

Prior to the world war the nearest approach to a cash bonus was given in the Spanish-American war. After that war, partly because of the worry over trouble in the Philippines, men mustered out were at first put "on furlough" and received two months' pay—at \$15.60 a month—for time spent in civilian life.

Pensions Go Far Back
The government's first pension system, which followed the Revolutionary war, granted \$20 a month to officers and \$5 to enlisted men. Civil war pensions

for disabilities of all types began in 1895, when congress fixed a minimum of \$4 a month for veterans proving disability. Since that time Civil war pensions have been greatly increased.

The history of Spanish-American war pensions reveals a long and interesting fight by the veterans. First, they began in 1910 a movement for widows and or-

phans. In 1915 they got \$12 a month for the widows and \$4 a month for each minor child. Then they asked for age and disability pensions for veterans, and in 1920 obtained a minimum of \$12 a month for 25 per cent disability, and \$30 a month for total disability, with the minimum applying to all veterans over 62 and the maximum to all over 75.

In 1922 the widows' pensions were boosted to \$20 a month and in 1926 to \$30. Also, in 1926 the minimum pensions for Spanish war veterans was raised to \$20, and the maximum to \$50. Last year the disability minimum was lowered to 10 per cent and a new scale authorized by congress—\$25 a month for 25 per cent disability, \$35 for 50 per cent, \$50 for 75 per cent and \$60 for total.

Next: What the government has done for World war veterans.

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The largest crowd ever to assemble in the Klamath Temple church filled and packed the building to utmost capacity to hear a heart-pounding message of love for men and women to answer the call of Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners, Mack Wyatt, the evangelist, of Wichita, Kansas, delivered a message of tremendous weight, using as his text the words of Pilate, "What shall I do with Jesus which is called the Christ?" Mr. Wyatt said in part, "Jesus gave the world its greatest religion; Christianity." It is not to be compared with other religions which have been in practice for centuries.

Jesus proved "Christianity" in more ways than one.
The Clarke scored again with their beautiful harmonious renditions of the Gospel in song. Their beautiful singing and marvelous talents are drawing many night after night to hear them sing. Tonight they are to sing some "Negro spirituals" preceding the message by the evangelist. The Monday night service is Jubilee rally, a service for "Old Fashioned Christians," a rally service that everyone will enjoy. The evangelist has promised to speak on the subject, "The Greatest Sin of Klamath Falls." On Tuesday he will speak on "An Earthquake That Will Destroy Klamath Falls and ALL the West Coast." Everyone is invited to come to all of these services.

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