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Surviving dependent relatives (husband, wife, children, mother, father, brothers and sisters) of a service man or woman who died or who shall die hereafter from service-connected causes incurred between Sept. 15, 1940 and June 30, 1946 shall be paid a sum equal to the difference between what he has received and \$500.

How much will all of this cost the Michigan taxpayer?

The Michigan Public Expenditure survey estimates the bill at \$343,000,000. It believes that the general fund will be called upon to supply \$31,500,000 as an ADDD amount to the \$270,000,000 bond issue. The \$42,000,000 interest cost rounds out the all-order sum.

In presenting this information, we wish to remind our readers that this column predicted Nov. 5 adoption of the veterans' bonus. We have presented the pros and cons of the sales tax diversion amendment; the "pros" consisting of a statement from the Michigan Education Association and the "cons" consisting of views of the late Van Wagner, and practically all state officials from Governor Kelly down.

Lansing state officials were near unanimous in their opposition to the amendment.

Citizens of the capital city, where substantial building is proposed to house the state's many departments and services, voted two to one against the amendment. The state building program must be radically reduced.

While it may be early to arrive at conclusions, all signs at present point to the likelihood that the state legislature will enact NEW taxes or will INCREASE present taxes in its 1947 general session.

It is agreed at the capitol that the financial pinch may not come immediately in 1947. The state could get along fairly well for a while, utilizing reserves and balances now available in the state treasury.

For example, one of these reserves is a \$50,000,000 veterans' fund which was created by the Legislature back in 1943, "for the purpose of liquidating Michigan's obligations, after the termination of the war, to its returning servicemen, their widows or dependents." This fund was made possible by the state surplus of revenues over expenditures during the war boom.

It was the original thinking of state legislators, back in 1943, that this reserve fund would take care of the needs of veterans in the immediate post-war years and that the question of a state bonus could be postponed until Congress arrived at a decision of whether a federal bonus was going to be paid. Congress has already authorized more than \$12.5 BILLIONS in federal expenditures for GI benefits; a federal bonus is certain to be considered in the near future.

If the imposition of NEW or INCREASED taxes collides with the promised 1947 "recession," the problem will become more acute than ever.

Instead of reducing the state sales tax from 3 to 2½ per cent, as Sigler suggested during the fall campaign, he may have to ask for an increase in this or other taxes at a time when pocketbooks are already badly pinched to cover the rising cost of living.

Of course, a legal way out would be for the state supreme court to hold the new amendment invalid. A suit is sure to be filed by someone.

One thing is sure. Lansing is going to have quite a show!

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By COLLIER



Army Retirement System Explained In Discussion

A meeting between Colonel Walter C. Cole, Commanding Officer of the Michigan Recruiting District #403 Federal Building, Detroit 26, Michigan, and a representative of a large National Life Insurance Company, developed into a long discussion of how much it would cost a man to retire at the ages of 40 and 50 on the basis of the retirement fund set up for enlisted men serving 20 or 30 years of honorable duty in the Army.

Using an average enlisted age of 20, these figures were taken from the insurance company's standard rate and data book. The annual premiums shown are the amount of money a civilian would have to invest each year at 2 per cent compound interest to have the required amount ready in 20 or 30 years.

A Staff sergeant serving 20 years of honorable service is entitled upon retirement to \$74.75 monthly; an annuity payable equal that figure would cost \$16.71 yearly, or over a 20 year period, \$22,719.00. The 30 year retirement fund amounts to \$129.35 and would cost a civilian \$76.50 a year, or a total premium of \$31,837.00.

A Technical sergeant's retirement fund at 20 years amounts to \$87.75 monthly, or in private life it would be necessary to save \$1,012.33 yearly, or a total premium of \$30,370.00, in order to be assured of a monthly income to equal a Technical sergeant's retirement pay. Under the 30 year honorable service plan, this man would receive a sum of \$151.88 upon retiring at the age of 50. To equal this sum which the Government provides free to the enlisted man, it would be necessary to invest \$903.53 yearly at 2 per cent compound interest for 30 years, or a

total of \$27,273.00.

The first graders, Master sergeant or First sergeant, are eligible for \$107.25 at the end of 20 years of honorable service. A civilian annuity policy to equal this figure has an annual premium of \$2,115.50, or a paid up policy value of \$52,429.00. The 30 year retirement pay is \$185.63 monthly. To insure a monthly life income of this amount at the age of 50, it would be necessary to invest \$1,043.32 yearly or the cash to purchase this security at the age of 50 would be \$49,500.00. As Colonel Cole pointed out, this is only one of the advantages of joining the new, peace-time regular Army; and the insurance company's representative agreed that a young man looking for a career today would do well to take advantage of these splendid opportunities.

For further details of the advantages offered, stop in at your local Army Recruiting Station or office located at 53½ W. Huron St., Pontiac.

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Following the usual order of service there will be a brief period in which members of the congregation may express their gratitude for healings and other help which they have received during the past year.

The Golden Text from Colossians (3:15) is appropriate for the occasion and reads: "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts to which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

The Bible citations include: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful to him, and bless his name" (Psalms 100: 1, 4).

Among the citations from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, will be the following: "Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech" (p. 3).

Prefab homes should be taking care of 30,000 families by January 1, according to a recent prediction. The anticipated production of 30,000 homes is said to be only about 20 per cent of what the manufacturers could turn out.

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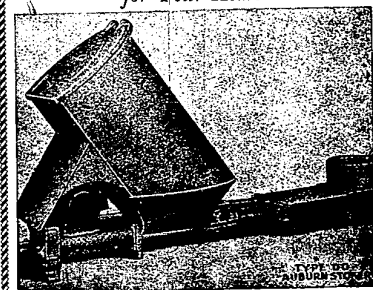
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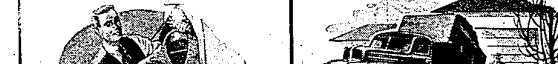
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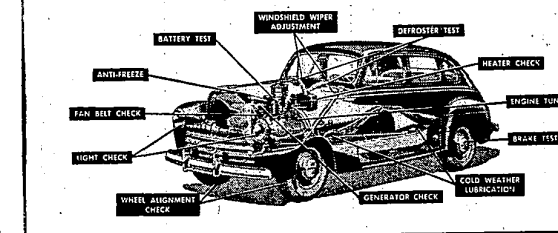
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