

## Sheets Lead Cotton Users For Second Consecutive Year

### Men's and Boys' Shirts Show Biggest Increase

Sheets ranked first among users of cotton in 1953, the National Cotton Council reveals in a recent report. The new 1952-53 edition of the Council's publication, "Cotton Counts Its Customers," lists sheets as number one cotton consumer, followed by shirts; men's trousers; drapery, slip cover, and upholstery fabrics; and towels.

Sheets led the list for the second consecutive year. Consumption in 1953 was approximately 37,000 bales higher than the 520,000 bales consumed in 1952.

The most significant quantity increase occurred in men's and boys' shirts. The 534,000 bales consumed in 1953 amounted to about 53,000 bales more than consumption in the previous year, or a gain of almost 11 per cent.

Men's trousers were the third largest customer of cotton last year with consumption reaching 490,000 bales—10 per cent above 1952.

Drapery, slipcover, and upholstery fabrics—the second largest end use for cotton in 1952—dropped to fourth position in 1953 when consumption was 481,000 bales.

Towels were the fifth most important user of cotton last year. The 350,000 bales consumed in 1953 set an all-time record. The preceding year towels did not make the list of cotton's top five users.

### Pvt. Rupert Williams Is Chosen For Music Group At Camp Gordon

Pvt. Rupert L. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Williams, 301 West Church Street has been selected to play in the Camp Gordon Replacement Training Center's Field Music outfit while undergoing eight weeks basic training in Co. K of the 1st Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Gordon, Ga.

The drum and bugle unit is composed of 28 bandmen, including both instructors and trainees. The group meets three times a week to practice, and performs for all parades and reviews in the training area.

Bandmen wear white helmets, leggings and belts, and the bugles are decorated with flashy blue satin banner carrying the Third Army insignia.

Pvt. Williams was a member of the Edenton High School Band and later sang with the University of North Carolina Glee Club.

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## 133,000 EUROPEANS REPLACE UNITED STATES MILITARY IN SUPPORT JOBS

Heidelberg, Germany—More than 133,000 Europeans are providing support services for the United States Army as it stands against communist aggression.

Use of European manpower not only has released thousands of American soldiers for duty with combat units but also has resulted in a tremendous tax dollar saving for the United States.

A study of the over-all employment situation reveals that 89,000 of the 133,000 Europeans employed by the

Army are paid from occupation cost funds furnished by the West German government. Almost 12,500 of the other Europeans employed by the Army are paid in dollar funds but their salaries are based on European wage scales.

The European wage scale is less than one-fifth of the cost necessary to furnish American soldiers for the same jobs.

Most of the remaining Europeans employed by the Army work for agencies operating with funds not furnish-

ed out of American tax dollars. More than 30,000 work in post exchanges and recreation facilities while the rest are employed in similar activities.

The shortage of doctors, dentists and engineers to serve with the Army in Europe has been solved with the use of Europeans and many of the top positions at Army construction projects and in medical units are filled by local professional men.

An outstanding example of a European in an Army professional position is Mr. E. E. Verbeemen, a Belgian engineer employed as a construction director at the office of the chief Army engineer in Europe.

Verbeemen's salary is based on a continental wage scale established to make certain that Europeans employed by the U. S. Army are paid the prevailing wage in Europe. His salary is less than half of what it would cost to hire an American engineer to perform the same work.

A comparison of the total cost of employment for Europeans and Americans in similar positions demonstrates the economy of hiring natives.

An average German clerk-typist employed by the Army receives an annual salary equivalent of less than \$1,500 while an American in a similar position is paid approximately \$3,000 annually and may be transported to Europe and returned to the United States at government expense.

Cost of maintaining an American soldier in the same clerk-typist job exceeds \$5,000 per year.

Constant surveys of all Army support activities in Europe insure that the top value is received for each labor dollar spent. Seventy-five per cent of all positions are surveyed annually to determine whether American civilians or soldiers can be replaced by local workers.

Professional people and office workers are not the only natives employed by the Army in Europe. Dozens of important supply depots and maintenance shops are operated almost completely by Europeans.

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Q—My husband was killed in Korea, and I've been receiving monthly indemnity payments of \$92.90. Will those payments stop if I remarry?

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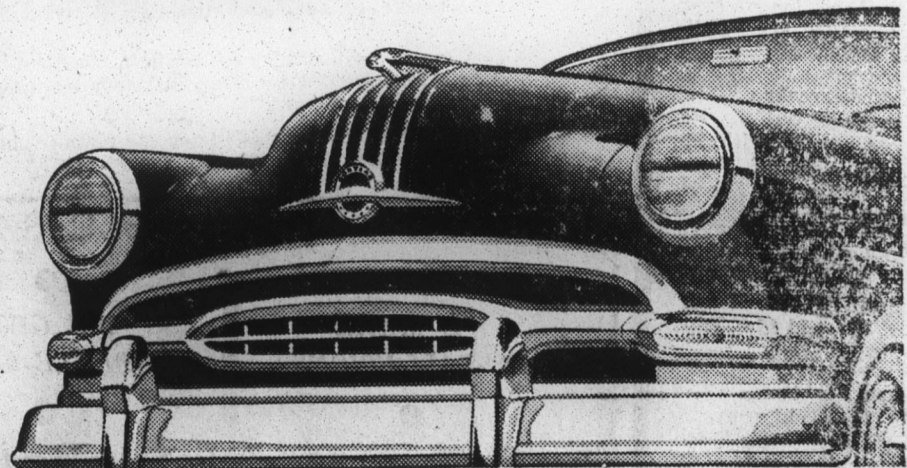
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