

# Vets' Mail Bag

As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper will publish a weekly column of news briefs from the Veterans Administration. For more detailed information, veterans should contact or write to the nearest VA contact unit at 1091 S.W. 10th Avenue, Portland.

**PAY INSURANCE WITH TERMINAL LEAVE BONDS**  
Want to "deposit" your terminal leave bond? The Veterans Administration is accepting terminal leave bonds as payment on National Service and U.S. Government Life Insurance, it was announced recently.

Bonds may be used to pay premiums, purchase additional insurance, reinstate lapsed insurance, for conversion to permanent forms or to repay policy loans made prior to July 31, 1946.

In assigning his bond, the veteran will receive credit for its face value, plus interest accruing up to the end of the month in which the assignment is made.

Assignment forms are now available at all VA offices.

**VETERAN BOOM IN EDUCATION**  
Veterans, 42,371 strong, have returned to Northwest schools with the opening of the fall term, the Veterans Administration reported today.

With registration for the fall term complete in all major colleges and universities of the Northwest, veterans in training under provisions of the G.I. Bill have more than doubled over the last month. Veteran enrollment in educational institutions and in training programs at the end of October was 61,946 compared to 30,776 at the end of September.

**SURPLUS TEXTS TO VA**  
Acquisition of an additional 1,600,000 surplus books from the United States Armed Forces Institute has been announced by the VA. The surplus volumes, which will help relieve the textbook shortage, will be distributed to student veterans through schools and colleges. Initial distribution to educational institutions will be made by the Library of Congress.

**G.I. LOANS MOUNTING**  
Aerial photography service is a natural for veterans Earnest and Malcom Jones of Seattle. Both served first in the Royal Canadian Air Force, then in the U.S. Army Air Forces—Earnest as photographer, Malcom, as a pilot. Using a G.I. loan they purchased a light plane and now operate the Sky Photo Service.

They are but two of the 15,688 veterans who at the end of October had obtained government guaranteed loans from Northwest lending agencies totaling \$67,880, 125 for business, homes and farms. Average loan is \$4,327 and the greatest number are used for homes, the VA says.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**  
Q. If I use my entitlement to go to school under G.I. Bill provisions will the monetary benefits be deducted from any future bonus?

A. No, that part of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act has been repealed.

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## Events in Oregon

### B.P.A. PLANNING ENERGIZATION OF LINE

**HILLSBORO**—The 115,000 volt line being built by Bonneville Power Administration across the country from Bethany to Forest Grove is scheduled for energization about December 1, according to Ralph B. Bennett of the B.P.A. information division in Portland.

Forest Grove municipal electric system is the only customer to be served by this line, it was revealed. All right-of-way has been secured for the 13.6 mile long line. Clearing was completed late in October.

### BUILDING BLOCK FIRM TO START HERE

**SEASIDE**—Construction of a concrete block manufacturing plant by P.H. Felix and Harry Swann, Portland men has been announced. The promoters of the project hope to have the plant in operation within two months.

The plant has been designed to produce concrete blocks using pumice aggregate, material which produces a light weight, yet strong building block.

### CITY MANAGER PLAN AGAIN URGED HERE

**PRINEVILLE**—Members of the Prineville Lions club went on record as favoring organization of an inter-club council in Prineville to work for adoption of the city-manager form of government here. The project is one which the Lions had on their calendar about two years ago, but had not pushed in recent months.

### MUM ON LEWD WOMEN

Sin for sale on every corner in rich old Cornith. 1,000 lewd women were kept for unprintable rites up in the heathen temple. The great traveller the Apostle Paul, visited Cornith in 54 A.D. and yet he was mum as to the vice all about. Said he—I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Paul was charged —ONE—To show them that they were sinners by birth, by choice and by practice. And serving sin, they were lost to God. Two—Paul is to turn them from darkness to the light. He is to show Christ our Lord, as delivered over to die for their sins. Three—They must be delivered from the power of Satan unto God. Only by New Birth can they quit serving sin. Receive Christ as Lord and Saviour and God gives you New Birth.

Could you reach out and take over a loaf of bread from the hand of the grocer? Just so, reach out and receive Christ. Take him as the Bread of Life. Live by the Bible and prayer and look to Christ only, for Victory over rough days and rough ways. Make Christ your daily bread and prove the New Life.

*Dean Taylor*

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

## The Forum

Dear Editor:  
Just a few words to cheer up the oldsters and those who may be an "oldster" later. Congressman H.D. Angell wrote me promising he would hurry our Townsend bill onto the floor soon after congress convenes in January next.

Sweden and New Zealand have been paying O-A pensions these last six months. England has been paying O-A pensions for several years. Now the people are demanding an increase of pensions.

The great state of Nebraska is paying \$60 per month to everyone 60 or over and to all cripples of every age. They are out of debt all by the three per cent gross income tax and not one taxpayer is in the poorhouse!! So folks, chin up. There is hope our Uncle Sam will enter the band wagon yet!

Yours, Mrs. A.E. Jennings

There is no real mystery about the holes in macaroni, which is formed into the tubes by pressing the paste through a die in specially designed machines.

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**THE POCKET BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE**  
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THERMOSTAT DEVICE TO DETECT "HOT BOX" CAUSE OF RAILROAD WRECKES

**OUT OF THE WOODS**  
By JIM STEVENS

### Log Cabin History

Log construction was a prodigious tool in the development of this nation, from 1638 until the last stakes of the Frontier were driven in the Pacific. The general fact is no news to most readers. But what about that specific date of 1638? Didn't the original settlers from old England start making homes in Virginia in 1607 and in New England in 1620? And was not every such home a log cabin—another example of the native inventiveness, adaptability, ingenuity and related glorious virtues of the British stock?

Mr. Stewart H. Holbrook answers that last question with a resounding "No" in his new book, *Lost Men of American History*—the most instructive and entertaining volume of its kind that I have read in many a day. Such top-rank historians as Allen Nevins and Benard De Voto describe the book as a volume of highest historical importance. The eastern reviewers likewise give it great praise.

But now that question of the log cabin. Historian Holbrook makes it plain that neither Captain Joseph Smith nor Governor Bradford "ever lived in a log cabin, and probably neither of them ever saw one." And then: "The log cabin's first appearance was in 1638, when members of the Swedish West India Company set up a trading post and village on the shore of Delaware Bay." That is what the book says—the Swedes brought us the log cabin in 1638, while the English settlers were yet mostly living in miserable "English wigwams."

These dwellings were a combination pattern of the miner's hut in Wales and the Indian's wigwam. "They were constructed," says Mr. Holbrook, "of woodbine or grapevine, steamed and bent to form a skeleton shaped something like the frame top of a covered wagon. The skeleton was then covered with thatch made of such reeds or heavy grasses as best came to hand. Heat for warmth and cooking came from an open fire, not a fireplace as we know it, inside." For many years the frame houses that were built were also thatched. Even the English of Delaware, living beside the tight, dry and comfortable log cabins of the Swedes, were so bullheaded that they resisted change from their unhealthy, wet wigwams for scores of years.

Such are skimmings from the first five pages of the grand new book by Stewart Holbrook, who came out of these woods ten years ago to become one of the first men of American letters. **Great Stories All**

In his introduction "Hols' Holbrook, as our historian will ever be to me, makes this powerful point: "No authentic American, native or adopted, need pay any heed to the tub-thumpers for American democracy. All he need know is something of the men and women who made this country what it is today." Many of these men and women, he declares, have been lost in the conventional histories of dramatic events and dazzling personalities. In this book, he gives the neglected their

just due.

So the era of colonial settlement is projected through the Swedish colonists who built the first log cabins in America, and the Revolution is approached through Sam Adams, "the Great Agitator." Sergeant Ezra Lee with his Turtle, the first submarine, and private Deborah Simpson of the Continental Army, have stories you should know. How well posted are you on the tremendous joint part played by Philosopher Herbert Spencer and Author Horatio Alger, Jr., in giving form and foundation to the continuing tradition of American Free Private Enterprise? What dirt did the elegant journalist, Richard Harding Davis, do the really great General William Rufus Shafter in the War with Spain? Who is or was Ignatius Donnelly, and how did he happen to be the real father of the new Deal?

Such questions, and many more, are dealt with by Mr. Holbrook in *Lost Men of American History*; first of all, to give readers more facts on "the men and women who made this country what it is today," and then to portray character and narrate history in a gripping style. There is absolutely no better new book on the market. It is on the market, and I'll tell you where if you want to ask me on a postcard.

**The Old Settler . . .**  
Songs and tales from away back are wheeling in my head. Among them are the full eight stanzas of the ballad, "The Old Settler," which Singer Ivar Haglund has rescued from away yonder in the 1880's. It reads right well, and is a prime item for your scrap-book.

I've traveled all over this country, Prospecting and digging for gold; I've tunneled, hydraulicked and cradled, And I have been frequently sold.

So rolling my grub in a blanket, I left my tools on the ground, And started one morning to shank it For a country they called Puget Sound.

Arriving flat broke in midwinter, I found it enveloped in fog, And covered all over with timber Thick as hair on the back of a dog.

I took up a claim in the forest And set myself down to hard toil.

Two years I chopped and I labored, But I never got down to the soil.

I tried to get out of the country, But poverty forced me to stay Until I became an old settler— Then nothing could drive me away.

And now that I'm used to the climate, I think that if man ever found A place to be peaceful and quiet That spot it is on Puget Sound.

No longer a slave of ambition, I laugh at the world and its shams, As I think of my happy condition, Surrounded by acres of clams.

## At the Churches

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
—Rev. H. Gail Mellroy, Pastor  
9:45—Sunday school with classes for all ages.  
11:00—Morning worship.  
6:30—C. A. service.  
7:30—Evangelistic service.  
7:30 Tuesday—Prayer meeting.  
7:30 Thursday—Bible study.

**EVANGELICAL**  
—Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister  
9:45 — Sunday school

11:00 — Morning worship. Rev. Norman Riggins, guest speaker.  
6:30 p.m.—Young People's service.  
7:30 p.m. — Evangelistic service. Rev. Norman Riggins, speaker. A gospel team from Cascade college, Portland, will furnish special music.  
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**  
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.

**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

**Washington Snapshots**

Who are the "enterprisers" who make up our free competitive enterprise system that has made America great and which will, without strangling controls, keep it great.

They are your neighbors—the doctor, the grocer, the farmer, the small manufacturer.

One of them invests his savings in a stock of groceries. He hires a clerk, who also delivers orders.

**He Takes the Risk**  
The two jobs he created cost the grocer the total investment that he has in store equipment, in groceries, in a truck, and in credits advanced to his customers.

The risks of not making a success of it are his to take.

If he succeeds, the jobs are secure, and the families they support are secure.

If he fails, his savings are lost, and two men look for work.

The grocer is an enterpriser. His group in our economy—the about one-fourth of all the jobs created in America.

Or, your neighbor is a farmer. With the years, he increases his investment, and with it, the welfare of his family. He too is an enterpriser. His group—agriculture—supplies another fourth of all the jobs created in our land.

Cherronesus, Metropatamia, Saratoga, and Pelisipia were names proposed by Thomas Jefferson in 1784 for four mid-West states to be formed from part of the huge territory ceded by Virginia to the Federal government.

According to a chart prepared by the American Museum of Natural History, the fastest bird is the duck hawk or peregrine falcon, which has been known to fly at a speed of three miles a minute or 180 miles an hour.

## State Gas Use At Record High

Oregon motorists burned a record 250,000,000 gallons of gasoline in the first nine months of this year, it was announced by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr.

This fuel is estimated to have carried them three billion miles. Taxes on the record fuel sale netted the state \$12,394,923, even after refunds had been made to non-highway users. This is a 62 per cent gain over last year. Gross sales for the month of September alone amounted to almost 36,000,000 gallons.

It's not hard to see how huge a scale traffic problems have assumed," said Farrell, "when you find Oregon drivers piling up almost half a billion miles a month on the highways of the state."

September's consumption was the third largest for any month this year, with August and July taking first and second place respectively.

## Two Degrees in Grange Taken

**KEASEY**—Mrs. Counts, Betty Counts and James Bonnick attended the National Grange which was held in Portland Thursday and Friday and returned home Sat. They took the sixth and seventh degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bittner, Hazel Olson and Lloyd Osborn were supper guests Thursday at the Orrin Lindsay home honoring their son, Sonny Lindsay, 11th birthday. Miss Hazel Olson of Seaside was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bittner a few days last week.

H.A. DeWitt and son Don attended a father & son supper at the school Monday. The students of the school furnished vegetables for a stew. Gilbert Brown and son, John, attended also.

Teddy DeWitt is down with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hayes and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Buckley a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rhea of Hillsboro and J.E. Buckley of Yakama recently visited Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Buckley. Mr. and Mrs. Rhea are the parents of Mrs. Buckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipplehute have moved to Portland.

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