

More Korean Vets Have GI Insurance

Nine Times as Many Policies Now In Force Than Year Ago

Nearly nine times as many veterans now have the special post-Korea GI term life insurance policy as had it a year ago, Veterans Administration reports.

In April, 1952, only 2,265 of these policies were in force with a value of \$19,136,000.

A year later, or on April 30, 1953, the number of policies in force had increased to 19,006 and the amount to \$157,988,000.

These policies are the 5-year non-convertible, non-participating term life insurance for which eligible post-Korea veterans must apply to VA within 120 days of their discharge or separation from service.

Post-Korea veterans eligible to apply to VA for this insurance are those with service in the U. S. armed forces anywhere in the world since June 27, 1950, the start of the Korean hostilities, who were ordered to active service for a period in excess of 30 days and who were entitled to the free indemnity protection of the law.

These policies may be renewed every five years at the premium rate for the then-attained age. They may not be converted to any other type of GI life insurance, nor are they entitled to dividends under the law. But the premium cost for most ages is the lowest of all other types of GI life insurance administered by VA.

Post-Korea veterans who apply for this insurance within the fixed 120 days of their discharge or separation do not require a medical examination.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church is held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning with Bible centered literature and classes for all. Morning worship service follows the Sunday School at 11 o'clock with sermon by the pastor, the Rev. James MacKenzie, on the Book of Genesis.

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock, Boys' Brigade, led by Marine Corporals Roy Wilhelm and Al Saule. All teen-age boys are invited to attend.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, midweek prayer service.

The game room in the church is open every day to all who may wish to use it.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the Edenton police and press and other friends for their cooperation in finding my lost coat.
MARY ANDERSON WOOD.

What To Do When Hail Wrecks Tobacco

Hail, when it strikes young tobacco, can ruin a farmer. Often he knows nothing to do but try to replant and make a partial crop. Just what should a farmer do when his tobacco is ripped and torn by hail?

Roy Bennett, S. N. Hawks, Jr., and Harold Nau, tobacco specialists for the N. C. State College Agricultural Extension Service, offer these suggestions:

1. If severe hail strikes young tobacco before it is not positively too late to plant over, and there are sufficient good plants available, serious consideration should be given to re-planting and setting over. If the hail is moderate and the ground is not too badly packed, young tobacco will come out-and make a fair to average crop. Where the stalks are not broken and not over two to four leaves are damaged, these early set plants will usually recover and result in a better crop than late replants.

2. Many times hail will strike when four to six leaves toward the bottom of the plant are spread out sufficiently to be broken and badly damaged. Frequently only the larger leaves on one side of the plant are severely damaged. Frequently only the larger leaves on one side of the plant are severely damaged. Under these conditions good results have been obtained by encouraging a sucker to fill in the vacant space on the stalk. One or more such suckers can be topped at about two, four or six leaves, depending on how much open space is to be filled in and the number of other leaves on the stalk.

Do not be in a hurry to remove broken leaves or stubs or prime the plant up too closely. Tests and experiments have shown that excessive pruning will likely slow down or stunt growth. We suggest that the grower remove only loose or broken pieces of leaves which cover or interfere with the growth of the sucker which is to be "turned out."

3. If a severe hail storm hits tobacco (after it is too late to plant over) and the stalks are broken off or the leaves are stripped off, it will usually pay to cut the stalks off at a

fairly uniform height—about six to eight inches above the ground, and encourage the strongest sucker to develop. Where the stalks are cut off it will generally be necessary to cultivate once or twice to reduce competition from grasses and weeds. A very wide sweep, run shallow, is suggested.

If heavy, leaching rains have fallen the equivalent of 50 to 100 pounds of 8-0-24 should be applied as a top dressing, especially on light sandy soils.

Sometimes when a severe hail storm hits a crop late—after it has been primed once or twice, there may be nothing to do but plow the field and plant some catch crop.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

When Lou Little was football coach at Georgetown University in Washington, there was on the squad a young man who trained faithfully, but could never seem to qualify for the first team. Often he would be seen walking near the football field with his father—behavior considered "sissified" for a football player.

One day, we are told, Little received word that the lad's father had died. The youth went home for the funeral, but managed to return in time for the Saturday game. "Will you grant my father's last wish," he asked the coach, "that I start in today's game against Fordham?"

"You may start," replied Little, "but I shall have to take you out after the first two or three plays. This is our big game."

The boy was not taken out. Instead, he played brilliantly, went the distance, and was instrumental in winning the game. Later, in the shower room, Little asked him why he had played as he had never played before. "Most people didn't know my father

was blind," the boy answered. "Today was his first chance to see me play, and I did my best for him."

This boy understood, in a very real way, the teaching of the Bible concerning those who have passed on. God's Word tells us that the born-again believer is ushered immediately into heaven at death; indeed, into the very presence of Jesus (see, for example, Luke 16:22, 23:43, Philippians 1:23). And well could the great hymn writer, Fannie Crosby, who had been blind since birth, boast "The very first sight I shall ever behold will be the face of my beloved Saviour"; and triumphantly could she sing:

Then I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story, saved by grace,
Moreover, it is uniformly the teaching of the Scriptures that the believer is conscious in heaven, and aware of what is going on down here below. Especially may we who believe in Jesus rest assured that some day we shall be reunited with our departed Christian loved ones, never to be torn asunder from them again. And in this connection, I like these words of Spurgeon: "When I was a boy, I thought of heaven as a shining city, with vast walls and domes and spires, and nobody in it but a few white, unfriendly angels, who were total strangers to me. Then my little brother died, and I thought of it as a big city with walls and buildings, and a flock of cold, unknown angels, and one scared little fellow whom I knew. But now so

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Cotton diseases in the United States last year caused an estimated loss of nearly two million bales—worth about \$400 million. More than 13.7 per cent of the total crop was lost to diseases.

These are the estimates of the Cotton Disease Council after a survey of 14 major cotton producing states. California estimates are not included in this tabulation.

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