

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.

Reports of Past Year

During 1946, more than 736,500 personal contacts with veterans administration offices in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska were made by veterans and their dependents, an average of slightly over one contact for every veteran in the area, the VA reports.

Figures for the year just ended show 19,698 veterans received loans for homes, farms and businesses at a total value of \$87,881,359.

National service life insurance policies of more than 400,000 veterans were moved to Seattle in July as a part of General Bradley's decentralization program, giving more efficient service to veterans of the Northwest.

At the end of the year, 73,900 veterans were taking training under provisions of the G.I. bill. More than 54,000 were in educational institutions and almost 19,500 were taking job training. Almost 50,000 more than at some time during the year, been enrolled in training courses.

A total of 166,598 disability claims were filed during the year by Northwest veterans. Approximately 80,000 monthly disability or death benefits were being paid to veterans of all wars and their dependents at the end of 1946.

Protection Given Home Buyers
Added protection for veterans purchasing real estate in the present high market is being offered through new procedures to be effective January 2, the veterans administration announced.

Under the revised system, the veterans administration, not the lender, will pick the appraiser for property under consideration for purchase by veterans. Appraisers will be designated by name for each piece of property under consideration. For the past 15 months, a lender was allowed to choose any appraiser from a panel whose general qualifications had been approved by the VA.

A tendency of some lenders to select "obliging" appraisers exclusively and consequently, get higher appraisals to meet the asking price, necessitated the change, the VA says.

LONGER TRAINING FOR DISABLED VETS

Seriously disabled veterans who cannot be restored to employability in the four years training allowed them will benefit by a new Veterans Administration ruling which allows Regional Office to extend the period of training.

Provision has been made for those veterans and for other disabled veterans who had begun long professional courses before the war, to continue their studying under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act will be eligible for the added training, the VA emphasized. It does not apply to veterans training under the G.I. Bill whose eligibility is based on length of service, up to a maximum period of 48 months.

Veterans Administration is now operating 28 former Army and Navy hospitals to meet veterans' needs for hospitalization.

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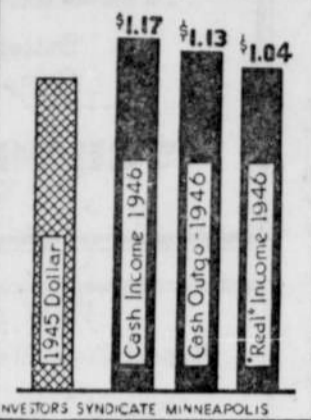
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American 'Real Income' In September Up 4 Cents On \$1 From Year Ago

PURCHASING POWER SEPT. 1945 vs SEPT. 1946



THE above chart, showing how the average American fared in national income changes in the last twelve months, is based on the monthly consumers' study of Investors Syndicate of Minneapolis.

The American public in September had a "real income" of \$1.04, or 4 cents on the dollar more than in September, 1945. This "real income" is not a subtraction of cash income and expenditures but an average relative of these figures designed to show how living costs affect adjusted income dollars.

Cash income of the American public in September was \$1.17 for every \$1 a year earlier. The following changes per dollar were: wages up 27 cents, salaries up 9 cents on the \$1.00; investment income was up 6 cents and other income was up 19 cents.

Rents in September were unchanged compared with a year ago. Food was up 25 cents, clothing up 15 cents and miscellaneous items up 13 cents.

CAPITAL PARADE

(Continued from Page One) or amended so as to give the cities priorities on government-installed facilities on their airports, and also create schools for aircraft and engine mechanics to be conducted by the state department of vocational education.

OREGON MILK PRODUCTION

If you did not eat 41 gallons of ice cream this year you missed out on your allotment somewhere along the line of average consumption as there were 41,719,000 gallons of ice cream made in Oregon this year from milk produced in this state. If your youngster had the appetite and nickles for his share of ice cream, and took it in five-cent cones, you might as well make a note for the 1947 family budget right now—"\$164.00 for Junior's ice cream cones."

CAPITAL SHORTS

Governor Earl Snell played Santa Claus to his twin grandchildren, whose parents, Lt. and Mrs. William Snell arrived from San Diego, California where Lt. Snell is connected with a naval hospital—State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock was elected first vice-president of the American Association of State Highway Officials at its convention in L.A. last week—There are now 292,647 covered workers in Oregon drawing in excess of \$62 million a month in wages to establish a new peace-time high in employment records—Governor Earl Snell has appointed Dr. Thomas Franklyn Hudson of Portland as a member of the Temperance Advisory Committee to the Liquor Control Commission. Dr. Hudson was appointed to succeed Dr. Thompson L. Shannon who resigned prior to his removal from the state.



THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE By PILGRIM

PROFITS
OF U.S. CORPORATIONS IN 1945 WERE THE LOWEST IN FIVE YEARS, AND THEY STILL ARE DECLINING

NEW GADGET—
A TRANSPARENT ENVELOPE MADE IN VARIOUS SIZES FOR SHOP ORDERS, BLUEPRINTS, MAPS, AND RECORD SHEETS

THE TELEGRAPH WAS USED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TRAIN OPERATION IN 1851

ACCIDENTAL INJURIES OCCUR IN AMERICAN HOMES AT THE RATE OF ONE EVERY SIX AND A HALF SECONDS

THE WATERS OF THE RIVER JORDAN WERE BELIEVED BY THE ANCIENTS TO CURE LEPROSY



Forestry Fairy Tale

The most agreeable visitor to boom-pond shack this week was little Oluf Spjalggson. He asked me to tell him a Christmas tree story, and I gave him this one.

Once upon a time, Oluf (I said)—about sixty years ago, it was—Santa Claus sent down an order to President Benjamin Harrison that said, "Let the Christmas trees go on growing and standing in the woods this year. I want to see what will happen."

At around that time people were saying, "There is no Santa Claus." This caused a little girl named Virginia Maffey to write a letter to the New York Sun, asking if it was true what so many people were saying. The Sun backed up the old faith in Santa Claus. So President Harrison, who read the Sun, decided to back up Santa Claus. He ordered the people not to cut any Christmas trees that year but to let them stand and grow on and on.

"Why? Simply because Santa Claus wants it," was President Harrison's only explanation. He was kind of crusty. "Let's not have any more questions or quibbles but just lay off the Christmas trees, see!"

That sounded like real business, so it was done. Over 20 million young trees that would have been cut for Christmas, if Santa Claus had not sent his order to President Harrison, stood on and grew on. Nobody had a Christmas tree and nobody died of it.

And then, Oluf (I said), what do you think?

After Sixty Years
Little Oluf Skjalggson did not know quite what to think. He just moved his chair over closer to the door.

Well, Oluf (I said) the young trees went on standing and growing for sixty years, except for some choked off by the crowding of other trees in the Douglas fir region. Mostly they lived and thrived. We can be very safe in saying that right now, today sixty years later, the young Christmas trees which Santa Claus and President Benjamin Harrison left standing amount to more than six billion board feet of lumber.

That is a lot of lumber. That is as much lumber as the whole West Coast lumber industry is expected to cut in 1946.

Six billion board feet of lumber, Oluf, is enough for the building of six hundred thousand homes of five rooms each. If you enjoy brain teasers, figure it out in boxcar loads, at 30,000 feet per car. Or cargo for deep-water ships, at two and one-half million feet per cargo.

Think a little faster, Oluf, and get the picture of how year after year, ever since the one year when Santa Claus and President Benjamin Harrison gave their amazing stop order and control regulation, Christmas tree cutting has gone on and on—to the tune of lumber for six hundred thousand homes a year.

Isn't that something to think about, Oluf?
Don't Cry, Oluf

Now, Oluf (I said), swab off the tears, take a blast of the schmozzle in my bandana here, and cheer up, for nobody is going to try to stop you from having Christmas trees. If the custom couldn't be stopped back when the New York Sun was backing both the President and Santa Claus, then it may never be stopped.

Christmas trees are wonderful. They are a grand and glorious use of the forest crop. But lumbermen do wonder sometimes, when they see mountains of Christmas trees burned as waste and they witness the results of butchery in their own young forests by gangs of Christmas tree pirates.

Yes, Oluf (I concluded), lumber and pulp are coming more and more from trees that begun to grow only forty, fifty, sixty and seventy years ago. Seventy years from now nearly all lumber and pulp will come from trees that are now young or starting. So be careful with those Christmas trees, Oluf!



Whether wage problems can be solved without upsetting industrial production will be an important factor in determining the amount of relief which the nation's taxpayers get from congress in 1947.

Also playing an important role will be the loss in national income caused by the coal strikes, and the growing determination among groups of congressmen to substitute sound fiscal policies for new deal procedures.

These policies call for balancing the federal budget and a statutory plan for debt retirement.

Difficulty of obtaining an accurate appraisal of the future tax picture stems from uncertainty about the size of the national income in 1947. A wave of new strikes would knock billions off the nation's taxable income.

One group of congressmen believe the budget can be balanced and a 20 per cent across-the-board personal tax cut voted, through decreased federal spending.

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Events in Oregon

LONG DISTANCE CALLS SWAMP LOCAL EXCHANGE

GRESHAM—Long distance calls at the rate of almost one a minute for a 24-hour period were completed at the West Coast Telephone company's Gresham exchange Monday of last week as Christmas well-wishers placed calls throughout the nation.

Reported to be the largest number of calls for a single day, Monday's traffic reached 1056 completed long distance calls, in addition to the numerous local calls.

SALE OF SEALS MIGHT BETTER 1945 FIGURES

M'MINNVILLS—Response has been enthusiastic to this year's Christmas seal sale and receipts to date have shown a marked increase over last year, according to reports received from local and county Christmas seal supervisors.

Mrs. Gale Vinton, chairman of the seal sale in McMinnville, reports that around 950 answers have been received so far replying to the 1600 letters sent out by the local seal committee to residents of the McMinnville area. Over \$1300 in payment for Christmas seals were inclosed in replies.

DIAL PHONES FOR 1947 PROSPECTS FAVORABLE

SHERIDAY — The Northwest Telephone company is completing the building in Sheridan designed to house its new equipment and has the promise of early delivery of part of the dial telephone equipment, ordered some time ago, soon after the first of the year. The plan is to have Sheridan completely converted to the dial system by the end of 1947.

LOCAL DRUG STORE ROBBED OF NARCOTICS

HILLSBORO — Hillsboro was scene of two Christmas eve break-ins, one yielding a quantity of narcotics from Kramien's Drug store and the other an apparent act of vandalism, a large front plate glass window being broken at Faber's Electric store.

L. C. Kramien returned to his drug store at approximately 10:55 p.m. and discovered that entry had been made, by breaking a glass in the sky-light, the culprit sliding down a rope. Value of the stolen narcotics was set at less than \$200.

At the Churches

EVANGELICAL

—Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister
9:45 — Sunday school
11:00—Morning worship.
6:30 p.m.—Young People's service.
7:30—Evening service.
Wed. Eve., 7:30—Bible study and prayer meeting.

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

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.

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

—Rev. H. Gail McIlroy, 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.

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.

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.

Grave To Be Opened

Your Grave—Christ is to raise back to life all that are in the graves. He is to raise you to glory or He will raise you for judgment.

Proved His Power—The third day after His crucifixion and burial, Christ proved His power to raise you up out of the grave. He Himself came forth from among the dead, the victor over death and the grave. For the next 40 days, He proved Himself by many a sign and miracle, to be Christ Himself whom they had crucified.

First Resurrection—May you be there. In that great hour, Christ is to descend from heaven with a shout and the dead in Christ will rise first and afterward, we of His own who are alive, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord. And so shall we ever be with the Lord.

God Names Terms—Believe God, that He counts your sins blotted out by the blood of Christ, His only Born-Son. God proved His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Believe and God gives you life from that instant. You pass from eternal death to eternal life. Believe and count yourself saved. Whether you have feelings or not, life begins then and there. Now is the day of salvation.

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