

## Fire Losses Reflect High Output In U. S.

1953 Estimate Is Placed At About 925 Million Dollars

The National Board of Fire Underwriters reports that fire losses in the United States for 1953 will amount to about \$925,000,000. The estimate is based on the average increase—17 per cent—in fire losses for the first nine months of the year over last.

The National Board explained that the dollar loss, while at an all-time high, reflects the nation's expanding economy. In particular the losses reflect such factors as rising production and greater values exposed to fire. They reflect as well major advances in technological developments which have been accompanied by conditions that tend to multiply the risk of hazard and the severity of gross destruction.

Twenty-five years ago, for instance, the country's gross national product, which is the market value of all the nation's goods and services, amounted to \$103.8 billion, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce. Some 49 million had jobs and the population was nearing 122 million. Fire losses came to \$460 million. Today, the gross national product is approaching \$372 billion, some 62 million have jobs, the population is over 160 million.

While the dollar volume of the national product in those 25 years increased 258 per cent, fire losses increased only about 100 per cent, comparatively a small amount, the NBFU observed, when compared with other factors in the economy.

While effective prevention has reduced in large measure, the hazards of fire, it also has pointed up the full gravity of the loss potential accompanying the nation's industrial expansion, and awakened the public to the need for ever greater fire safety and protection.

## Coast Guard Plans Exams For Academy

Entrance Examinations Will Be Held February 23 and 24

Adm. Russell E. Wood, USCG, commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has announced that entrance examinations for the U. S. Coast Guard Academy will be held February 23-24, 1954.

The examination, which will be held in Norfolk, Richmond and Roanoke, Va.; Charlotte and Raleigh, N. C., and Baltimore, Md., as well as other cities throughout the country, is open to men between the ages of 17 and 22 who are high school seniors or graduates with 15 units earned by June 30, 1954. The units must include three in English, two in algebra and one each in plane geometry



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and physics. Appointments are granted on the basis of the competitive examination and physical eligibility. Applicants must be in perfect health between 66 and 76 inches in height, with proportionate weight, have uncorrected 20/20 vision in each eye and a minimum of 20 vital serviceable natural teeth.

Training at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., prepares cadets for careers as officers in the nation's oldest seagoing force in continuous service. The curriculum for the 4-year course includes academic studies and military training. Upon graduation cadets are awarded bachelor of science degrees in engineering and a commission as ensign in the Coast Guard.

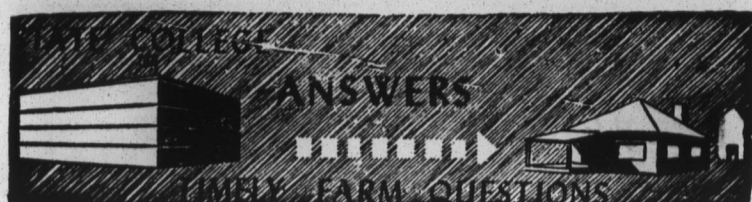
Qualified military personnel may also take the examinations. Inquiries should be addressed to the Commandant (PTP), U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25, D. C.

### CANINE BACKACHE MAY RESULT IN PARALYSIS

When a dog is unwilling to jump and move around, or when he whines for no apparent reason, the pet may be suffering from a special type of backache which can cause paralysis.

That was the report today from veterinary medical authorities concerning the problem of disc protrusions of the spine. This condition may cause pain, incoordination, paraplegia or an acute progressive fatal paralysis.

Affected pets may cry out in pain, show general weakness or lose muscle ton and drag their legs because of this condition. In less acute cases, rest and special drug therapy may correct the condition, but surgery may be necessary in severe cases.



Question: How much of each cut of meat is found in a side of beef?

Answer: On the basis of a 100 pound side there is 14 pounds round steak, 3 pounds of heel pot roast, 3.5 pounds of hind shank, 3.5 pounds of rump (bone in), 1 pound of rump knuckle, half a pound of flank steak, 3 pounds of flank stew, 8 pounds of sirloin steak, 5.5 pounds of porterhouse steak, 6 pounds of plate, 3.5 pounds of brisket (bone in), 3 pounds of rib (6th and 7th), 5 pounds of rib (8th to 12th), 1 pound English cut, 6 pounds arm pot roast, 11 pounds of blade pot roast, 6 pounds of neck (bone in), 4 pounds of fore shank, 2 pounds of lean meat, and 10.5 pounds fat, trim and bone.

Question: If I feed plenty of good silage, do my cows need hay or some dry roughage also?

Answer: Only a few direct comparisons of milk production from cows fed silage with and without other roughage have been made. On the basis of results so far, it appears that at least a small amount of hay is desirable—but absolutely necessary for top production. If you have adequate silage but limited hay, you should feed small amount of hay (2 to 5 pounds per day) and feed plenty of silage.

Question: Is it true that North Carolina is now producing its first winter milk surplus?

Answer: Of Grade A milk, yes. Whether it is a temporary condition,

or will last through the winter months is still a guess. The increase per producer throughout the state ranges from 10 to 25 per cent. One of the large milk products cooperatives, with exactly the same number of producers as a year ago, is now receiving 20 per cent more milk.

## Mrs. Nixon Honored On Sixtieth Birthday

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. W. A. Nixon at her home on Route three, during the evening of December 29, in celebration of her 60th birthday. She received many lovely gifts and a beautiful birthday cake with an arrangement of sixty candles.

All of her brothers and sisters were present including Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Williams and Miss Viola Wilson of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Hallett Wilson of Colerain.

Her children who were present in-

cluded Mrs. Elton Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Nixon of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nixon and Mrs. G. C. Nixon of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodwin of Tyner, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boyce of Hobbsville.

Her grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends present were: Mae Wood, Pat and Roger Nixon of Hertford; Tom, Raye, Jack and Wayne Goodwin of Tyner; David and Carlton Boyce of Hobbsville; E. C. Jordan of Edenton, Gail, Larry, Barbara, Allen, Rite Wilson and Louis, Jr., Williams of Colerain; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams and Gus Nixon of Edenton.

Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest and wished Mrs. Nixon many more happy pears.

How far that little candle throws his beams!  
So shines a good deed in a naughty world.  
—Shakespeare.

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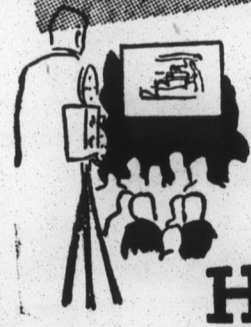
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