

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. What effect does the guaranty of a loan for a veteran before the act was amended have on his right to guaranty on other loans?

A. Any amount of guaranty which was used is deducted from the amount to which the veteran is entitled under the act as amended.

Q. How many veterans are attending school or receiving on-the-job training under the provisions of the GI bill?

A. At the end of June 932,230 veterans actually were enrolled in educational institutions or taking on-the-job training as provided in Public Law No. 346. In the Branch 11 area (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska) 29,353 were taking advantage of the education and training provisions of the GI bill.

Q. May a veteran purchase real property with a non-veteran and obtain a loan guaranty?

A. Yes, but the amount of the loan on which the guaranty is based is in proportion to the veteran's interest in the property.

Q. May unemployment compensation under the servicemen's readjustment act be paid concurrently with the subsistence allowance for a veteran in training?

A. No.

Q. If I am drawing a disability compensation, can I assign all or any portion of it as premium payments on my National Service Life Insurance?

A. Yes. File Form 887 at your nearest VA office.

Killed His Brother

Cain and Abel were the first children ever born into this world, being the sons of Adam and Eve, our first parents. Out of jealousy, Cain killed his brother, Abel, and God did not step in and stop him. God let Cain choose for himself and kill his brother. And from Adam down, men have killed, stolen and done every kind of sin, with God warning them but leaving them free to choose.

NOT WOODEN MEN. Every man must choose for himself, with wooden men, with men who have no mind of their own. Every man must choose for himself. Even after God had given 'his Son, our Lord to die for their sins, every man must say for himself whether or not he will be saved. If they choose to believe God, that Christ the Son, died for their sins, then God honors their act and gives them eternal life.

So men are saved and the Bible puts it all in a word—God so loved you that he gave his only-born Son that if you will believe on Him, you shall not perish but have eternal life. So you are to choose between sin and eternal despair and Christ, with His joy, hope and peace forever. Which for you?

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WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

Never before in our history, declares Senator Harry Byrd, of Virginia, has the federal government controlled the daily lives of our citizens as it does today.

"Sheer magnitude of our present government," the senator holds, forces it into every man's daily life, whether he likes it or not.

Looking back to 1935—"when we were just beginning the era of vast federal expenditures from borrowed money, to experiment with deficit spending as a panacea for our difficulties, and to seek a magic key to lead us into a new era"—

The annual federal payroll was \$1,361,000,000. Today it is approaching \$8,000,000,000—nearly six times the annual payroll of 1935, and nearly twice the entire cost of government in 1935.

Today we have 1411 separate agencies, bureaus and main departments in Washington," Senator Byrd points out.

"Today, as against the \$29,000,000,000 national debt of 1935, we have a national debt of \$275,000,000,000.

In 1935 we paid out \$3,000,000,000 in subsidies and grants, today, subsidize and grants cost us \$16,000,000,000.

"In 1935, per capita taxes were about \$20. Today the per capita tax is \$308.

"In the year of 1946 it is well to restore the United States government to the people, and with this simple and fundamental principle—in our democracy the people must support the government. The government cannot support the people and remain a democracy."

Events in Oregon

PEAR HARVEST GETS UNDERWAY; PAY INCREASED

MEDFORD—A large segment of the people of the Rogue river valley, including fruitgrowers, fruit packers and shippers, the people who take time off from regular duties to work in the fruit each fall, and the merchants, await with anxiety the day the fruit graders and washers start to hum, because that means the beginning of the Rogue river valley's main harvest, the pears. That time arrived last week, with picking starting in some orchards Wednesday, and packing houses due to "turn on the machines" Aug. 9.

SEASON'S PEAK NEARS; MORE PICKERS NEEDED

M'MINNVILLE—With the peak of the bean season just around the corner, bean growers throughout the county anticipate the need for many more pickers this week. The best picking, and hence the best wages, usually come in the middle of the season.

SCHOOL BELLS RING SEPTEMBER 9

FOREST GROVE—September 9 has been set as the opening day for Forest Grove schools. The grade school board set this date and it is expected that the union high school board will confirm the date.

COUNTY TAXES INCREASE FOR COMING YEAR

HILLSBORO—Washington county tax bill for next year will be \$114,186.93 higher than last year with a millage increase of 4.2, according to figures released last week. Total taxable value of all property shows a gain of from \$28,023,996.04 to \$28,648,435.30 for the 1946-47 tax roll.

The increase in taxes can be attributed mainly to increases in school levies.

APPROVAL VOTE WOULD DOUBLE SIZE OF SANDY

SANDY—A special election held August 12, at the city hall and at designated polling places in two out of the three districts involved in the proposed annexation of three parcels into the city limits. The size of the city will be more than doubled if the annexation is approved.

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE By PILGRIM

AN AUTOMOBILE COMPANY PAID EMPLOYEES \$776,341.00 LAST YEAR FOR SUBMITTING IDEAS FOR IMPROVING PRODUCTION

CLEOPATRA USED HENNA ON HER NAILS

BUT HOW DO YOU TELL A DRONE FROM A NON-DRONE?

THE DRONE BEE HAS NO STING

RUB HALF AN ONION OVER YOUR CAR WINDSHIELD, INSIDE AND OUT, TO KEEP IT FROM FOGGING OVER IN WINTER WEATHER

ONE INCH OF RAINFALL IS EQUAL TO 100 TONS PER ACRE

OUT OF THE WOODS BY JIM STEVENS

Literary Snipe Hunt . . .

The professors have been arguing about Paul Bunyan ever since my book came out in April, 1925. One of them had a piece on him in a national magazine over a year ago that took Paul and Babe entirely out of character as a legend of the forests. I wrote a protest which carried a deadpan reference to a "newly discovered Henry James letter on the lore of Paul and Babe." It was of course a sell. The magazine was literary, and I assumed that any reader of it would perceive the hoax at first glance. Henry James was an aesthete of aesthetes. He lived in England because of the "coarseness" and "crudity" of America. The idea of his ever having been interested in Paul and Babe is as fantastic as any Bunyan tale.

But I was pretty solemn in my missive and parodied the Henry James phrasing—a trick which any practiced writer can easily do. And I used such famous James phrases as "emotion of recognition," "golden measure," "American scene."

I didn't dream the letter would fetch me a tenderfoot New York professor to hold the bag and the lantern in the cold night, waiting for the snipe. But dad-gunned if that wasn't what happened!

Where is Nathan Bronstein? . . .

The letter was from a New Yorker who made up what is called an anthology of Paul Bunyan stories. A couple of mine will be in it. As usual, the anthology contributors get little or no money for their work. The publishers and the compiler-editors take the profits from such books.

So, when I read this in the editor's letter, ". . . you make reference to (the newly discovered Henry James letters on the lore of Paul and Babe). I wonder if you will be good enough to inform me where the letter appears, if it has been published, or if it has not been published, who has it?"—I had only a little trouble with my conscience before going on with the snipe hunt.

My reply was pretty complicated. It said that away back yonder the pioneer Seattle lumberman, Henry Yesler, had a no-good step-brother, Ralph Yesler, who was an arty fellow. Ralph wrote Henry James about how crude his life was, for his lum-

berman brother was making him toil as a bullock. So Henry wrote in return, (said I), that art was everywhere, even in the "wilderness, as witness Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. James was living in England but had heard of Paul from English lords who had traveled to Michigan to fish for grayling in the Au Sable. Of such was my tall tale. I concluded:

"Mr. Nathan Bronstein, grand-nephew of Ralph Yesler, member of a logging firm, and patron of the arts in Seattle, has the letter of Henry James to Ralph Yesler. He is in Hollywood . . . I hope I can get what you want from him at an early date."

The New Yorker stuck to his bag and lantern. He kept writing on his engraved letterhead, enclosing air-mail stamped envelopes, and asking, "Where is Nathan Bronstein now?"

Murder Yet! . . .

Today I write the poor cuss again, saying, "I have not yet heard from Nathan Bronstein in Hollywood . . . It was Farrar Burn, husband of Junie Burn, author and assistant professor in the Department of English, University of Washington, who copied the Paul Bunyan reference from the original James letter. He and his wife are now on a cruise among the San Juan islands. Farrar is a brothr of Bob Burns, of Hollywood and radio fame, and so won the confidence of Mr. Bronstein, who is "hard to come by," as the loggers say, even when he is here at home. Meanwhile, I've asked by old friend, Jim Marshall, who resides in Los Angeles as Western editor of Collier's, to see if he can get wind of Bronstein around the movie studios. He might be able to help us. And so on, with more and more fanciful complications.

If the New Yorker comes back for still more, I'll just about be up a stump. I may have to murder Nathan Bronstein yet—if Farrar Burn and Jim Marshall don't kill me first!

RHEUMATISM and ARTHRITIS

I suffered for years and am so thankful that I am free from pain and able to do my work that I will gladly answer anyone writing me for information. Mrs. Anna Pautz P.O. Box 825 Vancouver, Wash. Pd. Adv.—NUE-OVO Laboratories.

At the Churches

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
—Rev. H. Gail Mellroy, 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.

EVANGELICAL
—Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister
9:45—Sunday

No church services in morning or evening.
8:00 p.m. Thursday—Prayer meeting.

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.

NAZARENE CHAPEL
The church that cares.
—H. L. Russell, Pastor
1208 Bridge St.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
7:45 p.m.—Evangelistic services.
7:30 p.m. Wednesday—Praise and prayer.

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

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.

It is estimated that the new Mt. Palomar, Calif., telescope will have a light range of 5,864,696,000,000,000,000 miles.

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