

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 a veteran draw insurance benefits for total disability and be rated not permanent and total for pension purposes?

A. Yes. The criteria for two different types of ratings are not identical.

Q. What happens to my National Service Life Insurance if I die without naming a beneficiary?

A. Payments will be made to your estate in lump sum, provided it does not revert to the state.

Q. May a discharged veteran apply for additional National Service Life Insurance?

A. Yes. Under the new provisions, any veteran having less than \$10,000 NSLI may apply for that amount, subject to all other regulations regarding the insurance.

Q. I have been working full-time and attending school under the GI bill. Under provisions of the new legislation, can I receive subsistence payments?

A. Yes, provided your combined earnings and subsistence will not exceed the ceiling set by the legislation (\$175 for veterans without dependents, \$200 for married veterans).

Q. I have repaid my guaranteed loan and am wondering if the guaranty privilege is restored to its original amount?

A. No. However, you are allowed a maximum of \$4000 for realty loans, \$2000 for non-real estate loans. If you did not use the full amount of your first loan, you may use the balance now.

Q. Is a loan for household furniture eligible for loan guaranty?

A. No. Veterans are cautioned against "side deals" in furniture or other household articles priced above reasonable value, as a condition of sale when purchasing homes using their loan guaranty.

Q. I plan to buy a book shop using my loan guaranty privilege. I have had no experience in the business, but believe I could be successful. Can I obtain a guaranteed loan?

A. It is up to the lending agency to decide whether you are a good risk. Moreover, it is advisable to get a job and gain experience in the business before you use your guaranty privilege.

Events in Oregon

DEER HUNTERS CAUSE FIRES

FOREST GROVE—Deer hunters were blamed for a series of what were termed "careless" fires breaking out the first day of the annual hunting season throughout the Northwest Oregon fire district, headquarters reported last week. Some 30 acres were destroyed over the week end and numerous fires discovered before they escaped.

Careless action on the part of hunters in the woods combined with "very bad" fire weather—an east wind of high velocity and low humidity—resulted in five fires costing the state of Oregon a total of \$1000.

SPUD HARVEST STARTING IN MIDSTATE

PRINEVILLE—Potato harvest operations in central Oregon are getting started this week, with about 9500 acres of potatoes to be marketed in the three central Oregon counties this season and the usual worries on the part of potato growers as to the labor supply. County agent E. L. Woods reported that Crook county has about 4500 acres of potatoes to harvest this year, 1600 acres in the Prineville area and the rest in the Powell Butte district. Another 5000 acres in Deschutes and Jefferson counties will bring the 1946 acreage about up to the 1945 level, best potato year on record here.

BUILDING TOTAL FOR HILLSBORO HITS \$573,826

HILLSBORO—Building permit total for 1946 in Hillsboro soared to \$573,826 for the first nine months despite a September drop on estimated construction of \$19,499 from the August total of \$37,001, according to figures released by City Recorder E. M. Bowman.

Eighteen permits were filed during September, one less than the previous month. Two more residences were added during last month to push the total on new homes in Hillsboro for the year to 64.

PARKING METER PLAN AGAIN UP FOR AIRING

M'MINNVILLE—The parking meter question for McMinnville, after a few months of slumbering, came out for airing with a special meeting of the retail merchants committee and public safety committee of the McMinnville chamber of commerce.

A meter program for the city to solve parking problems was first suggested early this spring, but did not progress beyond the discussion stage when strong opposition was voiced against the plan by farm interests in the county. The opposition was chiefly raised, it is now reported, through incomplete understanding of the problem.

Betrayed by Judas

On the day He chose His apostles, Jesus took on Judas and whenever His eyes fell on the man, Jesus saw death come closer. After three years, Jesus set His face like flint to go to Jerusalem, there to die, under your sins to clear you.

At Jerusalem, came the night of the Last Supper and Jesus turned to Judas to tell him to act and be quick about it. Judas hurries out to find the officers and betray Jesus over to them for those 30 pieces of silver.

Yes—Jesus suffered pain as they nailed Him on the cross. But His real suffering was His anguish of soul as He took on the pains of hell and suffered them to clear you. He came under your death sentence. From your first sin, you have lived condemned. You awake in the morning, you live the day, you lie down at night, a condemned man, for you sinned and the wages of sin is death—BIBLE.

What do? Stand on it that Christ died for all your sins and cleared you as says the Bible. Settle it and God gives you new life, then and there. Now prove God and prove the new life. Look utterly to Christ for strength to get you through every hour. Live by POWER FROM ON HIGH.

Dean Taylor.

S. W. McChesney R1., Portland 1, Ore. This space paid for by a Portland family.

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

OUT OF THE WOODS BY JIM STEVENS

Ocean of Pulp . . .

Shading the slopes between gray water and snow peaks along the fairer part of Alaska's coast-line nearly 34,000 miles are forests of hemlock and spruce. In the Alaskan national forest alone there is more than 85 billion board feet of sawtimber. In terms of pulpwood, the forest resources of that Paul Bunyan of America territorial possessions is a green ocean of raw material. Despite the urgent expanding demand for pulp and paper throughout the world, the prospects for an increase of its production in Alaska are dim.

The prospects for development of Alaska's other natural resources are likewise none too bright. The reasons are made clear in Dick Neuberger's article, "What's Wrong With Alaska?" in the current issue of Reader's Digest. It is the dictatorship of the federal bureaucracy that is wrong with Alaska. Tough charges are made against the corporations who operate up that way by Mr. Neuberger. I've heard similar blasts against the unions which operate in Alaska. The plain and simple fact remains that all private enterprise is in Alaska only on sufferance from the bureaucracy. The federal government must bear the blame for the blundering and plundering in Alaska, from the time of Baranoff to Ickes.

Baranoff, by the way, was a Russian (czarist) bureaucrat. Ickes is, or was, one of ours. Each stands as a prime specimen of dictatorship in government.

The Curse on the Land . . .
Dick Neuberger does a brave and true job of exposing the tyrannical power that was exerted on and against Alaskans by Ickes. But it was not just the man—it was, and it remains, the system. The Reader's Digest article does not reveal the fact that most vital importance in the Alaskan tragedy—for tragedy it is. The fact is the war between the interior department and the department of agriculture. The article states, "The real ruler of Alaska is the U.S. secretary of the interior." This is true, except that immeasurably valuable resource, the 85 billion feet of sawtimber on the 25 million acres of the Alaskan national forest. The national forests are under the U.S. forest service, which is a division of the department of agriculture.

Henry Wallace was yet secretary of agriculture when Ickes went into open battle to capture the forest service and carry it over to the interior department. The old curmudgeon was beaten back. But the war goes on. The helpless Alaskans are victims of it, as people of a land on which two foreign armies are in conflict. There are also endless battles between the bureaus of the interior department and Alaska. Mr. Krug may bring peace to his own department, but it will take a long time. And it will take many, many years to heal the breach between interior and agriculture.

There is just one thing that the whole pack of bureaucrats yonder can get together on, and that is opposition to statehood for Alaska.

Toll of Freedom . . .
Just the other day I sat in at a meeting of a group of Northwest leaders with leaders of private enterprise from Alaska. It was an educational experience. My one contribution to the meeting was a suggestion that everybody in the Northwest should be given the information that was presented to the meeting—that a campaign of public information on Alaska should be put on in Washington and Oregon.

No one objected. But the response was passive and had a peculiar quality that puzzled me until I'd thought it over.

In Alaska, as in any other territory or nation ruled by a dictatorship, people do not meet privately and talk and plan campaigns of public information. That is a function of the government and its agents wherever the government owns the land and runs the works.

I was suggesting revolution! For less than that men have been shot.

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Highway Man Is Transferred

MIST—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roper went to Hebo Sunday morning to see about a home. They plan to move next week. Mr. Roper has been transferred from this district to Hebo as highway boss. We shall miss the Ropers. They have lived in our midst for the past five years and have gained many friends. We wish them success in their change.

The Austin Dowling family shipped in Vernonia Saturday.

Mrs. Jane Carter is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Earl Roper took Mrs. Ernest Kyse and little girl to the doctor in Vernonia one day last week. We understand the little girl has whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Libel were home over the week end from Fairview.

The Bud Murphy family moved Sunday from Roy Hughes' little cottage, where they have lived the past two years, to Vine Maple.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Melis purchased a new electric range last week from Chap. Sundland, who, with his helper, Bernard Dowling, installed it last week.

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

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