

War Veterans' Compensation Figures High

Washington, Feb. 13—War veterans and their dependents and heirs collected \$6,495,232,236 in benefits in the fiscal year ending last June 30, the Veterans Administration said.

That was roughly \$1,000,000,000 less than in the record-breaking 1946-47 fiscal year, but about \$2,000,000,000 more than in 1945-46 and \$4,000,000,000 more than in 1944-45.

Wars as long as a century ago still are being paid for through pensions.

The agency's annual report showed that for the year ending June 30, 1948, compensation or pension benefits for 2,918,325 veterans totaled \$1,827,641,507.

Of the amount, \$1,442,673,678 went to 2,315,039 living veterans, the rest to the heirs of 603,286 deceased veterans.

The 1947-48 compensation and pension payments, as to wars and number of veterans involved:

World War I—714,536 living veterans, \$974,139,086; dead veterans, 241,362, \$175,912,179.

World War II—449,609 living veterans, \$317,396,870; dead veterans, 252,626, \$154,444,088.

Regular establishment—Living, 43,438, \$23,378,857; dead, 13,513, \$6,226,601.

Spanish-American War—Living, 106,698, \$126,906,930; dead, 77,336, \$38,190,878.

Civil War—Living, 49, \$94,491; dead, 16,323, \$8,924,774.

Indian Wars—Living, 710, \$757,444; dead, 2,090, \$1,135,869.

Mexican War—\$22,440 to the heirs of 36 veterans.

The Veterans Administration also paid \$1,615,229,546 in subsistence allowances and \$873,654,406 in tuition and equipment for 2,213,382 veterans studying in schools and colleges under the G. I. bill, and \$265,298,233 in subsistence allowances for 237,382 veterans in vocational rehabilitation.

Readjustment allowances—Also known as unemployment pay—totaled \$552,370,869 for unemployed veterans and \$124,884,995 for veterans unprofitably self-employed.

Other VA payments of the year included: Military and naval insurance, \$5,312,826; National Service life insurance, \$266,305,175; automobiles and other conveyances for disabled veterans, \$9,898,579; construction, \$16,980,326.

YES WOMAN

They were standing before a large painting entitled "Echo" in an art museum.

"I suppose," said one man, "It is appropriate to depict Echo as a woman, because she always has the last word."

"On the other hand," returned the second man, "an echo speaks only when spoken to."

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EXECUTORS' NOTICE

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McDowell County

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Lillie Belle Huffman, deceased, late of McDowell County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of February, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 17th day of February, 1949.

J. C. RAYBURN,
Executor of the Estate of
Lillie Belle Huffman, deceased.

Library Notes



BY ALICE BRYAN
County Librarian

"It is curious how tyrannical the habit of reading is, and what shifts we make to escape thinking. There is no bore we dread being left alone with as much as our own minds."—from "A Moorehead Journal" by James Russell Lowell.

February, the month of famous birthdays, has been of special interest, for more than Valentine reasons, to the young people of this county. The birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington have been observed in many ways, and almost all of the library books about these two presidents have been checked out to children in the elementary grades. In many states the anniversary of the birth of James Russell Lowell is observed along with Washington's on February 22. Among other famous people born in February are Mark Hopkins, Aaron Burr, Charles Dickens, William Henry Harrison, Melville W. Fuller, Thomas Alva Edison, Cushing Eells, Joseph Jefferson, Emma Willard, William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Ann Lee, and Chester William Nimitz.

The many young people who have requested Mark Twain's books will want to read our new copies of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn". These two books were given to the library by Mr. W. L. Somers. They are beautifully illustrated in color and pen and ink sketches by the illustrator Donald McKay.

Nancy McCall, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. McCall, has been enjoying her library visits. Now she has her own library card. Nancy's first library books were "Playtime" by Snow and "How the Rabbit Fooled the Whale and the Elephant" by Williams.

The new names added to our registration files include: Florence June Black, Pete Clark, Mrs. Ruby Conner, Mrs. M. T. Elliott, Mrs. W. W. Elliott, Sr., Barney Joe Freeman, W. M. Haley, Polly Hall, Theodore

A. Heers, Mrs. R. C. Hoppes, Fuce Hughes, Nancy McCall, Mrs. R. M. McGalliard, Martha Jo Manett of Hartwell, Georgia, Mrs. F. L. Mason, Martha Mauney, Ed Parker, Jon Rabb, Frank Robinson, Billy Rowland, Mrs. Daphne Scott, Mrs. H. O. Williams of Charlotte, N. C., and Mrs. Mabel Young.

AMONG THE NEW BOOKS:

"High Towers" by Thomas Costain—Historical romance of the adventures of the fabulous Le Moyne Family of Montreal who became the heroes of French Canada and founded the city of New Orleans.

"The Madrone Tree" by David Duncan—Mystery.

"Panthers' Moon" by Victor Canning—Story of Roger Quain, an Elizabethan adventurer in the 20th century, a man drawn irresistibly to danger; of a girl whose spirit matched his own; and of a hunt, savage and superb, as the hunters became the hunted.

"The Heat of the Day" by Elizabeth Bowen—Story of Stella Rodney, a remarkable woman who loves a man about whose life away from her she knows so little. An important government official in England, Robert is doing things about which he cannot tell her. Warned by an unpleasant man, full of mysteriously obtained information, to drop Robert, Stella at last finds herself attempting to believe that what is true about Robert is not true.

Two new sports stories will be welcomed by our many readers of elementary and high school age. "High Pockets" by John R. Tunis is the story of a baseball player, right fielder for the Dodgers, from Bryson City, N. C. "A Touchdown For Doc" by Marion Renick will be enjoyed by readers nine to eleven years old. This lively, amusing football story is also an introduction to six-man football and contains a special section on the rules for the game.

"Luke Baldwin's Vow" by Morley Callahan—Story of fourteen-year-old Luke Baldwin, who when he is orphaned by the death of his kind doctor-father, becomes the ward of his practical-minded Uncle Henry and makes friends with the uncle's old collie dog, Dan, who was once a prize show dog.

"A Touch of Parsley" by May Worthington Eells—Career story of young Home Economist in business. All teen-age girls will enjoy this story of Lucy Chapin.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Many times a year the people turn to the Red Cross . . . Once a year the Red Cross turns to the people."—President Truman.

Happy Birthday

Many happy returns of the day to the following persons whose birthdays occur during the coming week:

February 24: Bobbie White, George Knisley, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless, Mrs. Sara Margaret Giles, Dorothy Mae Norton.

February 25: Mrs. W. D. Lonon, Barbara Jean Fisher, Harriet James, Jule Devayne Moore, Bobby R. McNeill.

February 26: Mrs. A. F. Wagner, Mrs. Ray Cilne.

February 27: L. D. Atkins, Jr., Mrs. Hudson Brown, Mrs. Walter Cooper, Raymond Hawkins, Mrs. Roy W. Davis, Frances Cheek, Daniel C. Shuford, Shirley Ann Harvey.

February 28: Mrs. C. R. McCall, Alfred Weeks, Edward Washburn, Ned Dobson, Boyd Rutherford Woody Greene.

March 1: Mrs. Albert Shiflet, Will Cuthbertson, Mrs. G. N. Rose.

March 2: J. H. L. Miller, Mrs. C. B. Morgan, Bonnie Jean Davis, Mrs. Horace Norton, Mrs. M. G. Sparks, Mrs. J. E. Keever.

March 3: Mrs. G. S. Kirby, Jr., Dean Tainter, J. B. Walker, Floyd Withrow, A. W. Isaacs, Maggie Rutherford.

BARGAIN DAY

Angus: "You know the difference between the taxi and the bus?"
She: "No."
Angus: "Fine we'll just take the bus."

GREATEST GIFT

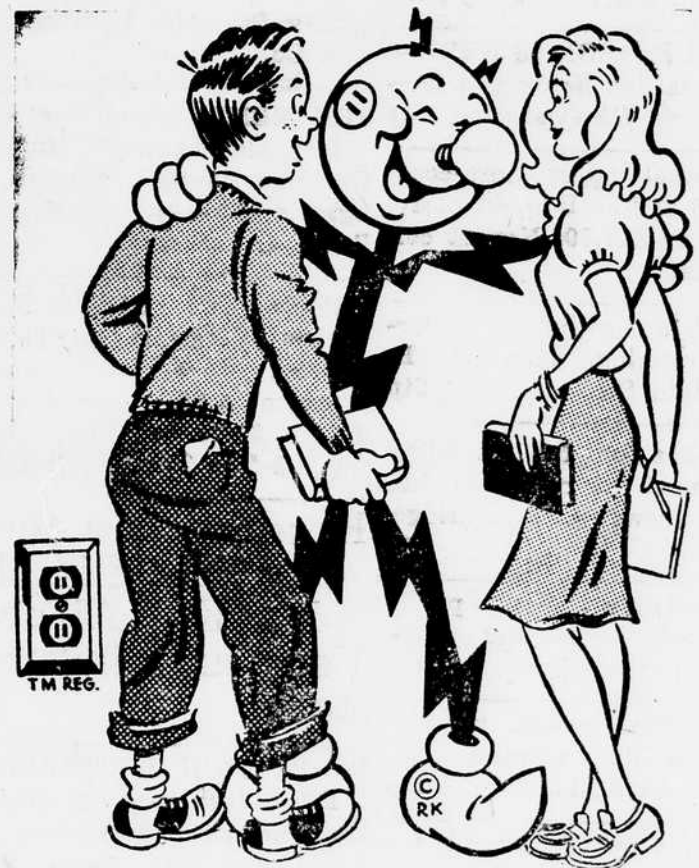
The \$785,000,000 contributed to the American Red Cross during the fund campaign of 1942-1945 represents the greatest freewill offering in history.

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