

# 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.** I am the step-mother of a veteran killed in service. He was in my care and custody before his entrance in the army. May I file a claim?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** How long must a National Service Life Insurance policy be in effect before it can be converted?

**A.** National Service Life Insurance must be in effect at least one year before conversion.

**Q.** I am training under public law 16 (vocational rehabilitation act.) Does the new legislation limiting combined subsistence and earnings affect me?

**A.** No. The limitations are placed only on veterans training under public law 346 (The G.I. bill).

**Q.** I am a widow of a World War II veteran killed in action. I have four minor children. Will I be allowed more pension under the recent legislation regarding widows pensions?

**A.** Yes. Before the new act was passed, there was a ceiling of \$100 for a widow with children for wartime-connected death cases. Full pension credit, therefore, was not given for more than three children. Under the new law, each minor child will be considered in determining a widow's pension.

**Q.** What is the "national service life insurance fund"?

**A.** A nation service life insurance is mutual insurance. All premiums paid on this insurance and all interest earned thereon are deposited in a separate trust fund in the U.S. treasury, designed as the "National Service Life Insurance Fund." The government derives no profit from its administration and acts in the capacity of trustee of the fund for the sole benefit of the policyholders and their beneficiaries.

## The Forum

Dear Editor:  
What a great deal of money is spent each month in counties, states and by our federal government in maintaining great staffs of "snoopers" to check carefully into the means available to each individual before any help is granted under the old age laws. If all this money thus spent for "administration" were made available for "assistance" the chances are that every age-aid recipient would be able to draw the maximum now permissible. If a person were found later to be cheating, he could be penalized. This is the principal upon which the Townsend Plan now before congress as HR2229 would work. Mrs. A. E. JENNINGS.

You too can be a fire warden. Report any forest fires to nearest fire warden. Keep Oregon Green. Calling all berry pickers. Watch your campfires and cigarettes! Don't start forest fires. Keep Oregon Green.

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## Events in Oregon

**FIRE LEVELS FORCE MILL NEAR BUXTON**  
BUXTON — Fire of undetermined cause late Sunday afternoon a week ago, destroyed the Force sawmill near Vernonia junction north of the Sunset highway, causing a loss estimated at \$30,000 and throwing 26 men out of employment.

The blaze was the second recently to sweep a sawmill in this area, the Manning plant having been destroyed two weeks earlier.

**FIRES LEFT BY CARELESS HUNTERS**  
TILLAMOOK — District Fire Warden Norris Joyce issued a warning last week that until a prolonged rain struck this county, danger of forest fires is still quite acute. Two fires broke out in the Bear Creek area, southwest of Tillamook in the Crown Zellerbach holdings, during the past week and were extinguished only after an all night battle.

The fires were attributed to careless bear hunters building fires in a pitch stump and leaving them for the east wind to stir up into a blaze.

**SCHOOL ROSTER INCREASES 107 IN 1ST COUNT**  
MCMINNVILLE — McMinnville city school enrollment at the first count last week reached 1244, an increase of 107 over the comparative enrollment of 1137 last year. This first report figure has already gone up slightly in some schools and is expected to rise still more after the first few weeks of school.

**REYNOLDS PLANT OPENING EXPECTED BY WEEK'S END**

GRESHAM — Gleaming pink-tongued molten aluminum will again start pouring from the pot lines of the gib government-owned aluminum plant this week, according to E. J. Appel, assistant vice president and plant manager for the property which will resume operations under lease by Reynolds Metals company.

Approximately three days are required for the hube reduction pots to be "baked out," after which the actual reduction of alumina to aluminum starts.

Only one pot line will be put into operation at the outset, but the remaining three will be started as quickly as installation of a new air washing system for them can be completed.

### To Slay World Ruler

This present age is to end with the nations under a World Ruler who is to meet a strange death. Powered by Satan, the man will demand that he be worshipped as God and the masses will so bow to him. Worshipping him, they in fact bow down to Satan who powers him.

At this blasphemy, God lets loose his just wrath in fearful plagues and if those day had not been shortened, no flesh would have been left upon the earth. They who thus give their worship to this World Ruler, Satan's man, must answer with their lives since God cannot step aside for any. Says he—"I am God and there is none else."—BIBLE.

After those awful days, Christ, our Lord, descends from heaven with power and great glory and slays the World Ruler with the breath of His mouth. Christ then sets up Peace on Earth with equity and justice to all.

This is not the age of Bible peace. This present age sees God calling out a people from all nations on whom to spend his love forever and ever. Today, may you prove the life that God gives to all who believe on Christ, our Lord, as having died for their sins. Step ahead now—grow up—look utterly to Christ for strength—live by Power From On High.

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

Berry pickers attention! Last year you started several forest fires because you were careless with fire. Make this a no-fire year. Keep Oregon Green.

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## THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE By PILGRIM

TWELVE YEARS AGO NEBRASKANS PAID ONLY \$4,000,000 IN FEDERAL TAXES; THIS YEAR THEY PAID \$244,000,000

OUT OF 122 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS OCCURRING IN A SOUTHERN TOWN LAST YEAR, 45 OCCURRED ON UNLIGHTED STREETS

A SURVEY BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS SHOWS MORE THAN TWO MILLION VETERANS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

THE GARLIC CROP IS EXPECTED TO RUN 50% ABOVE NORMAL THIS YEAR—ABOUT 23.2 MILLION POUNDS

THIS IS REVOLTING

A FAMOUS LION TAMER KEEPS THEM IN LINE WITH AN ELECTRIC WHIP

## OUT OF THE WOODS BY JIM STEVENS

More on Defective Timber . . . (By Forester E. H. McDaniels)

When you next look on what seems to be a lot of wood in logging leftovers, remember that freight on a sound log and on a cull log is the same. In the mill, sawing defective timber costs as much as sawing sound timber; picking out the unmerchantable boards and heaving them into the proper conveyor costs about as much as putting merchantable boards onto the sorting table. A big highball mill is slowed down plenty by too many conky logs.

These are good enough reasons why salable material has been left in the woods. As the haul gets longer and the conky stands in southern Oregon are increasingly opened, more partly sound timber will be left. In cat and tractor logging, the logger can be more selective. He leaves the defective trees standing. Operations with 40 per cent of the volume left uncut are not too uncommon. It all adds up to a whale of a log of good material.

It also adds up to a big nuisance. Douglas fir grows best in full sunlight. These overmature, partly logged stands are not growing at all. Decay is usually faster than growth. As long as they occupy the ground, young stands that will put on 600 to 1200 feet of wood per acre per year have not a chance. In some ways it was better to clear cut and give the junior forest a show.

**New New Little Mill . . .**  
Doing something about these defective stands is becoming more urgent. Operators, large and small, have already demonstrated that something can be done. The percentage of upper grade lumber is high. Roads and other improvements are in place, and more are coming. As the logging front retreats up the canyon, the haul is shorter for this material than it is for the virgin stands. A good many logs are already felled and bucked. Heavy equipment should not be needed—is really not wanted.

Some small mills have already been built to work on these veterans. More small mills close to the woods may be a main part of the answer. That takes care of the item of transporting unmerchantable material for long distances. A small mill designed to cut high grade lumber from defective logs should have an advantage over a big mill designed for a big cut from sound logs. Don't ask me what the design of that little mill should be like. Several designs are already working. Look them over—then invent one of your own.

**Waiting for Idea . . .**  
If the land owner intends to keep his forest land producing, it is certainly worth money to him to get the old stand out of the way—especially in the present market. Girdling the old hollow butts to kill them has been suggested. That leaves a snag patch, as big a fire hazard as if the trees had been killed by a broadcast slash fire, and much more expensive. Further any such move as that finally disposes of any chance to salvage the really im-

## 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 school

11:00—Morning worship service.  
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.

**NAZARENE CHAPEL**  
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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

## 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.  
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**Going Fishing? Here's How!**

To hear Willie Wells and Basil Strube arguing about trout fishing, you'd think it was more important than the atom bomb.

Willie favors dry flies, Basil pooh-poohs anything but wet flies. Willie swears by a Royal Coachman; Basil won't hear of anything but a Silver Doctor. And by the time it comes to steel rods versus bamboo rods . . . #!X&\*!!

But on Saturday, each got back from Seward's creek with a catch that couldn't have differed by more than several ounces!

Each had used his favorite kind of fly, his favorite rod and his favorite place to cast. So over a friendly glass of beer, they allowed as how maybe they were both right . . . which is how so many arguments should end.

From where I sit, if we all respected one another's different opinions—whether about trout flies, or drinking beer, or voting, life would be a whole lot pleasanter.

Joe Marsh

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