

Vets' Mail Bag

Q. If the lender demands some security can I use the bonds I get for my terminal leave as security for a G. I. loan?

A. No. Q. I received overpayment of subsistence on my September and October checks. Should I return the amount to the VA immediately?

A. No. The VA is not yet ready to handle such returns. Rather than hold up checks and delay payments, the VA decided to continue full payments until earning reports are received. You will of course, be expected to return the money, but the time and method will be announced later. You will be given a reasonable period of time in which to make the payments.

Q. Does the Veterans Administration make loans?

A. No. The Veterans Administration is not permitted to make loans. It only guarantees the repayment of a part of a loan made by a lender to a veteran.

Q. Can a loan to purchase household furniture be guaranteed?

A. No.

Q. May I make larger payments on my G. I. loan than my regular installments when I am able?

A. Yes. You have the right to repay at any time without premium or fee the entire indebtedness or any part of your loan, but not less than the amount of one installment or \$100, whichever is less.

Q. Why weren't the subsistence checks mailed out to veteran students or trainees on Sept. 1 and Oct. 1 adjusted in accordance with the new ceiling limitations?

A. Because at that time the Veterans Administration did not have the necessary reports of earnings on which to base computations. Rather than hold up checks of those entitled to all or part of their former allowances, the VA decided to continue full payments until the required earnings reports are received.

Q. When a veteran computes how much he has made during the month, should he include pay as a part of his wages?

A. He should include all regularly scheduled overtime. However, overtime worked occasionally should not be included.

Q. I was drafted into service, but after only five months I received a dependency discharge before our country was actually at war. May I receive a course of education and training?

A. Yes, it could be possible. Any person who served in the active military or naval service on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the war, who meets the other requirements for eligibility, is entitled to a course of education.

Q. I am an honorably discharged veteran but am committed to a federal prison. Am I eligible to receive a pension?

A. Yes. The law provides, however that an honorably discharged veteran who is being maintained by a state or subdivision thereof, may not receive in excess of \$30 monthly if pensioned for service-connected disabilities or \$8 if for non-service connected disabilities.

Q. I am totally disabled veteran and rated as in need of regular aid and attendance. Can I use my wife or daughter as an attendant?

A. It is not necessary for a veteran who is so rated to hire an outside person to attend him. He would receive the increased amount irrespective of who attends him.

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Washington SNAPSHOT

The administration's only hope of balancing the federal budget in the immediate future would seem to simmer down to a simple three-point program:

- 1. Maintaining high industrial production so that the tax revenue will remain commensurately high.
2. Refusing to advocate further fixed federally-financed social reforms.
3. Curtailing the cost of existing governmental operations.

The president's avowed determination to economize in regular government operations, if successful, will help. But the potential saving in this field constitutes an infinitesimal amount of overall expenditures.

Despite the growth of voluntary medical care prepayment plans, a senate educational and labor subcommittee on health headed by Senator Pepper, of Florida, insists that compulsory governmental medical service, supported by payroll taxes and general levies, is necessary.

The issue will be a prominent one before the next congress.

Washington policy-makers seemingly are considering two alternatives to solve the nation's housing shortage, with violent disagreement between the two schools of thought—1. Complete return to free enterprise or 2. More and stricter controls. Observers feel, however, that the new congress will hardly favor the second.

The government's fiscal policy, long anchored largely to conditions of wartime or the late depression, is expected to be one of the first major problems to come before the 80th congress next year.

Basic essentials of this policy seem to include cheap money, government spending, taxation, government banking as symbolized by the RFC, financial aid to small business, and influence in the capital market.

Grew Like Topsy The overall policy is not a studied, well-rounded one. It, like the federal tax structure, is a hodge-podge of rules and regulations hastily conceived and enacted to meet actual or potential weaknesses. Like Topsy, they just grew.

The fiscal policy is recognized as an integral part of the inflationary threat. And since this threat seems likely to continue when the legislators gather again next January 3, action may be looked for then.

Definite moves in two directions are certain, Washington observers say—the future status of the RFC and loans to small business.

God Made Him New

The boy had decided the big question the night before and the next morning, running along the path to school, he put God to the test—"If there is anything in this Christian life, let God now snap me out of my swearing and cigarettes." Then and there God cleansed his mouth and all these passing years, up and down America, he is known as God's man.

The Gospel of St. John, 15:5—"I am the Vine, you are the branches," said Jesus. Now the miracle. Pick up that dead branch and set it against Christ, the living vine and the Christ-life flows in. Leaves come, then bud and fruit. With sinful ways brought out and confessed, Christians should grow up and bear fruit.

A vast number have seen themselves lost to God by their sins. One by one, they have believed that Christ died to clear them and feelings or no feelings, they stand on it that eternal life is now theirs. God said it, Christ did it, they believe it and that settles it. Having died for us, Christ our Lord, came from the grave. He is the Vine and we the branches with His life flowing in to give us victory over the old ways and over the trials of the hour.

Says He—"I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." What is your life?

Dean Taylor

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

Ours is a "capitalism" of 20,000,000 home and farm owners, and 50,000,000 who own bank accounts and war bonds.

THE ROCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

Advertisement for 'The Rocketbook of Knowledge' featuring illustrations of people and text about 'Victory Hair-Dos' and 'When X-ray was discovered'.

OUT OF THE WOODS BY JIM STEVENS

For Fatter Tourists . . .

As a humble member that donates time to conjuring up bright ideas for improving the Northwest tourist industry, I have produced an idea which is so practical that it wears overalls.

Simply, it is for construction of a chain of logging-camp cookhouses throughout the region, each one strategically located at a center of tourist interest. Standard camp grub should be served there in standard quantities at standard prices, and in standard style.

Logging-camp cookhouses, of course, generally lose money for their operators. To take care of this, a promotion fund should be provided and charged off on the basis of the fat put on by the average tourist on his way through the Northwest.

The advertising and publicity benefits would result when the tourists return to their home towns. Imagine, for example, Elmer Purroy, M.D., reappearing on the streets of Stonefield, Pennsylvania, after two weeks or more of feeding through our chain of cookhouses.

"Good Lord, Doc," one after another of his fellow citizens would greet him. "You've grown fatter'n a seal! Where'd you get it?"

"Why, out in the Northwest timber country, Skinny. All I ate on vacation was logging-camp meals. Lived on the fat of the land. Came home as one of the best-fed men on earth. Listen to what I had....."

The Combination . . .

The advertising and publicity value for the Pacific Northwest of sending hundreds of tourists back home each year, all fattened, is obvious. The rigging up of a chain of logging-camp cookhouses all through the region as our own unique form of tourist attraction means provision of essential collateral features. In Florida, Maine, California, and other areas of the tourist industry, swimming, hunting, fishing, mountain climbing, skiing and related recreations are advertised as the main things. Meals are the incidental attractions; grub is an accessory in those backward areas; there the tourist business is still in the horse-and-buggy age.

In my program outdoor recreation and sports are to be managed and provided simply as means to give the tourist the proper appetites for the real pleasure we have to offer here—logging-camp meals in our chain of cookhouses.

The combination is absolutely necessary. Today no man outside the woods feeds as well as the Douglas fir logger. The table of the family whose wife is a prize cook simply cannot and does not afford so many varieties of eatables and potables at one meal as the groaning board of the average logging-camp cookhouse presents. The millionaire who can easily afford all kinds of fodder and swiggings seldom eats so well as the logger, because good eating depends always upon lusty appetite and prime digestion, and it takes hours of physical work or exercise each day to

keep up such digestion and appetite. These gifts of the gods are possessed by practically all loggers.

Really to put over our program of advertising the Northwest through the fattening of tourists, we must, therefore, provide for the promotion of appetites and digestions as well as for powerful grub.

Worst Meals on Earth . . .

The best everyday eating known to man is to be had in our logging camps. That is a settled fact. It is worth noting that, back around 1925, when the late, great Harry Leon Wilson glorified the whole Pacific Northwest in a single magazine article called "The Green Land," he led off with a long description of a logging-camp meal. There's other good authority for this idea of mine.

But what Mr. Wilson failed to mention and what too many of us have kept silent about ever since, is that the average Northwest restaurant meal—most of all the roadside variety—is a culinary abomination.

The exceptions are few. Today we offer tourists the best of everything they are looking for except meals. Yet we have the resources (with food controls out), the skills, the traditions, and all else that is needed to make Northwest meals our No. 1 tourists attraction instead of our No. 1 horror for tourists. All we have to do is to rig up (through private enterprise, of course,) the right combination for a tourist chain of logging-camp cookhouses, and start 'em to yarding.

Vets School Pay Set-up Explained

Veterans who are working full time and attending school in their spare time may now be entitled to subsistence payments under the revised G.I. bill, Thomas M. Craig Veterans Administration representative in this area, explained last week.

Under the original law, a veteran attending school in his spare time could not collect any subsistence allowance if engaged in full-time gainful employment not a part of his course of education or training.

Now, if the student veteran is earning less than \$175 if he is single or \$200 if he has dependents, he may be entitled to subsistence up to \$65 or \$90 in order to make the difference, Craig explained.

To be eligible, however, the veteran must be taking at least three semester hours. Subsistence payments will be in the course load with a minimum of 12 semester hours considered as a full-time course.

Any veteran who believes he is entitled to subsistence under the amended law should apply at once, Craig advised.

Craig meets with veterans each Wednesday at the city hall in Vernonia

The Forum

A JUNGLE PASSWORD

Lt. Jack Richards of the U.S. Army Air Force, shot down in the southwestern Pacific, rolled over on his back and floated. For all he knew he might be in enemy territory; anyway he knew he was stranded. His plane had gone under almost as soon as it touched the water.

As dusk began to creep over the ocean, Jack could make out the wooded outline of an island; but distances were confusing, and he wondered if he could swim that far in his life-jacket. Thoughts of home raced through his mind as he swam. Ahead he could see the island, dimly outlined by the moon.

Jack prayed for strength and guidance, talking to the One who had become Lord of his life. Not long after midnight he crawled into a cave on the shore, thanking God for his deliverance. Exhausted, he backed as far out of sight as possible and fell asleep. In the morning he awoke to see the sun through the fringe of bushes. What would he find on the island? Well, he'd soon know. He emerged from his resting place and looked around. Everything was absolutely still. The island was thick with trees and underbrush. His next thought was about food. He was hungry.

Carefully he slipped along through the foliage, conscious that he was being watched, but seeing no one. Finding a few half-broken paths, he decided to follow one. Toward noon he saw an open space ahead, and he approached more slowly. Then at a bend in the path he saw a small church.

Throwing caution to the winds, Richard broke and ran. He lifted the latch and the door swung open. Inside he could see the roughest kind of pulpit and benches. He turned back to scan the area around the church. It had been cleared off in front of the building, but had a solid background of tall coconut trees and low shrubbery—a perfect hidden place!

Walking to the altar, the young flier humbly knelt, gave thanks for deliverance, asked for guidance, and rose with a light heart. As he turned from closing the door behind him, he was dumbfounded to see at the edge of the clearing a solid phalanx of natives—men, women and children.

The airman, connecting them with the church, began to greet them with words, smiles, and motions, only to be met with a stony silence. Puzzled to know what to do he began to sing. The old song "Amazing Grace" rang out in the weird stillness, but met with no response. He tried another, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," but the result was the same. Again he spoke to them, but was not rewarded with the slightest relaxation of facial muscles, they watched every move, plainly curious.

"Some fun!" he despaired, deciding to try one more song. In a low, soft voice he began a favorite song of his childhood, "Jesus Loves Me." It was magic! Instantly that immovable human wall came to life. The stony black faces were now rippling with smiles. By the time the first verse was finished, Jack was almost overpowered by their effusive friendliness. They brought him food and drink, and the next day helped him return to his camp. Literally thousands of Australians and Allied servicemen are alive today because self-sacrificing missionaries had gone before them, and the gospel of Jesus Christ had changed our dark-skinned neighbors from cannibalistic warriors into loving and lovable Christians. —Submitted by G. F. Brown.

Letter to the Editor:

To the voters of Vernonia, Oregon, and the United States, hear my plea.

Today American government faces the greatest threat to Democracy that has ever arisen in this country.

Do the people of today vote for a candidate anymore? No they vote for party, for a candidate is nothing more than a puppet bowing to the desires and wishes of these powerful organizations whose only purpose now is to perpetuate its own glory and not to fight for a better, cleaner American government. Since when has either party raised a platform and thundered from its height the convictions and opinions of that group on the great issues which face America. Rather would they grovel in the dirt and hurl the mire of deceit and prop-

aganda against its opponent. It is time for the men in public office to become worthy of those positions and courageously speak their true feelings on the great issues of today, regardless of how long or short a time they remain in office.

It is time for the people to demand that the candidates speak their true feelings, free of political propaganda. Every officer no matter whether small or large in importance should proclaim his stand. Only then can America have a more efficient government.

The people must stop voting straight tickets and realize that each party has good men and that they must be weeded from the bad on both sides. What does it matter if a man is a Democrat or a Republican as long as he is more capable than his opponent and firm in his beliefs. The man who is true to his promise is the man to be in office.

If we want better government we must work for it by studying all candidates carefully and then by going to the polls of freedom and voting for the men we believe in. It must be the duties of the newspapers, the radio and magazines to give unbiased, fair reports on all candidates.

It will require great cooperation from all sources and it must be the duty of all men elected to work for greater efficiency and representation of all people in our government. Only then can America become a solid bulwark of democracy in this avaricious world. Thus by an even better equal representation in government can we pay living tribute to our forefathers who fought so hard to make this country a land of the free and the home of the brave.

Sincerely,

TOD BLAKE, Timber Rt, Vernonia, Ore.

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. A Gospel team from the Western Press will be guest speakers. Speciau music.

6:30 p.m.—Young People's service. No evening service. Wed. Eve., 7:30—Bible study and prayer meeting. Sunday school board 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.

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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