

### VA Urges Veterans To Take Action On School Aid Now

Veterans planning to start school this fall under the Korean GI Bill today were urged by the Veterans Administration to take action now in order to avoid the last-minute rush later on.

With some 600,000 veterans expected to be in training this fall, VA regional offices will be operating at top speed to process their papers. By filing their applications now, veterans will save themselves unnecessary delays, VA said.

To help veterans get started the right way, VA issued this eight-point check list:

1. Since veterans are allowed only one change of course, they should give plenty of thought to their goal and the training program leading to the goal.
2. Veterans not sure of their training goal may request VA vocational counseling.
3. Veterans should be certain their course has been GI-approved by the state in which the school is located. VA regional offices—and not VA headquarters in Washington, D. C.—can furnish information about approved courses.
4. Veterans should complete arrangements for admittance to their school before filing applications with VA.
5. The application for GI training should be completely filled out and signed. It should be sent, along

with a photostat or certified copy of the veteran's separation paper, to the VA Regional Office serving his area.

6. The application should go to VA as soon as possible. This will enable VA to iron out any snags before school starts.

7. Veterans with dependents should have the necessary proof of dependency ready when VA requests it. For a wife, this would be a photostat of the marriage certificate; for a child, a photostat of the birth certificate.

8. Veterans should take along enough money of their own to tide them over the first two months of training. It takes that long, ordinarily, for a veteran's first monthly check to reach him. The reason is that payments are made only after each month of training is completed, and not before.

Further, before VA may make a payment, it must receive a certification signed by the veteran and his school, stating that he has been in class all month. The law allows VA 20 days after receipt of certification to get checks in the mail.

### Boat Owners Taxes Listed

DORRIS—Siskiyou County's 600 registered boat owners are contributing between \$3,600 and \$3,800 each year in the form of personal property assessments. L. D. (Babe) Taylor, county assessor, said recently.

Taylor said compulsory boat registration, long on the books, was first enforced about three years ago after a series of fatalities involving boats focused statewide attention on the difficulty of identifying a particular craft.

The assessor explained that each county has a different number, and that the number 47 is Siskiyou County's, followed by number one through 600, depending upon when the craft was registered. In addition, the designation of IB, for inboard motor, or OB, indicating an outboard, is added to the serial number. These symbols appearing on boats designate their original type.

Boats which have already been assigned numbers by the Coast Guard are not given a number by the county, the assessor said. Taylor described the registration purpose in case of accident as more important than the small amount of additional taxes obtained.

### STRAY DOGS

A lot of homeless stray dogs are in the Klamath County Pound on Memorial Drive waiting for someone to come and claim them. These dogs will be held only five days, according to Bill Schlegel, poundmaster. If you would like a good dog, please call Schlegel at TU 2-1279.

### "DENNIS THE MENACE"



"AW, HE JUST GOT SCARED 'CAUSE I SAID I'D GIVE HIM A FREE HAIRCUT."

### Kiln To Process Cinnabar Ore Under Construction

By PEGGY WALSH

DUNSMUIR — A rotary kiln to process cinnabar ore into mercury is being constructed at the Altoona mine in anticipation of resumption of mine operations by October 1, Charles Ayres, mine manager, has announced.

This historic mine, first operated in the 1870s, is located about 30 miles southwest of here on the ridge separating Shasta and Trinity counties.

Before the turn of the century, the Altoona mine had produced more than 30,000 75 pound flasks of mercury with a present day value of \$720,000.

In those days, according to Ayres, the mine machinery was powered by steam boilers fired with wood. The miners went down a vertical shaft 600 feet deep and worked in two levels of tunnels branching off from the main shaft. The Altoona mine shut down in

1902 when the price of mercury fell below the margin of profit. It was reopened three years ago when the Castella Corporation leased the property from the Altoona Mining Company. The Castella Corporation is headed by Lynn A. Smith and Bert C. Austin, two San Francisco consulting engineers.

A reorganization of operations has been under way this summer including plans to refine mercury at the mine site.

Ayres said new exploratory operations have uncovered enough cinnabar ore (sulphide of mercury) to keep the mine running for several years. A crew of 20 is building the kiln on the property. It will process 30 tons of ore daily.

The ore will be crushed to a maximum diameter of one inch, then roasted in the oil-fired kiln.

The heat vaporizes the mercury out of the rock, the fumes are trapped and condensed through cooling coils into the liquid, silvery metals much needed in today's electronic devices.

The owners hope the daily 30 tons of ore will yield 700 pounds of mercury worth about \$2,100 on today's market.

Electric pumps have been installed to clear the tunnels and shafts which were flooded to within 100 feet of the surface.

"We had to re-timber only the top part of the shaft which wasn't flooded," Ayres said. The old-time miners had shored the lower depths with sugar pine timbers and the heavily mineralized water had pickled the wood.

"You can see sulphur and lime crystals on the old timbers," Ayres explained.

The miners who abandoned the workings in 1902 left mementoes of themselves under the waters," Ayres said. "We've found boots, hats and miners' candlesticks."

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**KINDERGARTEN DISCUSSION**

MERRILL—A discussion on the needs of the kindergarten room was heard at a recent meeting of the Merrill VFW Auxiliary which was held in the VFW Hall. This year's kindergarten board appointed by auxiliary president, Marian Knox, is headed by Myrtle Rippey and Bertha McKoen. Mrs. Carrie Mattson has accepted the position as kindergarten teacher for the 1958-59 school year. Dorothy Baxter was installed as senior trustee replacing Blanche Maxwell who recently moved from Merrill. Refreshments were served following the meeting by the committee headed by Norma Wilson.



**NO SPACE MAN**—This is not a man equipped for outer space exploration. The cover-up suit is a new one devised to protect crews servicing missiles against the highly corrosive chemicals that they must handle. Developed by the Army Quartermaster Corps, the new ensemble covers the crewman from head to foot with impermeable material. Breathing is done through the M-15 mask, which feeds compressed air from the small tanks.



**MERITORIOUS WORK** for Klamath Theaters, Inc., for the last 10 years, brought the gift of a fine Hamilton watch to Sammy Gordon, right, receiving the gift from J. E. Gellatly, manager of the local theaters. Presentation of a watch to those who have worked for the theater company for 10 years is a policy of the theater chain headed by George Mann, president, and Lloyd Lamm, general manager. Gordon has distributed posters during his employment with the theaters.

### Yreka Man Pays Assault Fine

YREKA — James C. Baber, charged with simple assault when he shot at Harry Meek of Yreka last June, paid a \$250 fine Tuesday in Yreka Justice Court.

Baber who is a next door neighbor of Meek's had fired three shots at him on the night of June 23, believing that Meek was a prowler. One of the shots had struck him in the right hip, causing a slight wound.

### Change National Park Boundaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower has signed legislation changing the boundaries of Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks in California.

One bill excludes not more than 10 acres of land from Sequoia National Park and makes it part of the game refuge. This will permit private cabins on the land to continue to be used by the owners.

The other excludes 160 acres in the Summit Meadow area from Kings Canyon Park in order to straighten the boundary and omit some privately owned land not needed for park purposes. It also adds 220 acres from the Sequoia National Forest in the General Grant Grove section to the park.

**SCHOLARSHIP BARBECUE**

MOUNT SHASTA—Dr. Jack A. Tucker, president of the Mount Shasta Rotary Club, has announced that the club's annual steak barbecue will be held Sunday, August 31. It will be in the city park, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event is one of the methods that the club uses to raise funds for their scholarship donations. At next year's high school graduation two students will be awarded scholarships to an accredited college or university of their choice. The school to which the graduates go need not be located in California. One of the 1958 winners plans to attend OTI in Klamath Falls.

**NEIGHBOR AIDED**

FORT ROCK—Work crews organized by C. W. Boley helped a neighbor in distress last week. F. A. (Chub) Frazee had caught his hand in the baler as he worked in the hay field. There were no bones broken in the mishap but the flesh was badly mangled and deep as to the tendons and the hand will be out of commission for a couple of months. One day's work group included Boley, David Bancroft, Roger Miles, John Heimlyer, and W. O. White. Others who helped were Earl Lyman, Bill Partridge, Bud Parks, Edwin Eskelin and young drivers Bill and Alan Parks and Bradford Blunt. Marian Miles helped Mrs. Frazee with the cooking.

### Congress Studies Pension, Benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Compromise legislation to provide \$25,000 a year pensions and other benefits for former U.S. presidents comes up in Congress next week for final action.

Senate and House conferees came to terms on the bill yesterday, sending it back to both houses for expected approval.

In addition to pensions, the bill would provide former presidents with free mailing privileges, free office space, and \$30,000 a year for clerical help.

Both branches had accepted pension provisions of the bill, but the House balked at providing the other benefits to help defray expenses of ex-presidents.

The compromise measure would allow only about half as much for clerical help as was proposed in the original Senate bill.

The pension provisions also would authorize \$10,000 a year for widows of ex-presidents, but they would have to waive any other pensions they might be drawing from the government.

The only living ex-presidents are Democrat Harry S. Truman and Republican Herbert Hoover. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson are the only widows. Mrs. Roosevelt has been quoted as saying she won't accept the pension.

### IT WAS A HARD LIFT

CHICAGO (UPI) — Officials of the Chatham YMCA on Chicago's South Side today puzzled over a theft. Someone "lifted" six curved redwood benches and a large patio table from a new outdoor swimming pool.

The "Y" officials are pretty sure the furniture was lifted since the pool is surrounded by an 8-foot high fence topped with barbed wire.

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