

# Vet 'Prisoner' Of Fear; Jail For Stepfather

MONTESANO, Wash., Aug. 24 (AP)—An army veteran who lost his left leg in a Japanese bombing was being cared for by the American Legion today after stepping father's "prisoner of fear" for 18 months.

The stepfather, identified by Sheriff Mike Kilgore as Frank Chase, 32, was held in the Grays Harbor county jail on a charge of third degree assault.

Kilgore said the veteran, Henry Chum, 29, was found Monday by neighbors who investigated after hearing shouts.

The veteran's hair was four or five inches long and matted, his clothes tattered and his body bruised and welled, Kilgore said. The sheriff said Chum told him he left the army in 1943 after his leg was amputated above the knee as the result of a Japanese bombing in New Guinea. His mother had died a month before.

With a 90 per cent disability allowance of some \$129 a month he purchased a chicken farm on a GI loan at Oakville, midway between Elma and Centralia.

He said he was induced by Chase about two years ago to give him full power of attorney, and that he has been virtually a "prisoner of fear" for the last 18 months.

An aroused Oakville American Legion post took up the case Monday and were seeking Chase when he was arrested by Sheriff's deputy Frank Stewart near Rochester. In his car were a loaded .45 caliber revolver, an unloaded 30-30 rifle and an unloaded .22 rifle with ammunition for all.

Kilgore said he understood Chase has a 15-year-old daughter in Centralia. He had \$472 in his shoes when arrested.

### HOSPITALS ASKED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—Industrial bills have been introduced in the house and senate calling for the veterans' administration to establish and operate general hospitals of at least 100 beds at Clinton, Iowa, and Medford, Ore. The Oregon facility is at the Camp White naval installation.



**PARK IMPROVEMENT** — Here's an across-Ewauona lake shot of Veterans Memorial park which is undergoing improvement by the park board. The stretch just across the water has been seeded for lawn and a picnic area will be established soon. Gazing across the lake is Zane Clawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Clawson.

## Veterans Memorial Park Should Become Beauty Spot

One of the outstanding improvement centers in Klamath Falls is Veterans Memorial park on the shore of Lake Ewauona, although only \$643 has been spent for facelifting since the city bought the property late in 1944.

The property to be used as a park site extends from the Link River bridge to Center street and from Main street to the lake. Klamath citizens voted a 3-mill levy for five years in the November, 1944, election. Purchase price of the property was \$72,675.63.

To date a small plot at the west end of the park next to the bridge has been seeded for lawn after a wealth of manual labor by the city park department was expended clearing the area of debris.

Immediate plans call for establishing a picnic grounds west of Palms alley. As of July 1, 1949, the city has \$22,376.20 for improvement projects in the park. Another \$27,000 is expected during the 1949-1950 fiscal year. When the park is completed, it

should prove to be a refreshing eye-treat for northbound travelers entering the city and a pleasant reminder for those leaving Klamath Falls for southern points. Superintendent of city parks is Bert Stott.

### MORE CRANBERRIES

PORTLAND, Aug. 24 (AP)—Oregon's 1949 cranberry crop will be 15,500 barrels, up from 13,300 barrels a year ago. The department of agriculture said larger acreage of bogs in Coos county had produced the greater share of the increase. Clatsop county output declined slightly.

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## Interest Rate On Securities To Be Reduced

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—The treasury next month is going to cut the rate of interest it pays on certain securities. The idea presumably is to help business a bit as well as save some interest on the big and growing federal debt.

To refund \$1,292,443,699 in two per cent bonds falling due September 15, the treasury announced, it will offer a like amount in one-year debt certificates paying just 1 1/2 per cent interest instead of the 1 1/2 per cent rate of recent months.

Furthermore, the treasury said, more one-year certificates—rate unspecified as yet—will be offered to refund \$6,535,161,000 in old debt certificates falling due October 1.

Also, it added, treasury notes, a form of security which as become fairly rare in recent times, will be issued "in connection with the refunding of the (\$2,097,615,100) treasury bonds called for redemption on December 15, 1949." But nothing was said about how low the notes will run or what interest they will carry.

Throughout most of 1948, the treasury boosted interest rates on its short-term securities—90 day bills and one year certificates—as an anti-inflationary move. The idea was that as money would be dearer, rates on some business loans would go up too—as they did—and there would be some discouragement of business borrowing.

With the administration openly concerned more with deflation than inflation nowadays, it appeared that the treasury was hopeful of getting reverse results by lowering its rates: perhaps causing a fall in rates for some forms of business loans, thus encouraging businessmen to step up activity.

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