

# 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.** Can I get a loan guaranteed or insured to construct more than a single-family home?

**A.** Yes, but one veteran cannot get a guaranteed or insured loan to buy or build more than a four-family home. If more than one veteran is buying, then the basic four-family home is allowed for the group and this may be increased by one additional family unit for each veteran participating; thus two veterans can buy or build a six-family home, three veterans a seven family home, etc.

**Q.** How many hospital beds are there in veterans' hospitals?

**A.** The total number of existing beds of all types is 94,817 in 106 VA hospitals. The proposed expansion program of the Veterans Administration will bring this total to 161,832.

**A.** What are the most important provisions of the amended bill regarding National Service Life Insurance?

**A.** 1. Three new type permanent policies—20 year endowment, endowment at the age of 60 and endowment at 65.

**2.** All restrictions on the choice of beneficiaries imposed by the original act have been removed.

**3.** Insured may have payments made to the beneficiary in lump sum or in equal instalments ranging from 36 to 240 months. Previously, the only method of settlement provided was monthly income or annual payments.

**Q.** At present I am working part-time and collection partial readjustment allowance. Because of the reduced payment, am I eligible to collect for a longer period of time than the unemployed veteran.

**A.** Each time a veteran receives payment of a weekly allowance, regardless of the dollar amount of the payment, he has used up one week of the limited number of allowances to which he may be entitled.

## His Secret Sin

The cashier was playing the ponies and he had an expensive wife. So it was that he began to help himself from the company till. Then he was found out, arrested, tried and named guilty sent to the pen and his sin was out in the open. Yes, says the Bible—Be sure your sin will find you out.

Your lusts, unholy loves, spites, hidden habits, hates, grudges and godless plans may be secret just now but they will all come up on Judgment Day when you must give account to God.

Now face about and see God with outstretched arms, yearning to possess you and make you rich forever as the son of his love. But he must see you cleared of all sin. So it was, he put them on Christ, our Lord, who died for them and blotted them out. His blood can wash the vilest clean.

**MIRACLE ONE**—Settle it in your heart that your sins are blotted out by Christ's death and God gives you new birth into his family. You become a son of his love. **TWO**—No matter how hard

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## Events in Oregon

**SHORTAGES SLOW WORK ON HOMES**  
**GRESHAM**—Shortages of building materials are responsible for long delays in the completion of 47 homes within the city limits of Gresham, first results of a survey now under way by the housing development committee of Gresham chamber of commerce revealed.

**RECORD FLAX YIELD TOLD**  
**FOREST GROVE**—What is believed to be a state record for flax straw yield is reported from the Ritchey Brothers farm in the Groveland district. From a 20-acre field, Don Fisher, manager of the Washington county flax growers plant, reports 80.99 tons of flax straw were weighed in. The flax was of the new certified Cascade variety. Under experimental conditions this variety has surpassed all others both for tonnage and percentage of fiber.

**BONNEVILLE INSTALLS HUGE TRANSFORMER**  
**HOOD RIVER**—Installation of a 3000 KVA transformer by the Bonneville administration was underway last week at the Bonneville substation in Hood River. The new huge unit will take the place of a 1000 KVA transformer which has been in service since the substation was energized.

All anticipated future demands for many years to come of the Hood River Electric Cooperative will be taken care of by the new transformer.

**FARM WAGES HELD SAME BY BOARD**

**M'MINNVILLE**—Farm labor wages remained at the previously-established level of a maximum of 85 cents an hour and 2½ cents a pound for bean picking last Thursday following a hearing conducted Tuesday night by the U.S. department of agriculture wage board for Oregon to gather facts for a possible boost in wage ceilings.

The session was called at the request of the Yamhill county local union of the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural workers, CIO, which has announced it intends to obtain a \$1 hourly wage for farm labor and 3½ cents for bean picking.

## WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

Lack of cooperation among executive branches of the federal government is being cited here as a major factor in the collapse of the veterans' emergency housing program.

The National Association of Home Builders says that a survey of 23 states shows that 92 per cent of the veterans' houses started since January 15 "are either at a standstill or seriously delayed." The reason given is that the government has failed to assure an adequate steady flow of building materials.

**For Want of a Nail**  
This accusation is supported in one instance by the recent announcement that the war assets administration and the national housing authority are releasing 12 million pounds of nails from army and navy stockpiles.

According to the two government agencies, this hitherto untapped source of a vital material is enough for construction of 30,000 houses—provided other scarce materials are available.

What some people here are wondering is why it took the WAA and the NHA months to discover and release this stockpile of nails... and what other critical materials vital to building still are buried in government warehouses.

the way or dark the day, look utterly to Christ and He will see you through. Which for you? Sin and despair or is it Christ with heaven's hope, peace and Joy?

**Dean Taylor.**  
S. W. McChesney Rd., Portland 1, Ore. This space paid for by an Oregon family.

Changes and improvement in hosiery machines will make ladies' stockings fit better, be more sheer—and greatly increase their production.

## THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE By PILGRIM



## OUT OF THE WOODS BY JIM STEVENS

The Outdoor Writers . . .

If you are interested in working up a fine state of confusion for yourself an easy way to do it is to start figuring on the term, "outdoor writers." You may ponder first on the question, "Are there two broad divisions among the tribe of inklingers; that is, indoor writers and outdoor writers?" And then: "Is an outdoor writer one who does his writing outdoors, rain or shine, or what?" Keep it up and you'll end mulling the old song, "Who takes care of the caretaker's daughter while the caretaker's busy taking care?"

To get down to business, there are some 700 members in the Outdoor Writers Association of America. They are newspaper, magazine and book writers who gather up stories on hunting, fishing, and conservation and write them as their main business in life.

The famous novelist, Louis Bromfield, is an outdoor writer in his work today, with soil conservation his chief interest. Every sizeable daily newspaper has an outdoor editor who is a specialist in knowledge of soil, woods, waters and wild life, and who can also sling words.

No writing group is more significant to the future of the Pacific Northwest.

**The Good Land . . .**  
The outdoor writers form the main channels of information between the public and the tourist and outdoor recreation industry. No one questions that an enormous boom is in the making for this industry—if we don't get atom-bombed into oblivion. That prospect is something to make the forest-land owner and the farm-land owner tremble. For them the tourist and the vacationist so often means destruction of property.

There are many signs that an age-old instinct for the life of the good land, the soil and the things of the soil of Mother Earth, is in rising tide among the people of the towns. Among our thinkers the idea of Thomas Jefferson on the abiding virtues of life on the soil and his fears of industrialism are gaining new respect.

Thus the driving urge of so many to get back to the good land, to take to the woods, to drift with time on a quiet lake. Lumbermen are facing that prospect as an inexorable fact. Farmers are coming to it. How can they all make the best of this rising problem of urbanites escaping to the land?

The first thing, isn't it, is to find common ground for meeting and talking things over? And where is there a better means for this than with the 700 organized outdoor writers of the country? Can you suggest a better place to start? And start we must.

**The Writers Conference . . .**  
At the super-colossal writers' conference, held for two weeks by the University of Washington, one day was given to outdoor writing. Two national leaders in the field, George Robey of Ohio, and Charley Gillhan of Illinois, were brought to the Pacific

Northwest for the day. Both are read regularly as authorities by Hundreds of thousands. Both are leaders in the Outdoor Writers Association and their influence carries through the entire group.

With them were writers whose main work is in other fields but who also are well known for their efforts as friends of the land and evangels of its good use. Examples: Philosophy Professor Baker Brownell of Northwestern University, Harry C. Eldridge, publisher of plays, Laura Bolton, famous as explorer, ethnologist, lecturer, and writer of articles in National Geographic.

All were informed of the forest-land problems of this region in relation to the hunter, the fisherman, and the vacationist. Every one was responsive, heart and soul, to the objectives of Keep Washington Green and Keep Oregon Green. The power of these writers and their fellows for forest-fire prevention in the future cannot be calculated.

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## Class Reunion Saturday Event

**RIVERVIEW**—Beverly Turner and Lorraine Mahar, members of the '44 V.H.S. graduating class, attended a reunion of that body Saturday evening at the city park, enjoyed a weiner roast at the pool and later attended a dance. They regretted the absence of many of their classmates.

Their first view of the Pacific was enjoyed Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Cates and children, Joyce and Shelby Jean, when they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Art Owens and family to Seaside. Mrs. C. Cook was also a member of this picnicking party.

Herman Wood has suffered much the past week with a badly infected hand, spending most of his time with it submerged in medicated water. A physician opened the sore Sunday which gave Mr. Wood some relief.

Recent visitors at the Monty Dewey home were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wildey, and their five children of Redondo Beach, a suburb of Los Angeles, California, who were visiting other relatives here and at Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Falconbury and daughter, Juanita, Johnnie Strunk and Mr. and Mrs. H. Bledsoe went jetty fishing at Rockaway Sunday. They were successful in getting a nice bunch of crabs and Morris caught his first perch, a nice one.

## Serviceman Aboard Ship Bound for Home; Relatives Visit

**RIVERVIEW**—Leo, Mary Ann and Marcella Parker of Barview and Juanita Newcomb of Tillamook drove up Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Anna Parker and with the Chas. Gill family in Vernonia. They returned home via Portland where Miss Newcomb stayed for a two-week vacation with relatives.

Mrs. Oscar Sorlee of Portland spent the week end here with her parents and reports that her husband who is still in the service is aboard ship bound for the U.S.A.

To avoid the heat Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Crawford, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown and her son, Andy, drove to Seaside Sunday. They report a cool sea breeze.

## At the Churches

**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.

**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.  
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