

RANKIN VETERANS' PENSION BILL IS KILLED 208 TO 207

WASHINGTON, March 24. — In a final jittery flip-flop ballot, the House today killed the Rankin Veterans' Pension Bill by a one margin vote. The death stroke was administered on the initiative of a World War II veteran.

The sudden end to Representative John E. Rankin's effort to put across his multi-billion-dollar measure climaxed three days of quarrelsome debate during which the House members changed their votes five times before shelving the bill.

On the showdown the tally was 208 to 207 to send the riddled legislation back to the Veterans Committee for "further study." That group, headed by the fiery Mississippi Democrat, possibly might try to redraft a veterans aid bill for later consideration, but Rankin, himself, indicated no such effort was in prospect.

"That kills this legislation for this Congress," he said. Stalks From Chamber And as he stalked, red faced from the chamber, Rankin told a reporter: "They were organized against us and ran over us."

When Rankin confidently brought his pension bill before the House Tuesday it was drafted to provide \$90 a month for veterans of both World Wars when they reached the age of 65, regardless of their financial needs. But by the time the final rejection vote was tallied, the measure was so weighted with amendments that even its author could scarcely recognize it.

It was a combat veteran, Representative Olin E. Teague, of College Station, Texas, who set off the legislative machinery to halt the Rankin Bill.

National Essay Contest Will Be Held By Grange

Odell Whittington, master of Reddies River Grange, announced at the last meeting a nationwide essay contest on "Conservation of our Soil Resources," to be conducted by the National Grange and American Plant Food Council, beginning March 15 and extending through June 15.

State and National prizes totaling \$15,000 for young men and women through 20 years of age will be awarded.

"The contest," Mr. Whittington said, "is open to any young man or woman, regardless of Grange membership, who will not be more than 20 on June 15. All entries in this area should be sent to Reddies River Subordinate Grange, Reddies River, N. C., for processing by June 15."

Brannan Heads Judges Mr. Whittington, further explained that Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan is chairman of the National Board of Judges, which includes Dr. Hugh Bennett, chief, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. D. A., Mrs. Malcolm Byrnes, president, National Home Demonstration Council, Ethel, La.; Dr. W. T. Sparton, chief Agricultural Education Service United States offices of Education; and Dr. M. L. Wilson, Director of Extension Work, U. S. D. A.

The following National and State Prizes are offered by the American Plant Food Council:

National—first prize, a 1949 Buick Super 4-door sedan automobile; second prize, a Chevrolet 4-door sedan; third prize, \$750 in cash; and fourth prize, \$250 in cash.

State—first prize, \$150 in cash; second, \$75; and third, \$50

Contest Explained Mr. Whittington explained that each entrant's treatment of conservation principles "may be based on information from textbooks, bulletins, motion pictures, interviews or personal experience but practical application of the subject to the land in the community, state or nation will be given special consideration in the judging of each paper."

Entries must not exceed 800 words and will be judged on the basis of 55 points for effectiveness, 20 points for originality, 15 for practical application of subject matter, and 10 for grammatical correctness.

Veterans Invited Into The Legion

Thirty years ago the 15th-17th of March, 1919, the first meeting of World War I soldiers, sailors, and marines was held in Paris, France, to form an organization to preserve in memory and records the incidents of the war just terminated and for the promulgation of laws beneficial to men who suffered disability while in service.

This meeting resulted in The American Legion, the organization of which was completed in St. Louis, Mo. in May, 1919. National and state headquarters were set up and the local posts organized. It is not a 'Secret Order' and neither is it a partisan political outfit.

Purposeful, serious, steadfast men joined, with the aim to help secure from the government benefits for the Veterans; adequate hospitals and treatment for the wounded and diseased men returning from service and to compensate these men for their loss of earning ability with monetary

benefits, as well.

Honorably discharged veterans, men and women, and those now in service who served from December 7, 1941, to September 8, 1945, are eligible for membership in The American Legion and are cordially invited to join.



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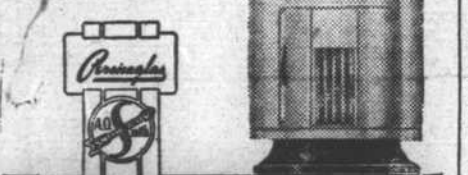
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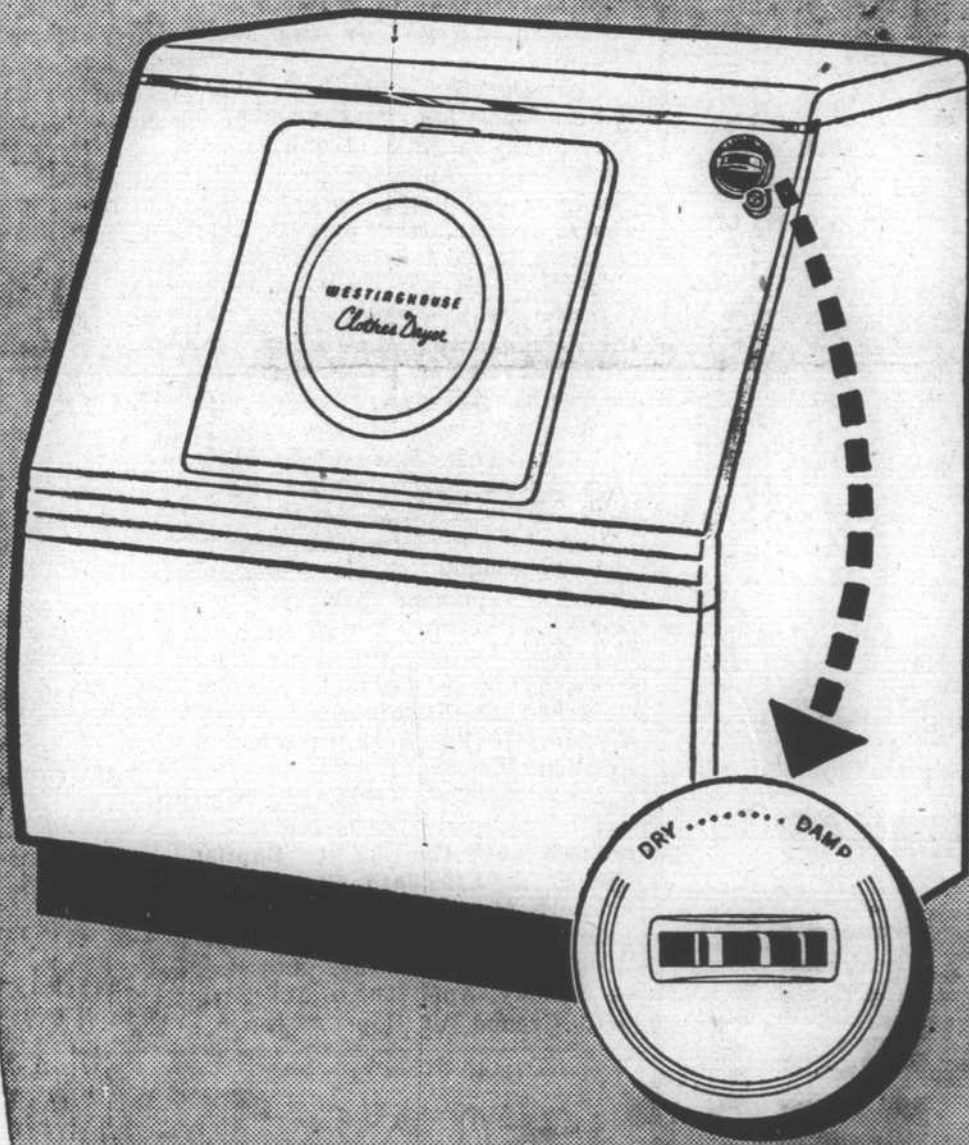
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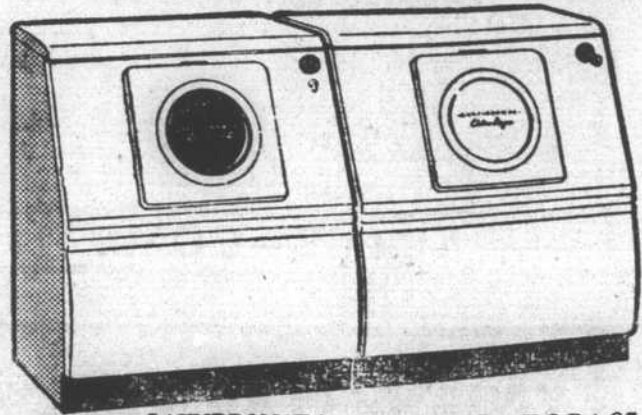
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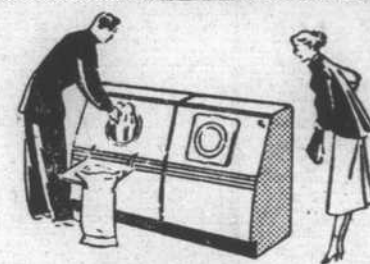
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