annum" and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "The salary of the chief judge shall be $13,500 per annum and the salary of each associate judge shall be $13,000 per annum."

SEC. 3. Section 6 of said Act of April 1, 1942, is amended by striking out the words "The salary of the chief judge shall be $9,500 per annum and the salary of each associate judge shall be $9,000 per annum" and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "The salary of the chief judge shall be $14,500 per annum and the salary of each associate judge shall be $14,000 per annum."

Approved July 28, 1949.

[CHAPTER 371]

AN ACT
To authorize a project for the rehabilitation of certain works of the Fort Sumner irrigation district in New Mexico, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of providing water for the irrigation of approximately six thousand five hundred acres of arid lands on the Pecos River in New Mexico, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to rehabilitate, operate, and maintain in accordance with the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) the irrigation system of the Fort Sumner irrigation district in New Mexico and to construct all necessary works incidental thereto: Provided, That the project shall not be initiated until contracts satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior shall have been executed with—

(a) an irrigation or conservancy district, satisfactory in form and powers to the Secretary and embracing the lands of the project as determined by him, obligating the district, among other things, (i) to repay to the United States without interest the cost of rehabilitating and constructing the project, the terms to be such as will secure repayment as rapidly as, in the judgment of the Secretary, the district can reasonably be expected to make repayment and, in any event, within the useful life of the project; (ii) to pay for or otherwise provide adequate operation and maintenance, including replacements, of the project works during the period of the contract; and (iii) to furnish the Secretary with such control over and access to project works which are owned by or within the control of the district as he may require in order to safeguard the investment of the United States in the project; and

(b) the holder or holders of at least 90 per centum of the outstanding general obligation bonds of the Fort Sumner irrigation district providing for such refinancing or cancellation of those bonds and scheduling of payments of principal and interest called for thereby as the Secretary believes necessary in order to insure fulfillment of the obligations required under (a) above.

Approved July 29, 1949.

[CHAPTER 372]

AN ACT
To authorize the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force to lend certain property to national veterans' organizations, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air

Approved August 1, 1949.

Veterans' conventions.
Loan of armed services' equipment.