

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 legislation affecting veterans was enacted by congress before adjournment?

A. Almost every phase of veteran affairs was touched in last minute legislation by the 70th congress. In brief, the bills passed provided for:

1. Liberalization of the National Service Life Insurance to include the three new types of permanent policies—20-year endowment, endowment at age 60 and endowment at age 65; lump sum payments to beneficiaries in case of death; permits the naming of beneficiaries outside the restricted classes in the original bill.

2. A 20 per cent increase in pensions to veterans of both World wars and their dependents and some increase to veterans of other wars. Veterans in hospitals may now receive full payment of pensions (formerly there was a considerable reduction for hospitalized veterans without dependents).

3. Automobiles will be provided for veterans who have been crippled as a result of amputation or paralysis. The VA will pay the cost of the car, including special equipment or attachments necessary up to \$1600.

4. A bill was passed establishing standards for on-the-job training and providing reimbursement to states for supervision of training programs. The act prohibits payment of subsistence allowance to veterans with dependents if they are earning more than \$200 while studying or training under the G.I. Bill. Veterans with no dependents are limited to \$175.

5. Terminal leave pay for former enlisted personnel of the armed forces. Application blanks, when available, will be obtainable at all post offices.

6. Authority and funds to provide canteen service for employees and patients in VA hospitals and other installations where commercial facilities are not available.

7. Retired officers of the armed forces, public health service and coast and geodetic survey may be employed by the VA without loss of their retirement benefits.

8. Persons who are living in enemy-occupied territory during the war and who did not receive benefits due them by the VA will be reimbursed providing they prove that they remained loyal to the United States.

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Events in Oregon

CHEST X-RAYS DROP BELOW EXPECTATIONS

M'MINNVILLE—Result of the second annual county chest x-ray survey, completed recently fell far below expectations of the county public health association.

A goal of 5000 examinations by the mobile and portable units had been set by the association for all communities in the county. Total number examined was 2114.

TRAVEL SHOWS HUGE INCREASE

MEDFORD—Travel to Crater Lake National park for the current year totals 137,742 visitors compared to 30,855 at the same time last year, an increase of 346.4 per cent.

Registration of visitors at the same time in the last pre-war travel year of 1941 exceeds that of this year by 59,028 or 39.9 per cent. The park was open throughout the travel year of 1941 and 61,839 people had registered by June 11, the date the park was open to the public this year.

PEACH RUN AT NEW PLANT

FOREST GROVE—A peach run probably starting the end of last week inaugurated the new Hudson-Duncan cannery in northeast Forest Grove.

About 100 men and women will be employed when both day and night shifts are running. The plant will start with a day shift and later operate the night shift as the run increases in volume.

The peach run will be the only activity at the plant for the present.

MOST COUNTY SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 9

HILLSBORO—Hillsboro union high school and the local grade schools and a majority of the other Washington county schools will officially open on September 9. Many are also opening on September 3.

Banks, Tigard, Forest Grove and Beaverton high schools are all scheduled to open on September 9 and Gaston and Sherwood highs will open a week later. Scofield is the first county school scheduled to open, according to a list of schools which has reported to county school superintendent's office, with the date set as August 26.

DESPERATE CALL OUT FOR PICKERS

M'MINNVILLE — Desperate need for several hundred bean pickers was announced last Thursday by several Yamhill county growers.

The beans have come on fast and many pickers went home before heavy yields started making picking really profitable.

So Babes Are Born

Must a babe know of its birth into this world? Anyway, the babe is here and later it can know. Just so it is with the man born of God. He wakes up to it that he is a new man with new urges and the peace that passes understanding. Now turn back to Bible times and see Stephen, a man born of God, with the new urges in his heart. He speaks for Christ and they arrest him. In the court room, being filled with the Holy Spirit, he looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus whom they had crucified, standing at God's right hand. This was to profane God's name and they set on Stephen and stoned him to death. Dying, Stephen prays for them and asks God not to lay their sin against them. So God gave him a new heart and out of it he could forgive and pray for his enemies.

Yes—Out of the new heart, you love your enemies, you do good to them that hate you and you bless and pray for such as revile you.

Believe in Christ our Lord that He is God the Saviour and that He died for your sins. Do this and God gives you the new heart that knows true love, cheer and the peace that passes understanding.

Iron Taylor

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

Besides giving thousands of medical consultations over a radio telephone system, Australias flying doctor service for isolated areas covers more than 130,000 miles annually by plane.



Defective Timber . . .

This column is by Forester E. H. MacDaniels.

The flame of the slash fire filled the canyon from wall to wall. The bull-of-the-woods had tears in his eyes as big as prunes. "There goes 60 thousand feet of flooring to the acre," he said, choking back a sob.

"Well, for Pete's sake, why didn't you bring it in before you set fire to it?" asked the ignorant bystander.

With a brief struggle, the B.O.T.W. got control of himself. "That forty was all doty old growth. The trees were big and smooth, but between the conk and the breakage, the scaler had to throw out pretty near all of it."

The bystander was still baffled. "But if it ran 60 thousand feet to the acre of upper grade lumber, why did he want to go and throw it out?"

"It Was Conky" . . .

"Most of the logs were just shells and a lot of them were split and broken. When we logged this the market was off. We couldn't monkey around picking up stuff like that with our big machinery, and if we did, we couldn't have hauled it in our logging cars nor run it through the mill," was the patient response.

"Yes, but you pick up every scrap of cedar, and you pay less stampage on that than you do for old growth fir—"

"Sure, but cedar goes into shingle bolts and things like that. We don't run it through the big

mill. We have special machinery to work it up." The reply was not quite so patient.

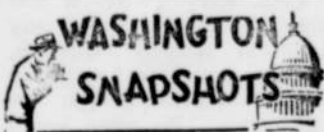
"Well, if you can have a special mill to work up cedar why can't you have one to work up clear fir?"

The bull-of-the-wood couldn't be bothered any more. He said "Nuts," and began making signals to the driver of a car that was strengthening the fire line at a point where the fire was trying to cross it.

The bystander still felt rather ignorant. To save him, he couldn't see why there wasn't some good picking in that doty old growth. True, the logs were only shells of sound wood around a crumbling center. He had made a note of that. But the shell was generally a foot thick, or better. Further, it was the part of the log that is supposed to make the profit. No common lumber to peddle at a loss.

Question of Equipment He got the argument of not hauling short logs on standard logging trucks and not running cuts through the big mill. Granting all that, a lot of stuff that brings good money in town is left in the woods. Not quite so much right now when the demand is strong, which goes to show that the bystander was right in the first place. Much of the material left in the woods has value, and getting that value is mostly a question of equipment.

With plenty of timber close to town, defective logs can't compete with sound logs, particularly in a buyer's market, such as we generally have here in the fir belt.



They're telling the story around the capital these days about the American newspaperman who, by some chance, took along a couple of mail-order house catalogues when he went to Russia.

In Moscow he showed the catalogues to the wives of some of the Red diplomats, and they were fascinated by the things the catalogue offered for sale: washing machines, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, radios, underwear, suits, etc., etc., the merchandise, so reasonably priced, from America's manufacturers which the average citizen over here takes for granted as a part of living.

For Common People? "Wonderful things!" the Soviet officials' wives gasped. "They are reserved, we suppose, only for the American government officials and their families? The common people can't buy them, of course?" "But of course they can—any American can buy everything listed in the catalogues," the American newspaperman assured the amazed Reds.

"As a matter of fact," he added—and this really floored the Communist women—"as a matter of fact, Americans are BEGGED to buy them—all they want!"

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Straw Saving Improves Soil

Farmers who burn straw and stubble from grain and seed crops are losing valuable plant food, increasing the danger of wind and water erosion, and jeopardizing the conservation practice payments for their farms, warns E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee.

"Burning straw and stubble actually destroys nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash that the operator will have to replace with high-priced commercial fertilizer—if he can find it," Miller declared. Pointing to forecasts of continued tight fertilizer supplies for the coming year, the PMA chairman cited the following per ton values of crop residues, based on commercial fertilizer prices:

Crimson clover straw, \$5.19 a ton; Ladino clover, \$9.46; red clover, \$6.11; sweet clover, \$4.80; white clover, \$7.21; alsike clover, \$4.86; hairy vetch, \$7.41; Willamette vetch, \$5.39; Austrian peas, \$4.92; barley, \$3.05; oats, \$2.92; wheat, \$2.18; rye, \$2.61; grass straw (average) \$2.93; bean vines, \$11.18; pea vines, \$9.56.

Aside from the fertilizer values, crop residues returned to the soil also improve soil tilth and help hold the soil in place to prevent wind and water erosion.

Burning crop residues also may cost a farm operator his entire payment for performing agricultural conservation practices, Miller warned. Many county ACA committees, especially in western Oregon, have ruled that straw burning defeats the purpose of the conservation program and will disqualify a farm for any practice payment he reported.

Miller also called attention to practice payments under the conservation program for utilization of crop residues. These include "trashy" or protected summer-fallow, which will be offered again under the 1947 program at rates similar to this year's; hauling straw for use as a mulching material on orchard, strawberry, potato and commercial vegetable land, \$5 a ton for legume straw and \$3 for non-legume; incorporating pea and vetch straw into the surface soil on land subject to erosion, 60 cents an acre.

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

11:00—Morning worship.
7:00 p.m.—Young People's service.
8:00 p.m.—Evangelistic services.
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.

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—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.

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