

National Anthem Cannot Be Enforced

A national anthem cannot be "enforced," prominent patriots and music lovers have ruled in answer to an inquiry conducted by the Woman's Home Companion.

"If a national song cannot hold its place in the hearts of a people without wire-pulling and legislative decree, it is not truly the expression of a country," Helen Tufts Bailie replied on behalf of the women of the country. Such an anthem, written at any given period in the development of a nation and established merely by law, is useless, the symposium brings out.

"Times change—the national mood changes," the women's jury decided. "Americans in each succeeding generation will cherish these songs which seem best to express both old traditions and new aspirations. An act of Congress might compel the performance of a certain song on public occasions, but it can never force the people to keep genuinely alive a song that they do not like."

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NEW COMPENSATION LAW NOW IN FORCE

Features of Recent Legislation By Congress for Relief of Disabled Vets

Payment of pensions and compensation to disabled World war veterans on new claims or on claims once turned down is now possible under the act passed by Congress on July 3, according to information received by officials of the American Legion here.

Passage of the bill does not in any way affect those having compensation claims filed, not those already drawing compensation except to add to the compensation in some cases.

Some Now Payable

In some cases pensions to disabled World war veterans are now payable. Veterans who are to receive pensions must be permanently disabled. Also, pension will only be paid to veterans when compensation is not payable.

Pensions will be based on the following scale of disability; \$12 per month for being 25 per cent disabled; \$18 per month for being 50 per cent disabled; \$24 per month for being 75 per cent disabled and \$40 per month for total disability.

No payment will be paid for disability of less than 25 per cent.

In order to be eligible for pension the person must have enlisted prior to November 11, 1918 and must have served at least 90 days during the World war.

Cites Some Conditions

Another provision is that this disability must not be the result of his own willful misconduct.

Persons applying for pensions who have paid federal income tax for the year preceding the filing of the application will not be entitled to the disability allowance.

The new law also provides that an additional \$25 per month shall be paid for the loss of one or more feet or hands from an injury received in active service in line of duty between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918.

For persons who served in Russia, this date is extended to April 1, 1920.

Remove Time Limit

A minimum rating of 25 per cent disability will be allowed for cases of arrested tuberculosis when combined with other ratings. Explaining this, Burns said that if a man had a \$60 a month rating for the amputation of a leg and also had arrested tuberculosis due to service that he would be entitled to an additional rating to cover the tuberculosis.

One of the most important changes allowed by the new law is that the time limits on filing claims and evidence have been removed.

Until the passage of the law, the last day for making application for compensation was April 1, this year.

Chicago Firm Owner of Half-Mile Railway

One of the smallest railroads in the world is owned and operated by a Chicago printing firm, the Chicago Association of Commerce announces. The railroad, about a half mile in length, boasts one locomotive, which during one recent month made enough hauls to aggregate nearly 800 freight cars.

More Contracts to Be Awarded for Route 173

The long fight of town and county officials to complete Route 173, the Zion to Rockford road, will reach another stage in actual construction during the fall when contracts will be let for some more of the sections, it was learned through R. M. Lobdell, county superintendent of highways, and Supervisor William A. Rosing of Antioch.

Practically all of the rights-of-way have been obtained.

As much preliminary work as possible will be completed during the fall and it is hoped by officials to clear away the balance during the early spring.

Two important engineering feats, the construction of bridges over the Fox river and Channel Lake, are to be undertaken in the route that will have two other bridges besides these major ones.

But one detour remains in Route 59 and this is near Ingleside, it was reported.

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