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Vets to Notify VA on Subsistence Vacation Period

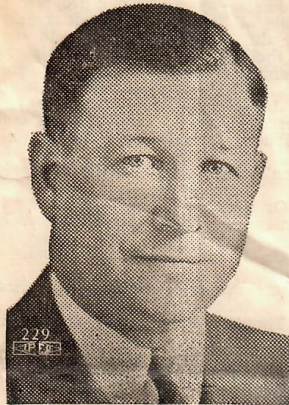
Veterans who are attending school must inform the Veterans Administration at least 30 days in advance if they do not wish to draw subsistence allowance during the winter vacation period, according to the Montana VA office.

Veterans attending college under the GI Bill will be granted leave automatically and paid full subsistence during the time between fall and winter terms, the VA office said, unless they notify the VA at least 30 days before the end of the fall term.

The VA office said that under a plan, adopted a year ago, a veteran receives payment for the full enrollment period certified to the VA by the educational institution he attends, if there are no more than 15 days between terms.

Under the leave policy, time spent on leave between terms and at the end of the school year is charged against the veteran's educational entitlement. Some veterans probably would prefer to sacrifice the leave in order to make use of the entitlement for actual schooling, the VA office said.

GOVERNOR-ELECT JOHN BONNER EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO VETS



GOVERNOR-ELECT BONNER

Past Department
Commander of Montana
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Dear Comrades and Friends:

I wish to take this means of thanking all V.F.W. post and auxiliary members and all other veterans of Montana for their support in electing me governor at the general election. It's something I shall never forget. I will do everything in my power as Governor for veteran welfare.

I wish to solicit their's and all other Montana citizens' support in making Montana the greatest state in the Union. Let's work together for the good of all.

Yours in comradeship and
for a Better Montana,

JOHN W. BONNER.

Butte Girl First to Enlist in Women's Army Corps

Mary Jane Cobb, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Shott, 702 W. Park, Butte, became the first Montana young woman to enlist in the Women's Army corps, under peacetime Army enlistment recruiting, Nov. 8.

Miss Cobb, a graduate of Butte high school last June, was sworn in for three years' service in the WAF (Women in the Air Force) at the Montana Army recruiting and induction center on W. Galena. She left Tuesday night for Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Texas, where she will receive three weeks of basic training.

The Butte girl, who said she was enlisting in the WAF because of the opportunities offered to see different sections of the United States, and also foreign countries, in addition to securing specialized training offered by the Army, was sworn in by Lt. D. L. Donahue, Army enlisting officer. Present at the ceremony were her mother, Lt. Col. Gayle L. Smith, commander of the Montana Army center, and WAC Sgt. Rene Badke, who secured Miss Cobb's enlistment.

Give your Post Q.M. a break—
pay your 1949 dues early!

\$500,000,000 BONUS ALLOWED VETERANS OF SIX STATES

World War II veterans in six states are due for an estimated \$500,000,000 windfall, but in half dozen other states they didn't fare so well, results of the Nov. 2 general election indicate.

These states approved bonuses: Indiana, South Dakota, Louisiana, Iowa, Washington and Minnesota. The Indiana referendum is not binding on the 1949 legislature.

Four states—Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Oregon—rejected bonus proposals. North Dakota voted down a tax for a veterans' rehabilitation fund, and California rejected a veterans' tax exemption proposal.

“Every Member
Get a Member”

V.F.W. Comrades Are Successful In Nov. 2 Election

The following V.F.W. comrades were elected to their respective state and national offices at the November 2 general election:

Mike Mansfield, Post 209, Missoula, First District Congressman.

John W. Bonner, Post 1116, Helena, Governor.

Arnold Olson, Post 1448, Butte, Attorney-General.

Paul Cannon, Post 1448, Butte, Lieutenant-Governor.

John J. Holmes, Post 1116, Helena, State Auditor.

Results of district judge candidates were not available at time of publication.

VFW Post Observe Navy Day Oct. 27 With Program, Dinner

DEER LODGE.—Celebrating Navy day, the Veterans of Foreign Wars post No. 689 were hosts at a dinner and entertainment at the Odd Fellows' hall Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock, followed by the program. Servicemen, ex-servicemen and women and their families were invited to attend.

The principal speaker was Chief G. J. Donovan, U. S. NSN, with headquarters in Helena. He recently returned from service in Sidney, Australia.

The dinner was served by the auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with Mrs. Sally Stav chairman of arrangements and service. The program of the evening was arranged by Clifford E. Humes.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DEPT. CHIEF

To All Members of the
Veterans of Foreign Wars,
Department of Montana.
Dear Comrades:

The past month has been a very busy one and a month full of pleasure for your Commander, for we have concluded five District meetings since the last issue of the "Montana Veteran." These meetings were held at Fort Benton, Ronan, Harlowton, Glasgow and Bridger. They were all very well attended and full of interest. Anyone visiting these meetings could not help feeling we have a great organization, and that we have a lot of work to do. Our objectives are on the highest level, and our accomplishments are greater than most people realize.

Soon now, we will make our survey of Montana to find out what may be done to take advantage of the Veteran's R.F.C., which we hope will be passed by the next session of the Congress. This will place us in a position where, if a depression does come, and most people believe it will come, we will be able to take up some of the slack as regards employment to carry through. Our Council of Administration has agreed that we want to do this, and soon now we will advise Washington that we are ready to start planning. This may mean a great deal to us, and can certainly do no harm.

At each of the District meetings a District Legislative Officer has been chosen in preparation for the meeting of the Legislature next January, and our program will all be drafted into form for its introduction in the Legislature. We have a fine program, and intend to do all possible to secure the enactment into law of

this program. We now have a Department Legislative Officer, one Vice-Legislative officer from each Congressional district, and will have a District Legislative Officer from each of our Districts. This has all been done as a result of resolutions passed at our last Department Encampment. Also, at our last Department Encampment there was a resolution adopted providing for a "Legislative Fund" to carry out the work of securing our program by those selected to be in Helena. This will all fit into a pattern which has been worked out over a period of two and one-half years, with the ultimate passage of our program in mind all the time. Now it remains for the Posts having Clubs to send in their share of the cost of this program in accordance with Resolution No. 2 of the Missoula Encampment of the Department. All Posts are hereby urged to send in their contribution for the Legislative Fund.

Don't find fault with the man who limps,

Or stumbles along life's road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears,
Or struggled beneath his load.

There might be tacks in his shoes
that hurt,
Though hidden away from your view,
The burden he bears, if placed on
your back,
Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't sneer at the man who is down
today,
Unless you have felt the blow,
That caused his fall, or felt the
shame
That only the fallen can know.

You might be strong, but still the
blows
That were his, if dealt to you
In the selfsame way, at the self-
same time,
Might cause you to stagger too.

Don't be too hard on the man who
errs,
Or pelt him with word or stone,
Unless you are sure—yes, doubly
sure,
That you have no faults of your
own.

You know, perhaps, if the tempters
voice
Should whisper softly to you,
As it did to him when he went
astray,
It might cause you to falter too.
(From the War Cry.)

Thank you for listening, Comrades,

Yours in Comradeship,

ERNEST BURNS,

Commander, Department of
Montana, V.F.W.,
318 Baker Avenue,
Whitefish, Montana.

Montana Trained Vittles Pilots Leave for Berlin

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Oct. 30.—The Berlin airlift will get its first "shot in the arm" from Great Falls-trained flyers, Col. John S. Chennault, air base commander here, said.

Forty-four pilots, co-pilots and engineers finished the first cycle of training for Berlin airlift duty Sunday. They left here Sunday night in the same C-54's in which they trained.

They are scheduled to arrive at Westover field, Massachusetts, Monday morning, leave there within a few hours by Air Force trans-Atlantic service and land in Germany sometime Wednesday, Chennault said.

The four-engine cargo ships which carry the "Vittles Run" flyers to Westover are to return here in time to begin a new training class Tuesday morning.

Two other classes of 70 and 87 men each will complete C-54 training in the next two weeks and take off immediately for Berlin duty.

Three classes to supply relief cargo flyers for the airlift will be in continuous training at the local base, the only airlift training center in the nation, with a class graduating every week after three weeks of training, Chennault said.

He said the training program has reached full capacity and will turn out nearly 4400 men per month for cargo flying over Germany.

Graduating flyers, already experienced pilots, will have had 20 hours in the air and 100 hours of ground school to prepare them for handling the four-engine C-54s used on the airlift.



CHARLES C. RALLS, Seattle, Wash., Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

VALID HOUSING COMPLAINTS FILED BY OVER 50,000 VETERANS

● *Ramblings* OF THE QUARTERMASTER

Comrades of the Department of Montana:

The Ramblings of the Quartermaster will not amount to much this month.

The Quartermaster would like to report the most successful District meetings held at Ronan, Harlowton, Glasgow and Bridger during the month of October. The great and good work the posts are carrying on is so outstanding that one cannot help but be proud of our organization.

This past month we have had the misfortune of losing our District Quartermaster of District No. 7, Gene Rosenquist, who passed away this last month. In Comrade Rosenquist we have lost a hard working Comrade and one who will be hard to replace. In the Ramblings of the Quartermaster we would like to present a picture of the Department activities in Montana, and by the way, District No. 2 met at Fort Benton in October also.

District Legislative officers who were elected during October to represent the various Districts during the next session of the Montana Legislature are as follows:

District No. 1, Comrade E. H. Jack England, Post No. 276.

District No. 2, Comrade Robert T. Merrill, Post No. 1087, Great Falls.

District No. 3, Comrade Paul Dean, Post No. 1634, Billings.

District No. 5, Comrade Robert Coffey, Post 1755, Wolf Point.

District No. 7, Comrade Louis C. Kalberg, Department Judge Advocate, was elected Legislative Officer.

Districts No. 4 and No. 6 have not yet selected their Legislative Officer and we hope District No. 4 will elect their Legislative Officer at Bozeman, Sunday, November the 14th.

Comrades, the work of our various Posts is growing so fast that it is hard for your Department Quartermaster to keep in touch with all activities.

Your Department Quartermaster hopes you may be able to keep the back door closed and keep our membership forging ahead.

We are pleased to report that our membership is coming in good and with a little need of activity in this angle we can beat our last year's record.

With best personal regards and good wishes, I am

Yours in Comradeship,
W. P. PILGERAM, QM-ADJ.,
Department of Montana,
V.F.W.

Washington.—About 50,000 veterans have filed what the government believes may be valid complaints that they got a bad deal on their priority-built GI houses.

Another batch of close to 150,000 gripes by veteran home-buyers has been brown out, it was disclosed Friday, either as unjustified or as not covered by law.

Complaints still are coming in, though slowly. They usually accuse builders of overcharges, defective construction, or failure to follow specifications.

The records were disclosed as experts from eight regional offices of the housing expediter left Washington under orders to clean up the backlog of complaints between now and March 31.

Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods, who returned this week from a nationwide tour, told his regional officials Thursday:

"I saw for myself some 11,000 homes less than one year old where daylight could be seen between the floor and the wall in the bedroom . . . too many veterans have complained to me bitterly about the run-around they have gotten. . . ."

"The government has a moral responsibility in this job. I will not accept excuses for backlogs (in files of complaints). If you can't handle the job yourself, get more assistance. . . ."

About 750,000 veterans homes were built in 1946 and early 1947 under a program set up by former Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt. In return for permits and priorities, builders submitted plans and set maximum prices.

Where evidence shows they failed to make good, the expediter can demand an adjustment. Gross violations can be prosecuted. Under a special grant by the last Congress, 300 compliance men have been hired.

Alfred J. Verhunce, deputy expediter for veteran affairs, emphasized that the "vast majority" of builders did the best possible job with materials that often were short or inadequate.

Graduates From Army Automotive School at Atlanta

Atlanta General Depot, Atlanta, Ga.—Among those to graduate recently from the Ordnance Automotive School at this Depot was Sergeant Charles T. Van Derende, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Van Derende of Lone Pine, Montana.

Sgt. Van Derende entered the Army in April of this year and graduated from the Ordnance Automotive School here on October 22nd

Ex-Servicemen Are Wanted as Replacements

Ten thousand former servicemen are needed immediately as replacements by the United States Air Force for assignment to the United Kingdom and western Europe in support of "Operation Vittles" and the current B-29 training program, the local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting station announced Saturday, Oct. 23.

Assignment of the 10,000 men will not increase the total strength of Air Force personnel in Europe because they will be replacements for men who have completed their foreign tours of duty, men whose enlistments are expiring, and men in Europe on temporary duty.

Qualified veterans will be accepted for enlistment in grades commensurate with their ability and military experience. Skills needed include aircraft maintenance, radio, radar, and communications, automotive equipment operators, and repairmen.

Unmarried men up to 34 years of age who have been discharged more than 90 days will be accepted in all grades up to and including technical sergeant. Married men who have been discharged from the Air Force more than 90 days must qualify for grades of staff sergeant and technical sergeant to be accepted. Dependents of these men cannot be sent overseas.

Air Force men re-enlisting within 90 days of their discharge automatically receive their former grade. All men accepted will receive an extra 20 per cent in pay for service outside the United States.

The U. S. Army and Air Force recruiting station at 15 East Granite street, Butte, has available information concerning this replacement program, but applications will be accepted only at Air Force bases where base classification officers will determine the fitness of applicants for skills and grades.

Qualified applicants will be sent immediately to an Air Force processing station, then to the Overseas Replacement Depot at Camp Kilmer, N. J., and, as soon as possible, to European assignments.

after completing the Advanced Engines Course.

Sgt. Van Derende served 31 months during World War II in the European Theater of Operations. He wears the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star with two Oak Clusters, Bronze Star with two Oak Clusters, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, European Theater of Operations Ribbon with Eight Battle Stars, American Defense Ribbon, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, the Croix De Guerre with Palms, and the Victory Medal.

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VERSED IN SERVICE

This year the 10,000 posts and nearly a million and a half members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the founding of this overseas veterans' organization. It is only natural that we review the accomplishments of the past fifty years to better appreciate the contribution and significance of the V.F.W. to our American way of life. It is not so natural that these achievements can be summed up in one word . . . service . . . to the veteran, the community and the nation.

The principles which guided the founders of our organization are the same ideals which direct the operations and officers of the V.F.W. "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan" is the noble expression of gratitude to the veterans of the Civil War voiced by Abraham Lincoln. It has been the creed of the V.F.W.

Thus, even as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of an organization dedicated to "honoring the dead by helping the living," we can visualize the nature and extent of the problems we must face and the work we must accomplish not only for this year but for the next half century. For the record of the past reveals an undeviating devotion to the principle of service.

Admittedly the specific nature of services rendered by the V.F.W. has been altered or completely revised to meet changing conditions. The problems confronting veterans of the Spanish-American War differed materially from those inflicted on World War I veterans. So, too, ex-servicemen of the recent world conflict returned to civilian life to find economic, political and social conditions unfamiliar in a large measure to their fathers and grandfathers.

But the V.F.W. has been flexible enough in its organization, yet steadfast enough in its fundamental purpose to give veterans of each of these wars the same consideration and service. For this reason we can be certain that no matter what the future might bring our organization will be prepared to aid those who have contributed most to the continued freedom and prosperity of our nation.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was created and has been maintained through half a century as a service organization. This is the source of our strength. Indeed, it is the reason for our existence. Occasionally there have been those whose only concern was to make the V.F.W. a fraternal and social organization. They need not have bothered. For the Spanish-American War and World War I and II members have found an abiding spirit of comradeship and understanding in the Veterans of Foreign Wars equal to their greatest needs. And they have found that the social progress of the community and of the entire nation can be attributed to a large degree to the athletic, recreation, entertainment, education, religious and Americanism programs of the V.F.W.

The program to secure 600,000 new members during our Golden Anniversary Year has been undertaken with only one purpose in mind. That is to give us greater strength with which to attack the increasingly difficult and numerous problems confronting all of America's veterans.

One of the principal, and certainly one of the most important objectives of our organization during our 50th anniversary year will be to secure decent houses for millions of veterans and their families at prices they can afford to pay. We believe that this service represents one of the outstanding contributions of our organization to the security and welfare of these veterans and to our nation.

An unrelenting fight for an adequate program of national security is also one of the most vital services to be undertaken by America's overseas veterans. And this fight will not end until such a program is realized.

It is not possible to review even a small portion of the service mandates adopted by the V.F.W. members
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PUBLIC LAWS FOR VETERANS

Herewith is copied from a recent issue of "The Vet-Times Reports," a summary of Veterans' Legislation—80th Congress, second session (convened January 6, 1948; adjourned June 20, 1948):

Public Law 398 (approved Jan. 19, 1948): Increases by 20 per cent all monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of the Indian wars, and their dependents.

Public Law 402 (approved Jan. 27, 1948): Provides that the United State Information and Educational Exchange Act shall not be construed so as to affect the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944.

Public Law 411 (approved Feb. 14, 1948): Increases the rate of subsistence allowance payable to veterans pursuing full-time courses of educational training, as follows: From \$65 to \$75 a month for veterans who have no dependent (s) and from \$90 to \$105 for those who have one, and \$90 to \$120 for those who have more than one dependent.

Public Law 421 (approved Feb. 27, 1948): Authorizes the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Treasury (as well as Secretaries of the Army and the Navy) to lend or give to veterans' associations, condemned or obsolete material in their Departments.

Public Law 429 (approved March 3, 1948): Extends from five to seven years the period after death of the insured within which application may be made for gratuitous benefits under the National Service Life Insurance Act.

Public Law 438 (approved March 9, 1948): Awards the Congressional Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life during World War II, and interred in Arlington under Act of June 24, 1948.

Public Law 450 (approved March 24, 1948): Extends through Dec. 31, 1948, the provision for admitting alien fiancées (or fiancés) of members of the armed forces.

Public Law 452 (approved March 24, 1948): Provides for selection of superintendents of national cemeteries from among members of the armed forces who have been honorably separated and who have been disabled in the line of duty.

Public Law 458 (approved March 24, 1948): Ratified the administrative promotions made between Sept. 15, 1940, and Jan. 1, 1948, of postal employees on military furlough from the field postal service.

Public Law 464 (approved March 30, 1948): Housing and Rent Act of 1948—Among other amendments to the Act of 1947, continues, until April 1, 1949, provisions for veterans' preferences in new housing.

Public Law 512 (approved May 4, 1948): Increases the ceiling limitations applicable to veterans engaged in education or training, from \$175

to \$210 for those who have no dependents, and from \$200 to \$270 for those who have one dependent and from \$200 to \$290 for those who have more than one dependent. Provides proportionate subsistence increases to part-time students and certain job trainees.

Public Law 519 (approved May 10, 1948): First Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1948—Appropriates \$3,000,000 for administration, medical, hospital, and domiciliary services.

Public Law 526 (approved May 14, 1948): Specifies, in enumerating the classes of persons eligible for burial in national cemeteries, honorably discharged veterans, their widows or widowers and minor children.

Public Law 531 (approved May 18, 1948): Increases the annual amount of Federal aid to State or Territorial homes for disabled soldiers and sailors from \$300 to \$500 per person through June 30, 1951.

Public Law 539 (approved May 19, 1948): Extends to Feb. 3, 1950, the time limit for making application for mustering-out pay by veterans discharged prior to Feb. 3, 1944.

Public Law 567 (approved June 1, 1948): Authorizes aliens who have served in the armed forces of the United States during World War I or between Sept. 1, 1939, and Dec. 31, 1946, to become citizens through naturalization without requiring a declaration of intention, certificate of arrival, or period of residence, and without consideration as to age.

Public Law 577 (approved June 3, 1948): Authorizes the Veterans Administration to acquire Camp White Hospital, Medford, Ore., and Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa, for use as domiciliary facilities.

Public Law 596 (approved June 3, 1948): Permits World War II veterans to credit their war service, not in excess of two years toward residence requirements under the Homestead Act of May 26, 1934.

Public Law 625 (approved June 12, 1948): Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948—Requires that officers appointed in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army, and in the Regular Air Force, shall have served honorably in the active Federal service as commissioned officers in the armed forces of the United States between July 1, 1943, and June 12, 1948.

Public Law 678 (approved June 19, 1948): Defines the term peace so as to extend the medical care and other benefits provided by the Act of June 15, 1936, to members of the National Guard, Organized Reserves, Reserve Officers Training Corps and Citizens' Military Training Camps who are injured or contract disease during training periods prior to the official termination of the war.

Public Law 702 (approved June 19, 1948): Authorizes the Veterans Ad-

ministration to furnish assistance (up to \$10,000) to a veteran in acquiring specially adapted housing required because of permanent and total service-connected disability due to spinal cord disease or paralysis.

Public Law 706 (approved June 19, 1948): Exempts hospitalized servicemen and veterans from admissions tax (under Internal Revenue Code 1700 (a) (1) when admitted free of charge.

Public Law 729 (approved June 19, 1948): Authorizes an annual appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Veterans Administration for research in the development of improvements of all forms of prosthetic and orthopedic appliances and sensory devices.

Public Law 739 (approved June 22, 1948): Preserves seniority rights of ten-point preference eligibles in the postal service transferring from the position of letter carrier necessitated by reason of a disability incurred in active duty in the armed forces.

Public Law 741 (approved June 22, 1948): Amends the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, so as to require Federal agencies to comply with any recommendation by the Civil Service Commission made on the basis of the appeal of a preference eligible, employee, or former employee.

Public Law 748 (approved June 24, 1948): Establishes a presumption of service-connection in the case of any person who serves six months or more in the military or naval service and within one year after honorable discharge therefrom, contracts a tropical or chronic disease.

Public Law 785 (approved June 25, 1948): Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1948—Appropriates under the head Veterans Administration, an additional \$245,000 for soldiers' and sailors' civil relief, and \$1,500,000 for automobiles and other conveyances for disabled veterans; extends application deadline to June 30, 1949.

Public Law 802 (approved June 28, 1948): Permits a veteran of World (Continued on Page 9)

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at our 49th National Encampment in St. Louis. They emphasize, however, that the theme of the Veterans of Foreign Wars during the coming year will be service.

This is as expected. For the fifty-year history of the Veterans of Foreign Wars reveals that this theme of service was the principle on which our organization was founded. It is the creed which has preserved and strengthened the V.F.W. as a force for good in America. It is the ideal which will lead us to even greater achievements than those recorded for eternity in the name of the Veterans of Foreign Wars these past fifty years.

WITH MONTANA'S

• AUXILIARY CHAPTERS

GERTRUDE J. MAHONEY
Thompson Falls, Correspondent

LELA GORE VISITS CIRCLE AUXILIARY

Irma Klabenes, Publicity Chairman, Ladies Auxiliary to Kermit Njaa Post No. 4813, Circle, Montana, reports that the auxiliary was honored on October 7th by a visit of Department President, Lela Gore. Mrs. Gore related her experiences while attending the National Encampment at St. Louis, Mo., and explained the functions of the various homes sponsored by the organization.

The sisters of the Circle auxiliary are still going strong serving lunches to the boys who are working so hard on their new Vet's Club. It is reported that on Oct. 2nd, the boys poured cement all day and the ladies kept them at it by serving dinner also.

The Christmas card sale is going well and the results to date show a profit of \$80.00.

SEPTEMBER HOSPITAL REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

Sister Portia White, State Hospital Chairman, has submitted the following notes regarding the donations of the auxiliaries to the Veteran's Hospital at Fort Harrison:

Anaconda sent a fine box of candy bars and gum. Hamilton and Sidney sent covers for card tables; Department of Montana for the O. T. shop—yarns, darning needles, sewing machine needles, bottles of dyan-shine, embroidery thread. Three Forks auxiliary sent agates for the jewelry shop and the following auxiliaries donated cigarettes to be used as radio prizes for the quiz programs: Big Sandy, Culbertson, Department of Montana, Helena, Chester, Harlowtown, Joliet, Cascade, Geraldine, Bozeman, Dillon, Conrad, Choteau, Bridger Livingston Boulder, Hamilton, Chinook, Sidney and Phillipsburg.

Lewistown sent wrapped gifts for the same program and also six inflated pillows.

Sister White advises us that the Radio Broadcasting and its programs have become quite popular and that baseball and football pools have aroused much interest.

HELENA AUXILIARY REPORTS

Sister Ferne E. Johnson, Publicity Chairman, submits the following resume of the Helena auxiliary activities:

Mrs. E. A. Kerntz, President, and her Chairmen have completed plans for an extensive program for the coming winter months. On Sept.

28th a special Americanism program which included talks by Isabel Zagar and Jack Stewart, two of Helena's representatives at Girls' State and Boys' State was presented. Bertram Banks, accompanied by Bonnie Martinson, sang several piano selections.

Junior activities have been one of the auxiliary projects in recent months and have included the sponsorship of a Camp Fire Girl group at St. Joseph's Home.

Mrs. Harry Athey, Hospital Chairman, announced that open house was held at Fort Harrison on Sunday, October 17th, from 2 to 4 p. m. Jimmy Carden's orchestra presented several musical selections and cake and coffee was served by members.

October 19th an Indoctrination Course was offered which prepares member for future hospital work. The course was held in the quanset hut from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. at Fort Harrison. Nine members of the auxiliary attended the course.

LINEN CHEST PROVES PROFITABLE

The John McHugh Auxiliary to Post 5607, Culbertson, Montana, recently held a rummage sale and sold raffle tickets on a well-filled linen chest. Articles for the chest were all donated by members of the auxiliary and the profit from the sale was well over \$300.00 which was donated to the local hospital building fund.

This auxiliary also reports a pleasant visit from our Department President, Lela Gore, who offered instructive help and a very interesting report of National Encampment.

OLD-TIME DANCE HELD AT BRIDGER

The Bridger V.F.W. Auxiliary to Post 1543 held an old-time dance on Saturday, October 23rd, on which \$75.00 was realized. The money was donated as the auxiliary's share in the new memorial park which is now under construction at Bridger.

STAFFORD AUXILIARY HAS FOOD SALE

On October 16th the Judith Basin Post Auxiliary held a food sale which resulted in a profit of \$35.00. The food was donated by the auxiliary members.

The sisters are also planning a card party for October 29th, at which time a Sunbeam Mixmaster, embroidered pillow cases and a double set of plastic cards will be raffled.

ACTIVITIES AT FORT BENTON

On September 21st the Emil O. Ronning auxiliary held a dinner for guests and officers of the auxiliary at which Lela Gore, Department President, was the guest of honor. During the meeting a report was

made by the Fair Concession Committee which committee reported that \$180.00 was cleared from the sponsorship of a hot dog stand at the fair.

New business presented was for the purchase of bowls for the Fort Benton public schools in conjunction with the auxiliary to the American Legion. The project was voted upon favorably to pay one-half the cost which will be approximately \$40.00.

FAIRFIELD AUXILIARY TO SPONSOR ESSAY CONTEST

The Fairfield Auxiliary to Avory Dehnert Post No. 4109 have consummated plans for sponsoring the 14th National Essay Contest on the subject "My Part in America's Future." The Post will donate the first prize of \$25.00 and the auxiliary the other three prizes of \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00.

These sisters have also been assisting the men in their work of furnishing and remodeling a kitchen in the V.F.W. hall.

A new bedside table was purchased by the Post and Auxiliary which is to be used wherever needed in the community.

The auxiliary tried to keep the youngsters out of mischief on Halloween by offering a free movie to all youngsters through high school age and additional treats after the show.

AUXILIARY 8869 MAKES CONTRIBUTION

A short time ago Auxiliary No. 8869 of Medicine Lake gave a contribution to the National Home, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, in memory of Stuart Johnson who gave his life for his country.

"Honor the Dead by Helping the Living" is one of the finest memorials. The National Home expressed our thoughtfulness which prompted the sending of it, for how better can we show our appreciation than to give to the children of those departed comrades the opportunity to enjoy the freedom for which their fathers so valiantly fought.

Berlin Air Ferry Needs More Men

WASHINGTON.—The air force wants 10,000 former servicemen to help it keep the Berlin airlift and the B-29s in Europe running.

It announced Sunday night this number is needed as replacements for men whose enlistments are expiring, whose tours of foreign duty is completed or who are sent to Europe for only temporary duty. The 10,000 men will not increase the overall air force strength in England and western Europe, it was stated. Dependents cannot be taken overseas.

ARMY'S NEW PLAN VIEWS RECRUITS AS MEN, NOT MERE SERIAL NUMBERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—If ambitious Pentagon plans are carried out, the man who gets drafted is in for a surprise.

He'll find the Army treating him not as just another serial number but as an individual, capital "I."

He will find the Army taking a new and special personnel-management interest in him and his well-being—"but not," the Army hastens to add, "at the expense of discipline."

The Army's new look has been carefully worked out at the Pentagon building. Top Army people feel strongly that the time has come to do a real job of selling the Army to the country, and this is their attempt to do it.

Success of the idea, of course, will depend on how it is received and acted on at lower command levels, but here is what the Pentagon planners have planned:

The \$75-a-month recruit (that's his official title) will hear a lot of "right face," "left face" and "rear march," but he'll also get lessons on things like "character guidance," his responsibility as a citizen, the mission of the armed forces and his place in it, and national and international issues "pertinent to the soldier."

That last could be inflation at home or Communism in France.

Particular stress will be placed on the recruit's "dignity as an individual," which the Army acknowledges is something new for it to be worrying about.

He will be told that just because he has been drafted into (or voluntarily joined) the Army does not mean he becomes a machine. Army planners hope to show him a well-rounded life—not unlike the one he left.

Freed from the watchful eye of mama and papa, the Army recruit must meet new constructive influences, says the Army.

These will take the obvious form of plenty of good first-run movies (with the film industry's co-operation); well-stocked libraries; ample athletic equipment and playing fields; week end entertainments such as dances with carefully-screened girls from nearby towns, and off-post activity sponsored by civic organization.

Every recruit will fill out an Army activities preference blank showing his particular interest. This is a psychological device and fits in with the dozen or so other tests he will take during his basic training, all aimed at fitting the man to the right job.

These tests are no guarantee the soldier will get the job he wants. But, says the Army, they will almost

certainly keep a man out of a job he is not fitted for.

Fifty career fields have been established and sub-divided. The Army is looking for legislation to be passed which will allow an enlisted man to go from recruit to chief warrant officer in one of these fields, in 16 years. At that time he would be drawing the pay of major with 16 years' service.

Observers will be watching closely to see how well the new Army look will be received at battalion and command levels, where its success or failure will be spelled out.

GENERAL ORDER No. 4

To the Comrades of the Department of Montana:

Comrades, the following changes are hereby ordered:

Jess L. Akers, P. O. Box 1755, Butte, Montana, is appointed Patriotic Director for the Department of Montana, to replace Gus E. Adamson of Post No. 1548, Libby, who has resigned.

There is one further Order that becomes necessary for the Department Commander to issue:

In the visiting of our Hospital at Fort Harrison arrangements are necessary beforehand, as where there is not some notification given to the Hospital that delegations are coming to visit it conflicts with other organizations visiting our Hospital, such as the American Legion, the DAV, the Lions Club, or the Moose organization, therefore, it is hereby ordered that any delegation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Military Order of the Cooties will please contact our Hospital Chairman, Mrs. Portia White, or Mrs. Henry G. Heiser, her assistant, both of whom live in Helena, so the necessary arrangements can be made for any visits to the Fort Harrison Hospital.

Remember, Comrades of the Posts in Montana, make arrangements with the Hospital Chairman or her assistant, first before you allow a delegation from your Post to visit Fort Harrison. Comrades, this does not mean to affect in any way a party of two or three, but where there are eight or ten, or more, this order is given so the Hospital Chairman will be notified before these delegations arrive.

The Commander, at this time, again wants to urge all Posts in the Membership Drive.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours in Comradeship,

ERNEST BURNS,

Commander, Department of Montana, V.F.W.

Butte Cooties Entertain at Fort Harrison

Members of the Military Order of Cooties of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Butte post, presented a program for veterans at Fort Harrison on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24. In addition the Cootiettes, auxiliary organization, provided treats for the patients at the Helena hospital.

The program follows:

Dance band selections, "The Melodaires," Don Wisner, Thelma Sodja, Joe Rich, Bill Coleman, Joan Tokar, vocalist.

Vocal selections, Jean Tokar.

Twirling routine, Katherine Sullivan, Frances Sullivan, Joan Ambrosetti, Jean Kennedy, Berty Birmingham, Mary Bertrand, Mary McGree, Claire Schumaker with Betty Angora as pianist.

Reading, Theresa Quirk.

Accordion selections, Thelma Sodja.

Vocal selections, Pauline Sullivan, Sally Holeman, Agnes Bradley, Mary Jane Brett, Betty Tippet, accompanied by Christine Peoples.

Reading, Sally Holeman.

Clarinet solo, Bill Coleman.

Songs, Joan Tokar accompanied by the Melodaires.

Members of the Cooties and their auxiliary and entertainers traveled to Helena by special bus.

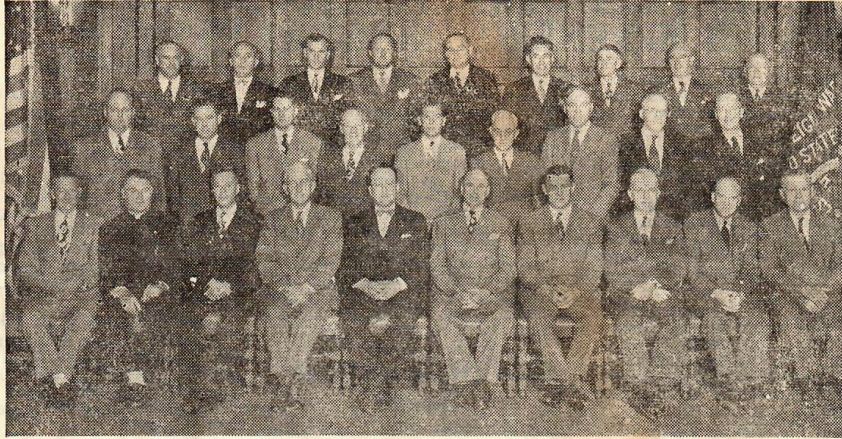
President Gore Wins Prize in Sidney Awards

No she didn't win first prize, a 1948 Studebaker two-door—that was won by Fred Moran, Medicine Lake, Montana. No she didn't win second prize, an aluminum tree saddle—that was won by Mrs. Chris Gäub, Sidney, Montana. And no she didn't win third prize, a Westinghouse Radio Phonograph combination—this beautiful prize was won by Henry Skjelvick, Watford City, N. Dak. But now we come to the last prize, number 4, a tailor-made men's or ladies' suit, and here is where Lela Gore's name was pulled out of the large wooden box by the blindfolded singer with the Williston town band.

If any of you see Lela with a new suit you might ask her where she got it.

The fact that three of the four prizes were won from outside Richland County, shows that the post worked hard on the sale of these tickets, and may in some measure explain why Post No. 4099 is one of the best if not the biggest in the State of Montana.

Give your Post Q.M. a break—pay your 1949 dues early!



Members of the National Council of Administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 9 and 10, were, front row, left to right, Surgeon General O. C. Pratz, Flint, Mich.; National Chaplain Max Matz, New Brighton, Minn.; Judge Advocate General James N. Hardin, Greeneville, Tenn.; Quartermaster General R. B. Handy, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Clyde A. Lewis, Plattsburg, N. Y.; Commander-in-Chief Lyall T. Beggs, Madison, Wis.; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles C. Ralls, Seattle, Wash.; Adjutant General H. N. Hensley, Topeka, Kan.; National Chief of Staff Merton B. Tice, Mitchell, S.D., and Past Commander-in-Chief Ray H. Brannaman, Lakewood, Colo. Second row, 1 to r, L. G. Taggart, Bakersfield, Calif., Dist. 12; L. J. Lofley, Abilene, Tex., Dist. 14; R. W. Gosnell, Spartanburg, S.C., Dist. 5; Jos. J. Jacques, Denver, Colo., Dist. 11; Wm. H. McBride, Baton Rouge, La., Dist. 15; John Walker Jones, Milwaukie, Ore., Dist. 13; O. G. Johnson, Irene, S.D., Dist. 9; Paul A. Benning, Terre Haute, Ind., Dist. 7; James F. Reynolds, Everett, Mass., Dist. 1. Rear row, 1 to r, E. W. Wimpee, Chattanooga, Tenn., Dist. 6; Jacob A. Latona, Buffalo, N.Y., Dist. 2; Charles B. Buscher, Silver Spring, Md., Dist. 4; Inspector General Sheldon F. deBaun, Asbury Park, N.J.; Past Commander-in-Chief Jean A. Brunner, New York, chairman, National Welfare and Service Committee; James E. Van Zandt, Altoona, Pa., Dist. 3; E. H. England, Libby, Mont., Dist. 10; Arthur Greig, River Rouge, Mich., Dist. 8, and Harold J. Hines, Mt. Ranier, Md., Robt. E. Peary Ship 427.

\$456,889 REDUCTION IN BUDGET MADE BY NATIONAL COUNCIL

Adoption of a \$1,694,169 operating budget for the 1948-49 fiscal year, approval of August 23 to September 2, inclusive, as dates for the Golden Jubilee Convention in Miami, Fla., next year, and reports of excellent progress in the 50th Anniversary membership drive, were highlights of the meeting of the National Council of Administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kansas City October 9-10.

The budget, as adopted, is \$456,889 under that for the previous year, the sharp reduction being due, in large part, to the by-law amendment approved at the St. Louis Encampment leaving the Departments the portion of admission fees formerly paid to National Headquarters. The council also was faced with the defeat at St. Louis of another by-law amendment which would have permitted delegates to the Encampment to vote an increase in per capita tax. The increase had been sought as a means of providing much-needed revenues to take care of increased operating costs.

In spite of decreased revenues, the Council was able, by thorough study of the entire program and careful adjustments throughout, to provide sufficient funds for all necessary activities without serious curtailment of any of the organization's normal functions.

Aside from the budget, the Council acted on several other matters of major importance. Among these was the proposed housing program referred to the Council by vote of delegates to the St. Louis Encampment.

The proposal, which would have provided for an appropriation of \$50,000 for organization and maintenance of a staff of experts to deal with the veteran housing problem, was studied carefully by the Council. It was agreed that the housing program could be handled adequately without additional personnel. The Commander-in-Chief was authorized to name a sub-committee of the Council to work with the National Legislative Committee to promote V.F.W. housing objectives.

Also considered by the Council was the so-called "Gray Report" to the Secretary of Defense advocating federalization of the National Guard. In the absence of a mandate from the National Encampment on this question, the question was referred to the National Security Committee for study and recommendations.

The Council adopted a resolution presented by the National Welfare and Service Committee "strongly recommending" that Congress remove from the appropriation of the Veterans Administration funds for purposes not directly related to veteran welfare. Included are appropriations for medical research and training programs conducted by the Veterans Administration, and for the retirement of personnel of Reserve and Regular components of the Armed forces.

It was the opinion of the Council that, with the constant threat of another "economy act" facing veterans throughout the nation, the Veterans Administration should not be charged with any expenditures beyond those legitimately chargeable to direct benefits to veterans.

The National Legislative and Rehabilitation services were directed

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to "use every effort to have appropriate legislation enacted," and other congressionally-chartered veteran organizations will be asked to lend their support to the proposal.

John Walker Jones, Portland, Ore., 13th District Council Member, made a report to the Council on administration of the funds collected from V.F.W. sources for relief work during the disastrous flood last spring in Oregon and other sections of the Northwest. Jones, who served as chairman of the Veterans' Disaster Committee, reported that, as of September 30, the committee had received contributions totaling \$77,331.91, and had disbursed \$17,278.87, leaving a balance on hand of \$60,053.04.

Contributions to the fund came from the following sources: National, \$57,883.29; Department of Oregon, \$9,224.32; Department of Washington, \$7,113.48; other Departments, \$1,481.72; Military Order of the Cootie, \$50; Disabled American Veterans, \$661.60, and individuals, \$897.50.

Jones stated that the committee would continue to disburse such funds as are needed for relief of members of the V.F.W. and the D.A.V. and their families. The Council approved his proposal that the balance remaining in the fund should become the nucleus of a permanent disaster relief fund to be disbursed through National Headquarters wherever needed.

Members of the Council stood and applauded the announcement of two outstanding Golden Jubilee gifts from the Ladies Auxiliary to the parent organization. These were an outright gift of \$25,000 cash from the Auxiliary to the V.F.W., and a pledge from the Auxiliary to obtain 50,000 new V.F.W. members as a 50th Anniversary "birthday" present. A resolution was adopted unanimously by the Council expressing appreciation to the Ladies Auxiliary for its outstanding contributions to the welfare of the V.F.W. over a long period of years.

Embodied in another resolution adopted by the Council was the demand that the Department of the Army make public all the facts in the trial and conviction of Ilse Koch, one of the top conspirators in the infamous Buchenwald concentration camp, and the subsequent drastic reduction of her sentence from life to four years.

Frau Koch was the wife of the camp director. It was she who allegedly caused the death of prisoners with tattoo marks and fashioned lamp shades from their skins. Should her sentence be reduced as recommended by a Military Government review board, she would be eligible for release almost immedi-

ately because of credit for time she has spent in prison since her arrest.

The resolution demanded that Congress be requested to make a full and open investigation, if the Department of the Army be unable or unwilling to make public all the facts in her case.

Another resolution adopted unanimously by the Council proposed that the United States carry out a new lend-lease program to provide arms, ammunition and other military supplies for the Western European powers.

The resolution reaffirmed the V.F.W.'s stand for a "positive attitude" by the U. S. in its relations with Soviet Russia, and asked that Congress implement such a program in order to "adequately equip a strong defense force capable of countering any aggressive move by the Soviet Union."

Beggs also announced that early membership reports from the various states give every indication that membership goals set for the Jubilee year would be exceeded. Many Departments sent telegrams during the Council meeting reporting excellent progress in launching of their Golden Jubilee membership campaigns.

Dates for the 1949 National Convention were approved after three representatives from the Department of Florida and the City of Miami had conferred with the Council and agreed upon arrangements for handling the convention. The Florida group was composed of Department Commander Herbert N. Evans, and two officials of the Miami Convention Committee, Past National Council Member Jack Skillman and William D. Joyce.

PUBLIC LAWS FOR VETERANS

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War II, who because of a disability incurred in military service is unable to perform the duties of a position for which he has taken a civil service examination to have his name entered on a list of eligibles for which like examinations are required without loss of seniority rights.

Public Law 838 (approved June 29 1948): Authorizes renewal of level premium term insurance under the National Service Life Insurance Act for a second five-year period.

Public Law 850 (approved June 30, 1948): Provides that postal employees separated from the field service under a war transfer to receive training preparatory to military duty shall be credited with service preceding the transfer as well as the time engaged in training and military services for purposes of salary classification.

Public Law 864 (approved July 1, 1948): The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to provide

a secondary market for veterans' home loan mortgages. The market is not to exceed \$840,000,000 and shall be limited to mortgages insured after April 30, 1948.

Public Law 868 (approved July 1, 1948): Increases the amount of wartime service-connected death compensation payable to dependents as follows: Widow but no child, \$75; widow with one child, \$100; for each additional child, \$15; no widow but one child, \$58; or two children, \$82, or three children, \$106, with \$20 for each additional child—total amount equally divided; one dependent parent, \$60; two dependent parents, \$35 each.

Public Law 876 (approved July 2, 1948): Rates of compensation for disabilities incurred in active military or naval service in peacetime shall be equal to 80 per cent of the rates payable for similar disabilities incurred in time of war.

Public Law 877 (approved July 2, 1948): Grants additional compensation to veterans who have a service-connected disability of not less than 60 per cent and who have dependents as follows: (first figure is wartime rate, but second figure is peacetime rate): (1) for total disability: wife but no child (\$21 or \$16.80); wife and one child (\$35 or \$28); wife and two children (\$45.50 or \$36.40); wife and three or more children (\$56 or \$44.80); no wife but one child (\$14 or \$11.20); two children (\$24.50 or \$19.60) and three or more children (35 or \$28), and in addition (\$17.50 or \$14 for each dependent parent); (2) for partial disability: An amount having the same ratio to the amount above as his disability bears to total disability.

(Copies of these Acts may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at 5 cents per copy, by check, money order, postal note; currency or coin at your risk; no postage stamps are accepted by the Government.)

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TO FORM INFANTRY RIFLE COMPANY

HELENA, Nov. 3.—An infantry rifle company of the Montana National Guard is planned for Havre, Brig. Gen. S. H. Mitchell, state adjutant general, said Tuesday.

However, Mitchell said formation of the company will not be completed "for sometime." Final plans will be made when suitable quarters and officer personnel become available.

**"Every Member
Get a Member"**

7,129 WORLD WAR II DEAD RETURNED FROM ITALY; MONTANA RELATIVES AWAIT HOMECOMING OF TWENTY

Remains of 7,129 Americans who lost their lives during World War II have been returned to the United States from Italy aboard the United States Army Transport Lawrence Victory, the Department of the Army announced today.

Armed forces dead originally interred in temporary military cemeteries in Italy are among those brought back to this country.

A total of 20 remains were returned upon instructions of next of kin residing in Montana.

The Army stated that next of kin are notified in advance of the arrival of the vessel, and notified again after arrival of the remains at the regional Distribution Centers of the American Graves Registration Service.

Under the program for final burial of World War II dead, next of kin may elect to have remains returned to the United States for burial in a private or national cemetery, or may request interment in a permanent American military cemetery overseas or a private cemetery in a foreign country which is the homeland of the deceased or of the next of kin.

Following is a list of remains returned at the request of next of kin residing in Montana, with rank, name, branch of service and next of kin:

S/Sgt. Donald L. Ames, Air Force, Howard Ames Savage, Mont.

Pvt. Alexander B. Badt, Army, Henry Badt, Jr., Box 3, Sidney.

S/Sgt. Roger H. Bair, Army, Mrs. May N. Bair, Wibaux.

Pvt. Henry Bow, Army Mrs. Agnes Hale, Brockton.

Second Lt. Clyde J. Casterline, Air Force, Clyde M. Casterline, 419 S. Idaho St., Dillon.

Cpl. Richard L. Dunham, Army, Ezekiel W. Dunham, Route 28 Kalispell.

Second Lt. Franklin W. Fisher, Army, Mrs. Rose F. Fisher, 330 S. 2nd street, Livingston.

Pfc. John Gruber, Army, Matt M. Gruber, 1028 5th Avenue, Havre.

Pvt. Clarence E. Hoffman, Air Force, Edward J. Hoffman, Route 1, 10th Avenue, S.W., Great Falls.

Cpl. Herbert G. MacLean, Jr., Army, Herbert G. MacLean 2323 Princeton Street, Butte.

Sgt. John R. McGee, Army, Mrs. Iva Burghduff, Ismay.

Pfc. Charles H. Miller, Army, Mrs. May Miller, Box 683, Miles City.

Sgt. Earl H. Moore, Army, Mrs. Belle Nicholson, Grass Range.

Pfc. Donald R. Nelson, Air Force, Charles E. Nelson, 805 E. Glendale Street, Dillon.

Sgt. Daniel D. Saylor, Army, Edward J. Saylor, Brusett.

S/Sgt. Fred J. Schumaker, Army, Mrs. Kate Schumaker, 716 N. 23rd Street, Billings.

Pfc. Lewis H. Search, Army, Lewis L. Search, Box 87, Whitefish.

Pvt. George A. Sparks, Army, George W. Sparks, Plevna.

S/Sgt. Frank L. Spindler, Air Force, Frank Spindler, Poplar.

First Lt. Glenn E. Waddell, Air Force, Charles A. Waddell, 111 Elm Drive, Billings.

SCHMELING DEFEATED IN BERLIN CONTEST

BERLIN, Nov. 1.—Max Schmeling, 43-year-old former world's heavy-weight champion, lost a slow 10-round decision here to Richard Vogt of Hamburg, German light heavy-weight champion and then announced "this is my last fight."

A thoroughly-chilled crowd of nearly 25,000 saw the bout in an outdoor arena in the British sector of the city. Schmeling weighed 194, Vogt 187.

It was so cold and raw the fighters had to keep covered between rounds.

Vet Students Can Still Hold Part Time Jobs

HELENA.—The Fort Harrison regional office reminds veterans that they may draw full veterans administration subsistence pay while attending school under the G.I. Bill and still hold part-time jobs if their total income does not exceed limits set by the government.

Authorized income ceilings, the VA said, are \$210 monthly for veterans without dependents, \$270 for veterans with a single dependent, and \$290 for veterans with more than one dependent.

Women Organize Cootiette Club

Thirteen Butte women were initiated in September into the newly organized Copper Hill Cootiette club, an auxiliary to the Cooties.

Members are Pearl Doherty, Etta Reardon, Lucille Luitke, Mary Young, Abbie Spencer, Sadie Belveal, Nellie Penhale, Marjorie Stewart, Mary Skoog, Betty Sullivan, Esther Gessner, Edith Budreck and Marjorie Dunstan. The club was organized by Floyd Stewart, seam squirrel, who also presided at the initiation. Following the ceremony, initiates were entertained at a dinner in Meaderville.

GEMS, RARE TREASURES BROUGHT HOME BY VET IN TRADE FOR SMOKES

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Nov. 8.—A veteran army sergeant told incredulous police officials Sunday how he parlayed 1,500 cartons of cigarettes into a small fortune in jewels, furniture paintings and an automobile in Austria.

Police Chief I. B. Bruce identified him as M/Sgt. Wiley C. Walters, 40. He arrested him and his wife, Marian, 42, for investigation after finding the articles at the couple's home.

"He has a good army record and has violated no state laws," Bruce said, "but we're notifying the Treasury Department so it can investigate and see if any law was violated in bringing the items into this country."

Bruce valued the jewels at \$10,000 and said the other items were worth "at least \$10,000 more."

Included Bruce said, were rings, pendants, a diamond-studded watch, brooches, a Fiat car, a grand piano, antiques, oil paintings, and six French poodles—the latter flown from France.

"You could get anything for a carton of cigarettes in Austria," Bruce quoted Walters as saying.

The veteran police chief told this story:

After serving in the Pacific and winning three presidential citations, Walters was sent to Vienna in February 1946. His wife followed in October. Walters obtained from the United States 1,500 cartons of cigarettes which he traded. They returned to the United States in August, 1948, and returned with the articles as their household possessions.

Walters was discharged at Lowry Field Sept. 14, and re-enlisted at Peterson Field here the next day.

Last week, Mrs. Walters took a ring to a local jeweler and offered to sell it. The jeweler appraised it at \$2,000 and notified police.

Later, the jeweler went to the couple's home and saw their other treasures. Bruce, after being told of the contents of the modest cottage arrested the two Saturday.

Walters said he had been in the army 15 years. He was born in Calhoun county, Fla., Bruce said, but considers Pueblo, Colo., as his home now.

Publicize your post and club room for the benefit of visiting comrades in your town. It's a convenience to them and good advertising for you to welcome members of the organization. It is a good neighbor policy to extend hospitality.

Visit These Montana V.F.W. Posts

• POST 1551 — HARLOWTON

Jack MacLeod Post, Where the Spirit of Comradeship Prevails! Club Room Open 10 a. m. to 2 a. m., Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of Each Month. We Extend a Hearty Welcome to All Comrades

• POST 4067 — MALTA

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday Every Month at City Hall; Club Room Open From 12:00 p. m. to 2:00 a. m.

Emil O. Ronning

• POST 4047 — FORT BENTON

Meetings 3rd Tuesday, 8 p. m., each month; Club open from 12:00 M. to 2:00 a. m.; visiting comrades welcome.

Fritz Nyquist

• POST 2944 — FROID

Meetings 2nd Tuesday every month; Refreshments served after each meeting; Every member bring a member.

• POST 3596 — PLAINS

Meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, V.F.W. Club; open 12 M. to 2 a. m.

• POST 3167 — GLASGOW

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursdays; Veterans Club, 105 4th Street North; Club Room Open from 2 p. m. to 2 a. m.

• POST 903 — BOZEMAN

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 20 South Black; Club Room Open From 12:00 Noon to 1:00 a. m.

• POST 7621 — THREE FORKS

Olin Douglas Hacker; Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays at V.F.W. Club

• POST 497 — HAVRE

Meetings: 1st Tuesday and 3rd Friday 8 p. m.; Club Room Open From 10 a. m. to 2 a. m., 312 First Street

• POST 1116 — HELENA

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 No. Jackson; Club Room Open From 10:00 a. m. to Midnight, 5 N. Main

• POST 4163 — DILLON

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, I.O.O.F. Hall, 8:00 p. m.



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Herbert Sommers

• POST 1125 — GLENDIVE

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of Every Month; Club Opened From 11 a. m. to 1 a. m. Every Day. We Would Appreciate Seeing and Meeting V.F.W. Members From Other Posts

Snake Butte

• POST 4744 — HARLEM

Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month. Club room open 8:00 p. m. till 2:00 a. m. Across from G. N. Depot.

• POST 1579 — MILES CITY

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p. m., Eagles Hall

• POST 1087 — GREAT FALLS

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 111 Tenth St., South

• POST 2252 — KALISPELL

Glacier Park Post, 111 Main Street. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of Each Month. Club Rooms Open 10 a. m. to 12 p. m. Visiting Comrades Welcome

• POST 7655 — CONRAD

Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursdays, V.F.W. Club; Club Rooms open 10 a. m. to 2 a. m.

West Side

• POST 5590 — GREAT FALLS

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at West Side Community Hall. V.F.W. Club, 527 Central Ave. W. Open Daily

• POST 1876 — ANACONDA

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays, Veterans Hall, 118 Main St. Club Room Open from 10 a. m. to 2 a. m.

Mission Range

• POST 5652 — RONAN

Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays; one block North of Post Office, in V.F.W. Club; Club Rooms open 12:00 M. to 2:00 a. m. We extend a cordial invitation to all comrades.

• POST 209 — MISSOULA

Meetings, 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month; Club Rooms open, 12:00 p. m. to 2:00 a. m., in basement of Pries Hotel.

• POST 2986 — POLSON

Fullerton Post. Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, I.O.O.F. Hall, Bill Fitzgerald, Commander. Club Room Open From 11 a. m. to 2 a. m. A Cordial Welcome To All Visiting Comrades

• POST 1634 — BILLINGS

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Fridays of Each Month, 8 p. m., V.F.W. Veterans Club, 14 No. 29th Street. Club Room Open From 10 a. m. to 2 a. m.

• POST 1448 — BUTTE

Meetings: Every Monday, 8 p. m., 202 South Arizona Street. Club Room open From 12 m. to 12 p. m. Daily

• POST 3997 — CHESTER

Meetings: 1st Thursday of Each Month. Club Room Open From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• POST 1548 — LIBBY

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, V.F.W. Club. Club Room Open From 9:00 a. m. to Midnight

Lion Mountain

• POST 276 — WHITEFISH

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of Each Month, 8 p. m., V.F.W. Club, 133 Central Ave. We Would Be Glad to Have You Visit Us

• POST 3648 — BASIN

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday, at 8 p. m., V.F.W. Hall

PAST V.F.W. DEPT. COM. BONNER ELECTED GOVERNOR OF MONTANA

Past Dept. Com. John W. Bonner, 46-year-old Helena lawyer, will move with his wife and five children into the Governor's mansion in January as a result of his victory as democratic candidate for governor in the Nov. 2 general election.

Montana's new first family includes four girls and a boy. The oldest Bonner girl is 18-year-old Josephine, who is a freshman at Montana State university. The other girls are Virginia, 16; Pat, 13, and Wilma, six. Tom Bonner is just 18 months old.

The governorship isn't the first public office that Montana voters have given to Bonner. In 1940 they elected him attorney general. He resigned that office in 1942 to enter the Army as a major. Bonner had been a reserve officer after taking ROTC training at Montana State university. He was discharged from the Army with a colonel's rank.

Bonner served as Commander of the V.F.W. Department of Montana from 1947 to 1948. He also served on the National V.F.W. committee which investigated veterans' housing problems in Washington, D. C., last year.

As Governor, Bonner will be the first native of Montana who graduated from state public schools to be-

come Governor and the first veteran of any war ever elected to that office.

Bonner is a native of Butte, but was reared on the Flathead reservation. His family moved to the Flathead when it was first opened to settlement and he attended public schools there. For his last year of high school, Bonner transferred to Butte public high school.

While Bonner was serving overseas during the recent war, his father, P. J. Bonner, died. The mother of the newly-elected governor lives in Missoula with a daughter.

Bonner began his law practice in Butte in 1928 after graduating from Montana State university law school. In 1929 he moved to Helena to serve as an attorney for the state highway commission. Later he acted as attorney for the state board of railroad commissioners.

The Governor-elect helped organize and became the first president of the Montana law school alumni association. He was the youngest president ever to be elected to the State Bar association.

Post. Auxiliary Activities Listed For Beaverhead

In observance of Armistice Day, Lloyd Whipple Post No. 4163, V.F.W., and Beaverhead Post No. 20, American Legion, presented an Armistice Day program Thursday morning at the Beaverhead County high school auditorium. A large crowd was in attendance. Throughout the day the dugout was maintained at quarters in the city hall. Starting at 7:00 o'clock in the evening the veterans organizations enjoyed a turkey buffet dinner followed by dancing and special musical entertainment. In addition to post members and their partners, members of the auxiliaries and eligible members were present. Many Gold Star Mothers and Fathers were honor guests of the occasion.

A sturdy wheelchair, purchased through proceeds received by Lloyd Whipple Post auxiliary for sponsoring the sale of subscriptions to the "Western Farm Life," is now available for use free of charge to individuals of Beaverhead county who may need it. President Ruth Smith has informed the local doctors and the hospital of its availability, and great appreciation has been expressed.

Commander Robert Jackson of Big Hole Basin Post No. 9040 has announced that two turkey shoots are to be conducted at Jackson Nov. 14

England Air Base Again Active With G.I.'s

U. S. AIR FORCE BASE, BURTONWOOD, England.—Like an old clock that suddenly resumes ticking, this big wartime base has burst into activity again with the return of G.I.'s to keep Uncle Sam's expanding European force in top shape.

More than 2,000 United States troops, most of them veterans of World War II, have been poured in here in order to set up the 59th air depot to service and maintain American aircraft in England and on the continent.

For the G.I.'s who sailed into Liverpool aboard uncrowded troopships after a serene and sunny crossing, it was a far different deal than the makeshift arrangements encountered by the arrivals in the early 40's.

The newcomers just moved into the colonies of rounded Nissen huts beside the long air strips, near the big hangars and squat workshops which sprawl over 47 square miles of drab Lincolnshire countryside.

In some ways, it was like returning to a deserted village, one suddenly evacuated with the doors slammed shut, just as they were closed when the Air Force personnel pulled out for the States when the war ended.

An advance guard had done the dirty work. Dusting, Stoking up the coal bins. Seeing that the little round stoves are still functioning. Fixing the plumbing. Dealing out blankets and a hundred and one other essential chores. For some, it was really a homecoming. Sgt. Michael W. McKenna of Carthage, N. Y., was stationed here during the war.

The G.I.'s have one gripe—and a big one. They want their wives over here. It's the favorite topic among the troops.

"Any gum, chum?" are common words now on the streets of neighboring industrial Warrington. It's one of the welcome signs for the returning troops. It's matched by the friendly smiles of the English people. But it's not always easy to keep that smile turned on.

And food. Right now, that's a sore spot with both officers and men. The troops draw British rations.

and 21 by the V.F.W. unit in cooperation with the Jackson Gun Club. The auxiliary will serve lunch at these shoots.

Members of Lloyd Whipple post were hosts to its auxiliary and eligible members at a social meeting Friday night, Oct. 29, at the I.O.O.F. hall. Moving pictures, dancing and cards were enjoyed, concluded by the serving of a delicious luncheon with Comrade John Wenger in charge of the refreshments.

Program of Repatriation To Continue

OGDEN, Utah.—Next of kin in Montana were assured continuous and efficient service in the repatriation of World War II deceased by Col. Frank C. Holbrook, commanding officer, Utah General Depot, Ogden.

"Even though the American Graves Registration distribution center at this depot is scheduled to close next January, the program will continue until all requests of next of kin have been met," Colonel Holbrook said.

He explained that six distribution centers in the United States are being closed as an economic measure since the program is nearing a close. Six other distribution centers will be maintained by the Memorial Division of the Quartermaster Corps until the repatriation of war dead is completed, sometime late in 1949.

War dead now being returned through the Utah distribution center will be processed by centers in San Francisco and Chicago after January, Colonel Holbrook explained. It is estimated that only 37,000 war dead, scheduled to be returned to the United States, will still be overseas after January 1, he said.