

# 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 is the advantage in having a loan insured instead of guaranteed by the VA?

A. Only 15 per cent of the obligation is charged against the entitlement of the veteran if the obligation is handled by the lender under the insurance provisions, whereas the charge may be as much as 50 per cent of the obligation, if guaranteed. The result is that more of the entitlement is used up in a loan transaction by guaranty and so less remains available for future transactions.

Q. I have had no farm experience, but believe I could learn quickly to operate a farm successfully. Is there any way I can get training under the G.I. bill so that I could later qualify as a good risk with a lender?

A. Under both public law 16 (vocational rehabilitation) and 364 (GI. bill), eligible veterans are entitled to both on-the-farm training and institutional education which gives them a practical and a scientific knowledge of agriculture.

Q. Does the fact that I receive other income have any bearing on the amount of compensation I get as a veteran with a service-connected disability?

A. No. Since your compensation is for a service-connected disability the amount of income you have will not generally affect the amount of compensation allowed you.

Q. I believe I am entitled to a car under the recent legislation providing vehicles for amputees. How do I go about getting it?

A. Obtain an application blank from your VA contact office. Upon approval by the VA, take the application to the state agency responsible for license to operate a vehicle with special appliances. When the license is granted, take application to your automobile dealer and pick out your car. Dealers will bill VA for cost of the vehicle not to exceed \$1600.

## FISHING FOR BARGAINS? DROP YOUR LINE IN THE CLASSIFIED COLUMN.

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## Events in Oregon

### SCHOOLS LIST RECORDS IN ATTENDANCE

HILLSBORO—Hillsboro schools had record attendance on opening day Monday with more students expected in coming weeks to further crowd classrooms, according to school officials. Hillsboro had 830 pupils as compared to 780 a year ago, and Hillsboro elementary schools had 815 as compared with 773 for 1945.

Hilli attendance is expected to reach 875 by next week.

### 60 NEW LINES

#### INCREASE SERVICE

McMINNVILLE — Sixty new lines have been installed in the McMinnville switchboard of the West Coast Telephone company, District Manager Harley J. Barber, Forest Grove, announced last week.

The 60 new lines went into service on August 31. Barber said that the new lines will enable the company to fill many of the orders for business service and other main line services which it had previously been unable to fill.

### FARMS FACE CROP LOSSES; LABOR SHORT

FOREST GROVE—Washington county farmers and those throughout the state last week were faced with a labor shortage termed more critical than at any time during the war.

A dearth of labor to harvest late summer crops threatens to bring serious losses, particularly in hops.

Two hundred fifty hop pickers alone are needed immediately in the county.

## So We Grow Rich

You were like a dead man on a slab in a morgue and then you were lifted out of death into life. To you God has given life, says the Bible. To you who lived in trespasses and sins, after the ways of this world, obeying Satan, the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience. And you were deserving of wrath, the Bible adds.

Then on a day, you believed God, that Christ, his Only-Born Son, had died for your sins and that His blood cleared your page. Now with all your sins written off and forgiven, God has lifted you out of death into life.

Prove God and prove the new life. One way is to stand on the Bible promises.—"Standing on the promises, the Gospie hymn gives it. And to stand on the promises is good sense for it opens the way for God to prove himself and you get to know his mighty power and faithfulness.

Here is a promise that has made one man rich in blessing—"If any man serve me, him will my Father honor," so said Christ in John 12:26. Serving Christ the man has grown rich in blessing from the time he taught a class of hoodlums, in a mission Sunday school, down in the stockyards section of Chicago, to this day. Yes, stand on the promise. Prove God and grow rich in blessings.

*Glean Taylor*

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

## The Forum

Dear Editor:

All the citizens of the nation are taxed to provide splendid retirement annuities for the President of the United States and his widow, for supreme court and federal district court justices, for members of the house and senate. Why not let the people tax themselves just a little more to provide pensions for themselves under the Townsend Plan bill HR 2229, now before congress; the only pension that must be spent, not hoarded, every 30 days.

Yours,  
Mrs. A. E. Jennings

A "year without a summer" occurred in 1816 when killing frost and snow were reported every month of the year in New York, Pennsylvania, New England and even as far south as the Virginia mountains. According to one theory, the cold was caused by great quantities of volcanic dust in the air which prevented sufficient sunlight from reaching the earth.

52 GIFTS IN ONE—  
AN EAGLE SUBSCRIPTION

## THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

By PILGRIM

IT'S JUST LIKE BLOWING MY NOSE—ONLY DIFFERENT!

WHALES DO NOT ACTUALLY SPOUT WATER, IT'S MOIST AIR BLOWN FROM THE LUNGS

A TOTAL OF 375,000 MEN AND WOMEN—INCLUDING 130,000 EMPLOYEES—OWN THE STOCK OF ONE OF AMERICA'S LARGEST ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURING COMPANIES

U.S. AND CANADIAN FAMILIES SPENT \$803,593,000 IN 1945 TO READ DAILY AND SUNDAY PAPERS

THERE IS THE TOWN OF EGGS IN KENTUCKY

YAM TOUGH! IT TAKES 627 LBS. OF HYDRAULIC PRESSURE TO CRACK BLACK WALNUTS AT HARVEST TIME

THE TOTAL FOR ALL FEDERAL INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS IN 1945 SET A NEW HIGH OF \$34,357,010,087.73

## OUT OF THE WOODS BY JIM STEVENS

### Forests and Floods . . .

The power of governmental propaganda is a favorite theme in this tower of truth, as readers of the column do not need to be reminded. Such propaganda often proclaims what is absolutely not so. An example is that which blames lumbering for floods. The innocent reader is asked to take for granted the proposition that forests "hold back the runoff" and prevent floods.

But listen to Dr. Willis Luther Moore, for 18 years and more chief of the U. S. weather bureau. Thus:

"Do you believe that the turning of forest areas into cultivated fields, pasture lands, vineyards and orchards, and the subjugation of the wilderness to the needs of civilization have intensified floods, prolonged droughts, or otherwise harmfully affected the climate? I do not, and I have spent a half century in the study of these problems, daily watching changes in the weather, the fall of precipitation upon various catchment basins, the gathering of waters into tributary streams and their culmination as floods in main-stream arteries . . ."

### Flood Facts . . .

Dr. Moore cites, in support of his thesis, "one of the leading hydraulic engineers of . . . the world," Prof. D. W. Mead who through study of the run-off of Wisconsin rivers, demonstrated that lumbering in the state had caused no increased floods, either in intensity, duration or occurrence. In important instances, decreases were shown. Dr. Moore finds the same sort of facts in studies of the inundations of Paris by the River Seine. For years the deforestation of the Seine valley had been blamed for floods. But the report of the French engineer stated:

"The continued decrease of the floods for each half-century is remarkable, and yet the trees have been steadily and unceasingly cut down, and the forest transformed into cultivated farms. What would we gain, then, in rewooding our fields?"

Dr. Moore points out, "The fact is that when the rainfall is heavy and continuous, as it must be to cause noteworthy floods, there is practically no difference in the flow of water in the forest and in the open, for it can be shown that the runoff from a smooth surface and a rough one covered with debris is equal after the rough surface becomes well wetted. As it is only after all surfaces are saturated that flood conditions occur, the rain that falls before saturation has little or no influence on freshets . . ."

"A flood in a stream is caused by the rain or snow that falls upon the watershed drained by that stream . . . the area drained at the source of the stream and its tributaries are infinitesimal in comparison with the total areas that catch the flood waters." You Win, Mr. Barnum . . .

Dr. Moore explained further: "If the growing of vegetation on a watershed actually conserves the moisture in the soil and protects it from loss, then every or-

chardist, instead of cultivating the spaces between the rows of his trees, should allow these spaces to grow up and be covered with bushes, weeds and grass. But the man who is growing fruit listens to the voice of science instead of paying heed to the hysterical screams of interested office holders. These office holders wish only to retain their jobs of protecting worthless vegetation.

"Forests should be conserved for the value of the timber that they may produce in the future, or not at all. Instead of wasting public money in protecting bushlots, let us expend it in the impounding of flood waters."

Dr. Moore wrote that expose of propaganda on lumbering as a cause of floods about 20 years ago. His facts are not forgotten. The propaganda rolls on from the Washington, D.C., mimeograph machines. The people still like to be fooled, and a sucker, is yet born every minute. You win, Mr. Barnum.

## Washington SNAPSHOT

Fear that labor will start a new series of higher wage demands—and thus further throttle industry—is mentioned prominently as one of the possible causes of the severe stock market decline.

Those in Washington who hold this view explain that future industrial earnings would be jeopardized if industry is compelled to pay still higher wages without compensating price increases.

They add that apprehension over this possibility undoubtedly caused some of the stockholders to unload their shares.

Whether or not this is the real or complete explanation of the market recession, genuine concern is felt in the capital over the future course of labor.

Union bosses already have served notice that they intend to seek wage boosts if prices continue to increase. They ignore the fact that the price increases have been largely due to the recent round of wage increases.

Other possible causes of the stock market drop mentioned here include the delicate U.S.-Soviet relations growing out of Stalin's policy of baiting the democracies; the continued shackling of industry by OPA controls, and failure of the government's housing program to provide an adequate number of homes for veterans.

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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 school  
11:00—Morning worship service.  
Conference brotherhood representative will be guest speaker.  
6:30 p.m.—Young People's service.  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic services.  
Wed. Eve., 7:30—Bible study and 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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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.

## New Chemical Kills Aphids

A new commercially produced chemical, hexa-theyl-tetra-phosphate, that does not yet have a common name, looks like it may start where DDT leaves off in controlling some of the worst agricultural pests, according to R. G. Rosentiel, assistant entomologist at Oregon State college.

Chief value of the new chemical in tests so far is in its effective control of aphids and red spider mites even at very low dilutions. These are largely immune to DDT. The new chemical, developed by one of the spray companies, forms a vapor when put in water so that a combined contact killing and fumigation affect is obtained when used in enclosures such as greenhouses.

Most of the testing has been carried on in greenhouses so far but field tests will follow. No plant injury has yet appeared even when applied to tender greenhouse growth. Further tests will be carried on before the new material will be recommended for general use.

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