

U. S. ARMY INVESTS MANY BILLIONS TO BUILD WORLD'S BEST COMBAT DIVISIONS

more than \$2,000,000,000 (B) invested in equipment for its 20 combat divisions.

Sixteen combat infantry divisions account for \$1,500,000,000 (B), two armored divisions for \$422,000,000 (M), and two airborne divisions for \$175,000,000 (M).

To equip just one infantry division costs the Army and the taxpayer more than \$90,000,000 (M). To staff a 17,509-man infantry division, put it in the field, and maintain it for one year under peace-time conditions costs an additional \$99,000,000 (M).

Tanks represent approximately \$36,500,000 (M) of the \$90,000,000 (M) tied-up in equipment costs. Vehicles account for another \$25,500,000 (M). Other costs include \$10,600,000 (M) for ammunition, \$6,000,000 (M) for individual, organizational and other operating equipment and supplies, \$4,600,000 (M) for electronics and communications, \$3,000,000 (M) for weapons, \$2,890,000 (M) for artillery, and more than \$1,000,000 (M) for aircraft.

Included in the specific items this \$90,000,000 (M) buys are approximately 18,000 pistols, carbines, rifles and submachine guns; 811 machine-guns and recoilless rifles, 566 rocket launchers, 157 mortars, 64 anti-aircraft automatic weapons, 72 artillery pieces, 144 light and medium tanks, and 3,800 trucks, trailers and tractors.

To equip an armored division takes approximately \$211,000,000 (M). To staff a 14,756-man armored division, put it in the field, and maintain it for one year under peace-time conditions, costs an additional \$91,000,000 (M).

Of the \$211,000,000 (M) invested in equipment, \$91,000,000 (M) is tied-up in tanks, \$89,600,000 (M) for vehicles, \$12,000,000 (M) for ammunition, \$7,600,000 (M) electronics and communications, \$5,000,000 (M) for individual, organizational and other operating equipment and supplies, \$2,000,000 (M) for weapons, and \$942,000 for aircraft.

The equipment price tag on an airborne division is about \$87,500,000 (M). To staff a 17,120-man airborne division, put it in the field, and maintain it for one year under peace-time conditions, costs an additional \$99,000,000 (M).

Of the \$87,500,000 (M) needed for equipment, \$36,000,000 (M) is tied-up in tanks, \$17,000,000 (M) in vehicles, \$10,450,000 (M) in individual, organizational and other operating equipment and supplies, \$10,000,000 (M) in ammunition, \$4,580,000 (M) in electronics and communications, \$3,714,000 (M) in artillery, \$3,691,000 (M) in weapons, and \$1,000,000 (M) in aircraft.

Buying weapons, ammunition and other major items to initially equip or replace existing equipment for the Army's divisions is an expensive proposition.

For individual items with one year's concurrent spare parts it costs the Army \$78 for a rocket launcher, \$95 for a rifle, \$700 for a .50 caliber machine gun, \$1,300 for a 60-millimeter mortar, \$2,502 for a jeep, \$6,110 for a 105-millimeter recoilless rifle, \$7,954 for a two-and-a-half-ton cargo truck, \$19,637 for a 105-millimeter howitzer, \$109,452 for a light tank, \$196,226 for a medium tank, and from \$28,000 to \$333,000 for a helicopter depending on its type and make.

These cost figures help explain why—during the past three years—the Army has spent nearly \$20,000,000,000 (B) for weapons, ammunition and equipment. In fiscal 1954, approximately \$7,500,000,000 (B) will be spent for this purpose.

We live in deeds, not years;

In thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial

We should not count time by heart-throbs

He most lives

Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

—J. J. Bailey.

HEALTH FOR ALL

A PAIN IN THE NECK

"He gives me a pain in the neck." We've all said it at one time or another. And it can literally be true. A boring person can give you a pain in the neck. In spite of the discomfort, pain has its good points. It is a warning that something is wrong somewhere.

The bore causes you pain because, in pretending an interest you don't have, you tense your shoulder and neck muscles forcing yourself to pay attention to him. Perhaps you can't run away, but at least you can shift position and try to relax. No pain should be ignored. It is a danger signal from your nervous system—a warning of disease, injury, infection, or an emotional upset.

Pain can help your doctor find out what is the matter with you. He wants to know where the pain is most intense, where it spreads, whether it is constant or on and off, what seems to stop it, and finally what it feels like. The last question is the hardest to answer. Two people will describe the same pain very differently.

The doctor can put the answers to these questions together with his other observations and make a diagnosis, but you could go far wrong trying to figure out your own trouble on the basis of pain. Pain doesn't always come where the trouble is. Heart trouble can cause shooting pains in the left arm. The gall bladder can make your shoulder hurt. Some diseases of the tongue cause earache. A headache can come from the effort to hold your temper when you are angry.

The amount of pain you feel is no sure sign of how serious the trouble is. A severe injury, for example, may cause a state of shock which numbs the senses. You might suffer more lying in bed with a broken leg than from the immediate pain of the break.

Once it has given its warning of trouble, pain is useless to you. There is no value in being a martyr about it. Continued pain only weakens resistance and turns pleasant people into complaining neurotics. Any pain which can't be explained by a known injury or disease, and which doesn't go away in a reasonable length of time, should be investigated by your doctor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:

Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M. all services.

A SERVICE FOR YOU FROM YOUR Farm Bureau Agent

To help you secure automobile liability insurance quickly... I will be at the location listed below.

REMEMBER... under North Carolina's new Safety Responsibility Law, you may lose your right to drive without the proper insurance.

FARM BUREAU OFFERS THESE IMPORTANT FEATURES:

- ★ Savings up to 25%.
- ★ On-the-spot policy issuance.
- ★ Nationwide, 24-hour claim service.
- ★ Second largest mutual insurer of autos in America.

Lonnie Harrell

ROUTE 3 — BOX 106
Phone Rocky Hook 114 Anytime

Parker Helms

204 BANK OF EDENTON BUILDING
9:00 to 12:00 A. M., and 1:00 to 5:00 P. M.
Or Call Office 175-W or Home 565-J

Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE: COLUMBUS, OHIO

ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS DISPLAY AT EDENTON MARINE BASE



This beautiful color scene of billboard size, 7x20 feet, which depicts the shepherds and wise men at the gate of Bethlehem, has been erected next to the chapel at the Edenton Marine Base. The star of the East sends its bright ray over the village. Spotlights are used to illumine the scene at night.

HAYSEED

By UNCLE SAM

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

About two thousand years ago a star appeared over the manger of Bethlehem. To those who are living today this was a mysterious star. But the amazing thing about this star is that after nearly two thousand years the scientists, astronomers and even the common people are still discussing and debating about this star. Not only was it a mysterious star but in the imagination it can be pictured as the most beautiful star that has ever shined in the heavens. That it was a very unusual star is easy to conceive for it attracted the wise men of the East. They may have followed it for months. Some have believed that they were on their journey as long as three

years. However no one has ever been able to prove just what this star was.

Even the time and year of its appearance is now unknown. All that is certain is about the time of its appearance. Many believe that Jesus was born in March or April. But about the only thing now certain was that it was the year 1 A. D. According to the Gospels, Jesus was born in the days of King Herod. The historian Josephus gives the time of King Herod's death as just after an eclipse of the moon and just before the feast of the Passover. Astronomers tell us this happened in March 4 B. C. Therefore Christ must have been born prior to 4 B. C.

Some theorize that this star might have been a meteor. At the longest a meteor could have shined for only a few seconds. Others think that this star might have been a comet. According to astronomers no comet appeared near enough to the time of the birth of Jesus for this to have been a comet. Still others think it was a "nova" an old star that suddenly bursts into great brilliance then quickly fades away. Along with these theories there are also other theories advocated by a number of people who do not accept the star of Bethlehem as a miracle star.

Whether it was a miracle star seen by the wise men only or whether it was

some star still serenely shining matters but little now. It was a miracle star and shined down and marked the spot of the greatest event of all time in the history of the world up to that date.

Always

"I suppose nothing is too good for that pretty little wife of yours."

"No, no matter how good things are I bring her she always must have something better!"

FAST, SAFE Help for Child's Cough

For coughs and acute bronchitis due to colds you can now get Creomulsion specially prepared for Children in a new pink and blue package and be sure:

- (1) Your child will like it.
- (2) It contains only safe, proven ingredients.
- (3) It contains no narcotics to disturb nature's processes.
- (4) It will aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed throat and bronchial membranes, thus relieving the cough and promoting rest and sleep. Ask for Creomulsion for Children in the pink and blue package.

CREOMULSION FOR CHILDREN

relieves Coughs, Chest Colds, Acute Bronchitis

The Cure
"What cured him of arguing with his wife?"
"Arguing with his wife."



FIFTH \$5.15

PINT \$3.20

100 PROOF LIQUEUR

SOUTHERN COMFORT CORP.
ST. LOUIS 3, MISSOURI

NOTICE! To Chowan County TAXPAYERS

The Tax Books for the year 1953 are now in my hands for the collection of taxes. We urge you to pay your taxes now and thus avoid the penalty which will begin on February 1.

A PENALTY OF 1% WILL BE ADDED ON 1953 TAXES NOT PAID BEFORE FEBRUARY 2. ANOTHER 1% WILL BE ADDED MARCH 2 AND AN ADDITIONAL 1/2 OF 1% WILL BE ADDED FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH TAXES ARE UNPAID.

J. A. BUNCH

SHERIFF OF CHOWAN COUNTY

GREAT OAK
BLENDED WHISKEY

Austin Nichols

\$2.00 pint
\$3.20 24th

40 proof, 70% Grain Neutral Spirits

Austin Nichols