

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 further information veterans should contact or write their nearest VA office.

Problem Lessening

The problem of relapse from malaria contracted overseas by thousands of veterans during World War II is expected to be an insignificant one in the next few years, the veterans administration has announced.

Credit for much of the VA's success in treating war-acquired malaria is given to use of the drugs Chloroquine, pamaquine (plasmochin), and the more recently synthesized 8-amino quinolines such as pentaquine and isopentaquine.

National VA statistics indicate about 130,000 World War II veterans were receiving disability compensation for malaria in June, 1947. By March, 1948 this number was reduced to 32,000 and still dropping. The number of relapses of the disease has also declined to less than 10,000 at the present.

In the Pacific Northwest, the number of veterans receiving disability compensation for war-induced malaria has dropped to less than 1,800.

Usually, the malaria parasite "burns itself out" in from one to three years, although some cases have been known to remain infected as long as 20 years.

Question of the Week

Q. Under what circumstances are parents considered dependents, for the purpose of qualifying for benefits administered by the veterans administration?

A. If they do not have an income sufficient to provide reasonable maintenance for themselves and members of their family under legal age, or are depend-

ent by reason of mental or physical incapacity.

Rural Traffic Danger Greatest

Pedestrians now are more likely to be killed in the country than in the city, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reminds rural and suburban dwellers.

Accident records for the first six months show that 19 out of 40 pedestrians killed in traffic met death in rural or unincorporated areas. Considering the much greater number of city pedestrians, the danger in each individual case is obviously higher in the country, the safety official pointed out.

Most dangerous action of the rural pedestrian is crossing highways. Failure to judge the speed of approaching cars accurately is one of the principal reasons for these fatalities. For each yard a pedestrian walks, a car traveling 50 miles per hour will go 15 yards, Newbry said. City dwellers usually do not have to cope with such high speeds.

Three out of every four pedestrians killed in the first six months were under 15 or over 60 years of age. The secretary urged parents to assist in teaching safe walking habits to children, and urged drivers to remember school hours and drive carefully near school grounds and crossings.

In Oregon

TURKEYS EXCELLENT

McMINNVILLE — Turkey killing in Yamhill county was well underway last week. Quality of this season's birds was reported higher than that of last year.

However, the turkey population is estimated to be ten per cent under that of 1947.

The cool growing season this year is believed to have accounted for the high quality of birds.

DETOUR DRAWS FIRE

FOREST GROVE — A petition signed by 51 business operators protesting the optional re-routing of traffic from the main business section was presented Monday night to the city council.

The petitioners declared, "Since the traffic has been diverted to said First avenue north and First avenue south, we have suffered severe losses to our respective businesses."

NAVY INSPECTS AIRPORT

HILLSBORO — The navy was giving Hillsboro airport the once-over again last week with an eye to the establishment here of a naval air reserve training center.

Capt. C. F. Greber, commanding officer of the naval air reserve training unit at Seattle, was in Hillsboro for a look at the local installation.

Greber was favorably impressed with the Hillsboro field, according to William Forbis, who heads the local naval aviation volunteer group. The Seattle officer hopes to bring an admiral from the navy bureau in Washington, D. C., here for an inspection tour late in October, Forbis said. The major obstacle at present to establishment of a naval air base here is the lack of a suitable hanger, Forbis indicated.

LAWS DOOM HOSPITAL

FOREST GROVE — The city of Forest Grove must either construct a new hospital or be without one by 1950. Miss Olive Wilcox, owner of the Forest Grove General hospital stated last week.

Miss Wilcox said the new regulations by the Oregon state board of health have increased standards so that the present plant will not be allowed to operate beyond 1950. She learned of the regulations at a convention of

the Oregon Association of Hospitals which met recently near Hood River.

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