

GI Applications For Home Loans Jump

Increase of 5,800 Loans In August Over Previous Month

GI home loan applications received by the Veterans Administration during the month ending August 25, 1953, topped the 31,000 mark, an increase of 5,800 over the previous month, VA announced. Under the GI loan program, a lending institution agrees to make the loan before it submits a loan application on behalf of a veteran to VA for guaranty or insurance.

T. B. King, Acting Assistant Deputy Administrator for Loan Guaranty, said: "The August rise indicates that veterans may be finding it somewhat easier to obtain GI financing, although we cannot be certain on the basis of one month's experience. Also, it is still harder for veterans to get GI loans in some areas than in others." Mr. King emphasized that some of the August increase may be attributed to the rush of lenders to get loan applications approved by VA before the 4 per cent gratuity was suspended after August 31, 1953.

Mr. King expressed hope that the pick-up in GI loan volume during August may reflect a gradually improving trend in the GI supply. "We have been looking for a gradual improvement as a result of the increase in GI interest rates effective last May and the liberalized discounts authorized in July. The Federal National Mortgage Association 'one-for-one' plan also should help the ability of builders to get GI financing for their projects."

He said VA would be better able to interpret the significance of the August increase when it receives detailed figures from its field offices showing the geographic distribution and also the types of lenders who have increased their participation in the GI loan program.

Tar Heel Club Women Spend Week Observing United Nations Work

"I just can't resist the temptation to tell you what a perfectly splendid idea or project I think the trip to Washington, New York and the United Nations will prove to be," writes Mrs. Grace H. Andrews of Red Springs. Mrs. Andrews is one of more than 100 North Carolina home demonstration club women who will leave Raleigh on October 5 for a week in New York City.

"I am indeed grateful for this and the many other opportunities which home demonstration work affords, and I am proud to be counted among the farm women privileged to work with home demonstration agents and state leaders," continues Mrs. Andrews.

Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, says that the United Nations trip is a wonderful opportunity for educational leaders, an opportunity to see first-hand the purpose of the United Nations and to discover just what the people back home can do toward strengthening and protecting the American way of life.

Greeting the North Carolina home demonstration club women in New York City will be Dr. Frank P. Graham, special UN mediator, and Mrs. George F. Roberts, UN observer for the Associated Country Women of the World.

On the way to New York City, the delegation will stop over in Wash-

ington, D. C., where they will see Mt. Vernon and visit various government buildings. Miss Lena Hogan, southern field agent for the Federal Extension Service, and J. Earl Coke, assistant secretary of agriculture, will be on hand to greet the Tar Heel women in the nation's capital.

Academy of Music Meets October 16th

The Raleigh Academy of Medicine will hold its Fifth Annual Symposium on Friday, October 16, at the Hotel Sir Walter, Raleigh, N. C. The subject this year will be "Renal Disease," and an effort will be made to present both the medical and surgical aspects of the subject with emphasis on correlation between the two.

The Symposium will be an all day and evening affair. All physicians of the state are invited as guests of the Academy, both for the talks as well as for the Academy dinner to be given at the Sir Walter at 6:30 that evening.

The Raleigh Academy was founded on February 2, 1870 and is the oldest local medical organization in North Carolina which has preserved its continuous existence. Originally founded as a local organization for the encouragement of the furtherance of medical standards for its own mem-

bers, it had originally ten chartered members. Today it has a membership of approximately 85 Raleigh physicians. The Academy presents this yearly symposium for the edification of its members and guests, as its contribution toward the cultivation of the science of medicine and the advancement of the character and honor of the profession. Anticipated attendance of from 200 to 300 physicians is expected.

New Beef Cattle Booklet Is Available To Farmers

Conditions in general make North Carolina an ideal state for raising beef cattle, say the authors of a new booklet now available to farmers. The mild climate and heavy rainfall afford good grazing and economical feed production.

"Raising Beef Cattle," prepared by A. V. Allen and J. S. Buchanan, livestock specialists for the N. C. State College Agricultural Extension Service, and C. D. Grinnells, professor of veterinary science at State College, is a revision of an earlier manual on beef production. It contains the latest information on dozens of topics, all of which are important to the farmer who hopes to make a profit of his beef enterprise.

The authors explain that North

Carolina's Coastal Plain, once a thriving cattle area, is again becoming an important cattle region. "In the past few years . . ." say the authors, "the cattle business in this section has been coming back on a much sounder basis than originally, and many farmers are finding it to their advantage to carry a breeding herd or to fatten some cattle as an enterprise supplementary to cotton, tobacco, peanuts, and other cash crops."

The authors point out, however, that "the best natural grazing is located in the mountain areas . . ."

Free copies of "Raising Beef Cattle" are available upon request to: Department of Agricultural Information, N. C. State College, Raleigh. Just ask for, (Revised) Extension Circular No. 268.

Accidents Cause Loss 250 Million Man-Days

A million workers would have to toil more than a year to make up for the time lost in 1952 due to occupational accidents, according to the National Safety Council.

"Accident Facts", the Council's statistical yearbook just off the press, shows that time lost last year as a result of work injuries amounted to 250,000,000 man-days. This includes not only time lost by the employees

who were injured, but also that lost by those who stopped work to help the injured or out of curiosity.

Fifteen thousand workers were killed and 2,000,000 injured in 1952, according to the Council, but last year still was one of the safest years in history for the nation's industries.

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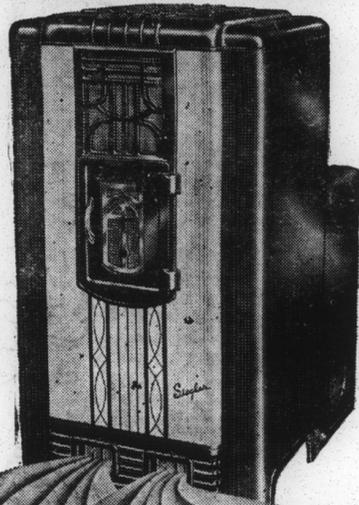
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