

## Millionth Veteran Has Paid GI Loan

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The millionth veteran has repaid his GI loan in full, Veterans Administration has announced.

As of January 31, 1956, 1,024,919 loans for homes, farms, and businesses totaling more than \$5.1 billion had been repaid in full or nearly one out of every four GI loans guaranteed or insured by VA.

In the 11 years of the program, VA has underwritten 4,599,685 GI loans totaling \$34.4 billion. Most of the loans, or 4,306,515 were for homes. Of the remainder, 68,956 were farm loans and 224,214 were business loans.

Of the 1,024,919 GI loans repaid in full, 809,511 were home loans totaling \$4.6 billion; 42,277 were farm loans totaling \$132 million, and 173,131 were business loans totaling \$420 million.

In addition to the \$5.1 billion repaid in full, VA estimates another \$3.5 billion has been paid off in installments by veterans whose loans are still outstanding.

VA has paid claims to lenders on only 40,035 loans for homes, farms and businesses. These loans had an original principal amount of approximately \$200 million.

The net loss to VA has been only \$19 million, or a slightly more than 50 cents for every thousand dollars borrowed. VA said the net loss is subject to further recovery, either from the veteran or from the liquidation of tangible security.

Of the 40,035 loans on which claims have been paid, 24,558 or slightly more than one-half of one per cent of the total number guaranteed, were home loans. Allowing for repaid-in-full loans, amortization payments and claims paid, VA estimates that \$24.5 billion of the original \$34.4 billion borrowed by World War II and Korean conflict period veterans still is outstanding.

## LAUNDERING BLANKETS

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Many homemakers have asked, "Can I wash wool blankets in an automatic washer and dry them in a dryer?"

As a result of these questions, the Home Economics Department of the Ohio Experiment Station has investigated and found that wool blankets can be washed in automatic spinner or wringer makes of washers by the following method:

The "Soak" Washing Method

1. Inspect blanket. Brush heavily soiled spots or streaked bindings with vegetable brush and warm detergent water.

2. Fill washer with water comfortably warm to the hand (about 120° F.). Add mild or all-purpose synthetic detergent (amount used for white clothes) and operate machine until it dissolves.

3. Stop the washer action, immerse the blanket and let it soak 15 to 20 minutes. Turn over 2 or 3 times by hand. Do not allow washer to operate unless the blanket is part cotton; then for not more than 1/2 minute.

4. Turn dial to "spin" and extract water or put through wringer if a conventional washer is used.

5. Give the blanket 2 deep soaking rinses without operating the washer for 5 minutes each in warm water of about same temperature as wash water. Turn blanket by hand. Spin or wringer using after each soak-rinse.

**Drying the Blanket**  
Dryer: Preheat dryer for 5 minutes with 5 or 6 large bath towels (use high setting if dryer offers a choice).

Then mix hot towels into blanket, place it in the dryer and dry for 15 to 18 minutes at high heat. Remove blanket while still damp. Complete drying in dryer causes excessive shrinkage.

Stretch and pull blanket vigorously while still damp. To raise the nap and make blanket look like new—brush with a nylon hair brush or a pet brush (steel bristles set in rubber).

If blanket does not feel dry after brushing, hang over rack or line to complete drying.

Steam press or sponge and press bindings with a cool iron (rayon setting).

**Line Drying**  
Cover line with folded sheet (remove line mark on blanket). Place blanket lengthwise across line. With hems together stretch blan-



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ket by pulling downward.  
When partially dry turn blanket over. While still slightly damp, remove and brush and press binding as suggested for dryer drying.

By following this method, blankets have generally been found to be of approximately the same dimensions after washing as when new.



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## 60-SECOND SERMONS

— BY —  
FRED DODGE

TEXT: "The greatest slave serves himself."  
—Eff Thomas

In the days when train robberies were common, a band of highwaymen boarded a train and searched the pockets of the unlucky passengers. One passenger happened to be a traveling salesman who, when his turn came, handed over \$200, but took \$4 from the pile and put it back in his pocket.

"What do you mean by that?" the robber demanded, waving his revolver at the salesman.

"My friend," the salesman answered quickly, "surely you ain't so selfish as to refuse me a 2% discount on a strictly cash deal like this?"

Selfishness and conceit are playmates. They always are seen to-

gether, in single file. Selfish ambition leads with proud conceit following close behind, and perhaps pushing a little.

Nothing destroys a man's usefulness more surely than blind, selfish ambition. This form of conceit holds men apart and builds walls between them. The man who is a traveling salesman puffed is avoided by those who can make him truly important.

The selfish, conceited man takes honors from others. The wise man humbly prefers to give honors. It is a surprisingly happy way to live.

Me Too, Sonny

Mummy, you bought sister a piano, so buy me a bicycle.

"What for?"  
"So that I can go riding while she practices."

## Health For All

"Music Hath Charms . . ."  
" . . . to soothe the savage beast, to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak." William Congreve wrote those words more than three hundred years ago. He wouldn't be surprised to learn that today music has become medicine. It is prescribed as part of the treatment of many different illnesses.

Although rarely a cure in itself, music is included in the total treatment in many mental hospitals. It can provide enjoyment, self-expression, an outlet for the emotions, and is especially helpful in treating those with inferiority problems.

Learning to play a musical instrument is often prescribed for physically handicapped, to help develop stricken muscles and rediscover the necessary sense of rhythm in their use. Music and the playing of musical instruments have been used effectively with the blind, with those afflicted with cerebral palsy, polio, heart troubles, speech disorders, and even with the deaf.

The sound of music played before general anesthesia is given, or during local and spinal anesthesia, helps to soothe patients facing operations.

These new developments in the use of music in hospitals have brought into being a new career—that of the music therapist. Already one university is offering a degree in this specialty which combines as interest in music, medicine and teaching. The music therapist is a kind of musical pharmacist. The physicians, psychiatrist, or psychologist prescribes for his patient and the therapist then mixes the "ingredients" of music called for in the specific case.

The music therapist must be a Jack or Jill of many trades. In addition to having sound musical training, he must be able to work with individual patients, organize music groups, perform for patients and even repair broken instruments. Those who have gone into the work find great satisfaction in using the charms of music to help the sick along the road to recovery.

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old ones. Examples: ultrasonic dish and clothes washing machines; electronic dust filters; . . . electronic methods of sound reproduction which render today's phonograph obsolete; electronic meal preparers replacing the kitchen stove, etc."

## Maj. W. T. Gregory Graduates At Army School In Alaska

Maj. William T. Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gregory, Edenton, recently was graduated from the Army's Arctic indoctrination

School in Alaska. Major Gregory was taught combat and survival techniques in below zero temperatures. He learned to ski and improvise shelter areas. Major Gregory is regularly stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He entered the Army in 1939 and arrived in Alaska last December. The major is a 1936 graduate of Edenton High School.

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