



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST? — Kings Mountain Postoffice staff couldn't recall a busier day than Friday, Mullins Textiles, shipping subsidiary for BVD Corporation of which Craftsman Yarns is wholly-owned subsidiary, shipped via parcel post 100 bags of knitwear, each bag weighing 80 pounds. Postoffice staff members remembered several other big shipments made by Mullins this month but couldn't recall a bigger one, even at Christmas-rush season. Looking at the huge stack of mailbags awaiting a 6 p.m. mail train are postal employees Fred Weaver, left, and Yates Gordon. (Photo by Bill Jackson).

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VA Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—I dropped my GI insurance right after getting out of service in 1945. Why can't I obtain insurance under the new law without having to prove that I either have a service-connected disability or am not able to obtain commercial insurance because of

disabilities not due to service? A—The present reopening of National Service Life Insurance is limited. The legislation enacted by Congress specifically limited the purchase of new insurance to those two categories.

Q—I have heard of a number of states which authorized a state bonus for veterans. Why hasn't the Veterans Administration in Wisconsin authorized such a payment? A—The payment of a state bonus is authorized by the individual states, and not by the Veterans Administration. It is up to each state to determine whether they will authorize a state bonus for their veterans.

Q—I am a World War I veteran and am receiving pension

and aid and attendance benefits under the old law in the monthly amount of \$135.45. Would I be entitled therefore to medicine and drugs at VA expense? A—No. You would be entitled to medicine and drugs at VA expense only if you were receiving aid and attendance benefits under the new pension law. You, of course, have the right to elect under the new law.

Oldest annual celebration in Florida is the Tallahassee May Party. It is held under a 200-year-old oak tree.

Agriculture In Action

ON PRIDE AND PRICES
Talking to this farmer the other day.

"I lose about ten per cent on every individual item I sell off my farm," he said. "Have to make my profit on volume." He was joking. Things aren't that bad. Almost, though. A farmer has to figure close these days to come out ahead. Still, the margin is getting slimmer.

The figures show it. From 1947 to 1964, gross U. S. farm income leaped from about \$34 billion to \$42 billion. That's an increase of more than 22 percent.

Didn't help much, though. Because, in the meantime, farm production expenses went up from \$17 billion to over \$29 billion. That's an increase of almost 72 percent.

The result? Realized farm net income over those years dropped from some \$17 billion down to a little over \$12 billion. A decrease of over 27 percent, even with that big hike in the gross figure.

Yeah, things are tough. Still many of us are shocked that agriculture flunks some people. We shouldn't be surprised at the dropout rate. Something like 20 percent of all new retail businesses fail in their first year.

Those farmers who have survived the growing cutback in farms should be proud. They can't be called "average" farmers. A farmer who is just average can't make it anymore. Still, he can say he failed on his own.

What about that profit problem? Administration horn-tooters seem to be saying that sweat and close figuring and market improvement are out.

What's in, they tell us, is the farm subsidy. The government hand-out. In other words, if times aren't good, Uncle Sam can pay you enough so you won't realize it.

Think we'll go talk that farmer again. Bet he'd rather work for himself than the government. Even with that ten per cent loss he was laughing about.

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"Where did he get that black eye?"
"He was the best man and kissed the bride after the wedding."
"What's wrong with that?"
"It was a year after the wedding."

An applicant for an insurance policy, asked what his father had died of, replied, "I forgot, but it was nothing serious."
The young man had been dating the same girl for more than a year and one evening the girl's father confronted him and wanted to know whether the lad's intentions toward his daughter were honorable or dishonorable.
"Gee," said the young beau, swallowing hard, "I didn't know I had a choice."