

Vets' Mail Bag

As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper will publish a weekly column of questions most frequently asked contact men of the Veterans Administration in this area. For more detailed information, veterans should contact or write to the nearest VA contact unit at P. O. Bldg., Rm. 216, Longview.

Q. If I enlist now, will I be eligible for benefits under the G.I. bill?

A. You are eligible for G.I. bill benefits if you serve any time before the war is officially terminated. However, you will still be eligible if you enlist before October 6, 1946, if the war is officially terminated before that time.

Q. What is the veteran population of the United States?

A. The total number of veterans at the end of June was 16,819,000. There were 12,848,000 World War II veterans and 3,971,000 veterans of World War I and other wars.

Q. I was a V-12 student in the navy for six months of my service. Is the time spent in V-12 applicable on education entitlement time under the G.I. bill?

A. Formerly, all V-12 time was deductible from the period of educational entitlement. The latest directives, however, make many exceptions. It is recommended that you apply to the VA office in your locality for a decision. If dissatisfied with the decision, you may have your case reviewed.

Q. What is the correct mailing address for NSL insurance premiums?

A. Insurance records are now kept in the branch offices of the VA. You should send your premiums to:
Veterans Administration
Branch 11
Insurance Collections Division
Exchange Building
Seattle 4, Washington.

Q. If a lender turns down a veteran's application for a loan, what should the veteran do?

A. He should see another lender. The fact that one lender is not interested does not indicate that another may not be. One lender may not wish to make the type of loan the veteran wants.

WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

The senate military affairs committee has reported the Andrew Gurney bill to prevent employers from being held liable for violation of the seniority clauses of collective bargaining agreements, through having followed directives of selective service that returning veterans must be assured of re-employment, even if it means overriding seniority agreements.

The measure passed the house without objection. However, some labor union officials are vigorously opposing the bill in the senate.

The majority of the military affairs committee took the position that employers should not be held liable for following the selective service interpretation of the law.

Whether a joint congressional committee will be established to investigate the need for labor legislation remains undetermined at this writing.

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Had Date With Death

Jesus set His face like flint to go to Jerusalem for there He had a date with death. In the night, the officers came to arrest Him and then it happened. For an instant he must have again clothed Himself with His eternal glory and flashed it forth for they all went backward and fell to the ground. We humans, cannot stand before such heavenly splendor. So they fell before Him.

Then Christ let them back to their feet and gave Himself up to be crucified by them. He gave His back to the smiters and His cheeks to them that pulled out the hair. He hid not His face from the shame and spittle. The third day, He arose from the grave to breathe life into your dead heart. You have lived your days in sin, along with the rest of mankind, taking your orders from satan and are deserving of God's just wrath, even as they. All this, the Bible dares tell you. Ephesians 2:1-3—Bible.

So Christ made His date with death to clear you. Take your stand that His death cleared you and by that God puts your name in His Book of Life and His Spirit into your heart. So you are born again, born from above, born of God, into eternal life. Prove the new life. Follow the Bible. Look to Christ for strength when the going is hard—"Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you."—Bible.

Geon Taylor

S. W. McChesney Rd., Portland 1, Ore. This space paid for by a Portland family.

Events in Oregon

TELEPHONE COMPANY TO BUILD AT SEASIDE
SEASIDE—The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has purchased a lot and will construct a new Seaside telephone building as soon as possible.

The building will house a new business office and commercial quarters for the company, as well as a three-position attended public station with 10 local and long distance telephone booths. These public telephone booths are expected to materially lessen the load on the present switchboard.

Space also is being provided in the building for the ultimate installation of dial equipment to serve Seaside and vicinity.

MANY TEACHER VACANCIES LISTED

HILLSBORO—A total of 18 teacher vacancies, 16 at grade school, are on list at the county school superintendent's office. Less applications have been received locally this year than usual.

More older teachers have applied than previously, probably due to the new retirement statute. Only one applicant has been received this summer from a normal school graduate and the placement was made. Forest Grove and Sherwood high schools still list vacancies.

CONSERVATION OF WATER REQUESTED

SEASIDE—Seaside people are asked by the city water department to do everything possible to conserve water, in the hope that stringent regulations may be avoided. So far there is plenty of water and with good luck the supply will continue to be adequate. But with the present dry weather it is possible that the supply will dwindle to the danger point.

Water department officials point out that if everyone conserves water it may be possible to avoid restrictions on the use of water.

LEADERS DISCUSS AIMS IN FARM LABOR SESSION

M'MINNVILLE — Organization of farm workers in Yamhill county continued last Thursday following a mass meeting of approximately 80 workers, small farmers and businessmen held Wednesday night at the Dayton Farm Labor camp under the auspices of the Yamhill county local of the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural workers union, CIO.

Speakers appearing before the group included Joe E. Fadding, president of the International Woodworkers of America, Stanley Earle, state CIO secretary, and Al Hartung, regional CIO director.

No boycotts and no picket lines were pledged by David Saunders, FTA international representative, who declared that the newly-formed union will not force farm

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

By PILGRIM

OUT OF THE WOODS BY JIM STEVENS

Ferry Trip . . .

"The engine of the ferry beat like a giant's heart through the floor of the passenger cabin. On the bench seats humanity talked, slept, read newspapers, gambled, dreamed or stared with stony faces. For the time wealth and poverty, good and evil, hope and despair, rode in brotherhood.

"Chance had placed Mr. Bartley Haddon, president of the Tidlock Timber company, beside a family of Finnish loggers for the ferry trip. A professional gambler and a deacon touched elbows. A forester, whose domain was 70,000 acres of big timber, and a bulb fancier whose pride was a backyard garden in a slum were in botanical conversation."

Murder, or Else . . .

On a May afternoon in 1935 I sat and stared at the words in those two paragraphs on the top half of a sheet of paper in my typewriter. For better—or worse—than two days I had been making false starts on a magazine short story. This was it, I hoped. The stage was set. A main character had been brought on naturally among a number of people. It seemed to me that a feeling of movement had been caught. There was some breath of life in the words, a few touches of color.

Anyhow, it seemed safe to work on, without too much fear of wasted time. A gamble, of course, always a gamble. But it should be made as much of a sure thing as possible. This was dictated by family economics, which demanded a story that would sell surely—and soon. This would be for a newspaper syndicate.

There were a dozen royal magazine markets to dream about for stories that might be written from the start I'd made. Each held a promise of far more money than the newspaper syndicate I was aiming for could possibly yield. Why not gamble for one of them?

But there was the knowledge that at least 400,000 other persons were competing in the short-story markets. Some 20,000 were fighting to live by giving all working time to the writing of magazine fiction. The other 380,000 were in part-time fictioneering. No more than 200 were on the editor's lists as regular contributors. My name was down somewhere among the 99 per cent of the enlisted personnel of the creative writing craft—the 19,800 sergeants, corporals and privates.

A story written for the newspaper workers to join its ranks nor will it seek to force farmers in any way.

The organization of the Yamhill county local is making national news on the labor front, Saunders declared. "The 100 to 150 members of our group are an insignificant number but the significance of our stand is that our program goes right to the roots of the economic problems of the nation."

Oil companies expect to pass out 150 million road maps this summer as history's greatest stampede of motoring vacationists are on a touring rampage.

per syndicate would have to be 3000 words. Acceptance would yield \$60.00—rent and groceries for a month, in our modest way of life. And to get that blood must flow. It was murder, or else a gamble.

So I put temptation aside and wrote on with the third paragraph: "Down in the murk of the ferry's freight dock three men were planning the murder of Bartley Haddon . . ." Three days later I had 3000 words written and revised. Three weeks later I had a \$60.00 check—for another murder in a typewriter. Writing Is More Fun . . .

To expound and discuss such case histories, among other things, the Pacific Northwest Writers Conference opened July 29th for two weeks at the university of Washington. Main attraction will be top writers and editors from New York and Hollywood. The prospect is that they will be heard, through morning, afternoon and evening lectures and panels, by three thousand subscribers to all or part of the two weeks' conference.

After my dismal picture of the real thing, you may ask, "Why?"

Well, after all, writing is exciting. It is the greatest gamble imaginable—you bet you can take dreams and words and make them into a winner of money and fame. Writing is also escape from what is becoming the worst of all possible worlds. And one does not need a college education to write. Far more writers have come out of logging camps in the Pacific Northwest than out of universities.

Yet, it is far, far rarer to win at writing than it is to win at playing slot machines. It is really "the writing game." Thousands will attend the Pacific Northwest Writers Conference to learn a little about the game. Old Loggers Hole Holbrook, Bob (Choker) Case and your Uncle Jim will tell 'em how the game is played in the woods.

Eggs may be stored in the home for use during the scarce season by the water-glass method, or by dipping in mineral oil.

RHEUMATISM and ARTHRITIS

I suffered for years and am so thankful that I found relief from this terrible affliction that I will gladly answer anyone writing me for information. Mrs. Anna Pautz, P.O. Box 825, Vancouver, Wash. Pd. Adv.—NUE-OVO Laboratories

The Forum

DISCUSSES PAC PROGRAM

To The Editor:

The question has arisen in the minds of many persons concerning the status of the CIO political action committee and its purpose in the political world. Communists are generally associated in the public mind with the organization and are believed to be the leaders and sponsors, in the minds of the misinformed.

The PAC is non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-political, believing in the government of the people, by the people and for the people. A government of right and justice in which the great majority of people shall win the rights of a free people and govern themselves accordingly. Democrats, Republicans, Catholics, Jews, Protestants, CIO, AFL and all other liberty-loving people are invited to join the ranks of the PAC and help place better men in office who will make for us a better government.

The citizens' political action committee of northwest Oregon is spreading out and increasing its membership at every meeting. The organization is becoming a power and we ask the people, of whatsoever belief, or affiliation, to meet with us and see for themselves what the PAC really stands for.

At the meeting in Rainier last Sunday, many new faces were seen and much encouragement manifested. Among the notable events of the day was the appearance of Dennis McGuire of the Oregon Educational association, who explained to those present the object of the basic school support bill. This is one of the most important measures to come before the people at the coming November election, and the question of good schools and the proper education of the children of the state is at stake, and only the passage of such measures will guarantee the heritage of those we leave to take up where we leave off. Mr. Galloway of the state tax commission, is the author of the bill, which bespeaks for its merits.

We endorsed this move at the Rainier meeting which reflects the views of the thousands of members interested in proper education and the promotion of educational matters.

Many candidates attend these meetings and expound their views for us to take home and ponder over. Also every effort will be expended in promoting the best to be had for the masses.

You will hear plenty from the PAC in the future, and let us hope and pray it will be for the good of the majority, and blessings for the minority.

FRED E. WINCHESTER,
Secretary Northwest Oregon PAC.

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7:30 p.m. Wednesday—Praise and prayer.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

—Rev. H. Gail McIlroy, Pastor
9:45—Sunday school with classes for all ages.
11:00—Morning worship.
7:30—Evangelistic service.
8:00—Wednesday, prayer meeting.
7:30—Friday, People's Night.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

—Ernest P. Baker, Minister
9:45—Bible school led by M. L. Herrin.
11:00—Morning worship and Junior church.
7:30—Sunday evening service.
7:30 Wednesday—Prayer meeting.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC

Rev. Anthony V. Gerace
Rev. J. H. Goodrich
Mass: 9:30 a.m. except first Sunday in month—Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Confessions from 7:45 a.m. on.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Services on Saturday:
10:00 a.m.—Sabbath school.
11:00 a.m.—Gospel service.
A cordial invitation is extended to visitors.

EVANGELICAL

—Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister
9:45 — Sunday school program
11:00 — Morning worship service.
7:00 — Junior Endeavor and Evangelical Youth Fellowship.
3:00 p.m.—Evangelistic service.
8:00 p.m. Thursday—Prayer meeting.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sunday school convenes at 10 a.m. at 925 Rose Ave under the direction of Charles Long, Branch President. Polly H. Lynch, Superintendent.
7:00 P.M. — Evening Sacrament

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