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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 Office at Odd Fellows Bldg., Portland Oregon

VET BUYS TOWN WITH G.I. LOAN GUARANTEE

Tucked in the heart of Idaho's primitive area, the little town of

Dixie is awakening from a 40-year sleep.

Ghost of a gold rush of 1846, Dixie is in for a face lifting. Earl Thomas Scott, ex-marine has bought the town. When he was turned down on his loan application to purchase a placer claim, the Veterans Administration appraiser suggested he select property with buildings or improvements to be offered as security. Dixie was the solution.

Scott's purchase includes a 153-acre site, several hydraulic and placer claims, an eight-room hotel, post office, general store and gas pump, a vacant saloon, a one-room schoolhouse, a seven-grave cemetery and several vacant log buildings.

Scott plans to turn the town into a dude ranch and hunting

resort with its own private airfield.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. I am a World War II veteran taking a school course that requires three hours per week. Am I entitled to receive subsistence allowance under the G.I. Bill?

A. If you are taking an undergraduate course at a college or university you are eligible for one-quarter of the fall subsistence allowance, but if it is a high school or vocational school course of less than six hours per week, you are not eligible for subsistence allowance.

BENEFITS TO WORLD WAR II VETS AND DEPENDENTS

National Service Life Insurance Description: (continued from last week) Payments to beneficiaries may be made in one sum or in monthly installments. Loans are made on converted policies up to 94 per cent of cash value at 4 per cent interest.

The policy holder may now designate any person or persons, firm corporation or estate as beneficiary.

Veterans who had active service between October 8, 1940 and September 2, 1945 may now take out new NSLI term insurance, even if none was taken out while in service, except that not more than \$10,000 of government life insurance may be carried at any time, less any NSLI that may have been surrendered for its cash value.

Requirements: Any member of the armed forces ordered to active duty for more than 30 days is eligible to apply for NSLI.

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boards to make changes for the use of school buildings and repeals the law which forbids dancing therein. HB 364 increases appropriations for a state office building from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 and makes possible rentals from self-sustaining boards which will repay the original investment to the state. HB 78 decreases the necessary number of signatures on a petition calling for a special election to vote taxes, to maintain county fairgrounds, from 15 to 10 per cent. HB 396 provides for a 1/2 mill tax levy for state land board emergency use. HB 215 authorizes port districts to construct and operate hospitals. SB 124, under the present law certificates of nomination must be filed 10 days before the election, this law requires that they be filed at least 20 days before election. HB 111 reduces the bag limit for the taking of smelt by non-commercial fishermen from 50 to 25 pounds. HB 110 increases salary of members of fish commission from \$5 to \$10 a day and increases maximum salary that may receive in any year from \$200 to \$600 for each commissioner. HB 250 authorizes state utilities commissioner, on petition of a city, to regulate speed of trains passing in city, and to require installation of signals with cost of construction and maintenance divided between city and railroad. HB 96 provides that transfers by banks and trust companies of capital stock funds, which jeopardize the financial interests of stockholders, shall not be made until permission is granted by superintendent of banks, and that an officer of a bank liable for the conduct thereof may not resign without approval of superintendent of bank. SB 134 legalizes deductions from salaries of state employees of group insurance premiums upon written request of employees.

Spider Bait "Pigeon-holed", says a key legislator is Governor Snell's request that the legislature provide for

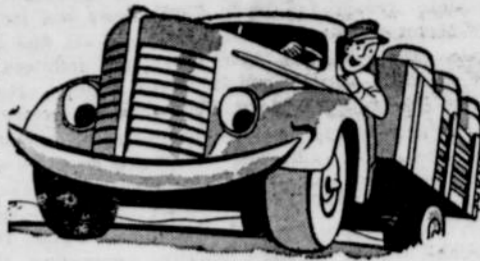
state rent control to operate if and when OPA folds. Being a republican the governor would not be expected to agree with any new deals anytime. The republican platform, ceiling and sidewalks reverberate with, "You can't violate the law of supply and demand." "If rents are low there will be no building," argues a

senator, "more and more housing is being turned to commercial use. Rent control just adds up to a more acute house shortage."

Veterans administration estimates there are 583,000 veterans in the Pacific Northwest, 439,000 of the total being World War II veterans.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Do Men Like Women?

Maybe you read that recent article in a national magazine, claiming that American men don't really like the company of women. They just put them up on a pedestal and leave them there.

But I wouldn't say that that was so in our town. Look at any married couple--like the Cuppers. Jane wouldn't nag if Dee spent his evenings "with the boys"--but actually Dee likes nothing better than to stay home by the fire, sharing a glass of beer with Jane, playing cribbage, or just talking.

And when he does go out, for an afternoon of fishing down at Seward's Creek, or for an evening glass of beer at Andy Botkin's Garden Tavern, Jane is almost always with him (except when she's got a spot of baking in the oven).

From where I sit, respect doesn't rule out everyday companionship... and never should. They go together--essential parts of a successful marriage.

Joe Marsh

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We believe there is nothing more important to this country than to lower the prices of the goods that people buy.

The American people have insisted that the government withdraw from its attempts to control prices in peacetime. That places the responsibility where it belongs--in the hands of business and industry. Not all business can reduce prices now. Not all can reduce by the same amount.

Our company has felt a duty to act as promptly as possible. In our case, the business outlook now makes it possible to move toward the goal of lower prices. The only way out of the vicious circle of higher and higher prices is to break through.

We have taken this step not because of present competitive conditions nor because of a drop in demand from customers. We have taken it because of our belief that ANY PRICE IS TOO HIGH IF IT CAN BE REDUCED.

These reductions, which will save the users of our products approximately \$20,000,000 a year, will become effective before April 1, and will apply to a selected list of tractor, farm machine, motor truck, and industrial power products. Since we lose money on a few of our products, and barely break even on some others, these reductions will not apply to our entire line. Reductions will be made individually on products. Some will be cut more than others. Exact details will be announced as soon as possible.

Our ability to maintain this lower level of prices will depend in part on what happens to the prices and flow of materials that we buy from others. Because we believe price reduction is vital, we are willing to assume the risks that are involved.

prices had not gone up as much or as fast as many others

Here are Average Price Increases since 1941	
All Manufactured Products (U. S. Government Reports)	63.7%
Metals and Metal Products (U. S. Government Reports)	41.2%
Motor Trucks	35%
Industrial Power Products	34%
Farm Machines	25%

These benefits to customers will depend, too, on uninterrupted production at reasonable wage levels. This is not a program that can be carried out if it is hampered by strikes or work stoppages.

Our employes have had substantial increases in pay, and wage questions are currently being discussed with many of the unions with which we deal. Stockholders have recently had an increase in dividend rate. Having considered the interests of these two groups, we are now making these price reductions for the benefit of the third group--our customers.

Business, to our way of thinking, has a social as well as an economic responsibility. This company has long followed the policy of operating in the interests of three groups--its customers, its employes and its stockholders. The duty of the management is to see that equal justice is done as between the three groups.

This price reduction program is another demonstration of our policy in action.

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