

Deadline Rapidly Approaching To Purchase State License Tags

State Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt fears that around the middle of February there will be long lines of grumbling motorists, wasting hundreds of thousands of man hours, to be found all over North Carolina. "That's what is going to happen," he said, "unless there is a marked increase in the present rate of license plates sales."

There are two factors responsible for the Commissioner's worry. First, this year it takes longer to buy a license plate than ever before. Second, the sales to date are behind those of last year.

North Carolina's new automobile liability insurance law is believed responsible in part both for the additional time required to process a license application and for the postponement of many license purchases. The car owner who has not been carrying automobile liability insurance in the past, but now must have it in order to buy his license, is likely to be among the last to get his 1958 tag.

There are around 1,600,000 North Carolina motor vehicles which must be equipped with 1958 license tags, or be kept off the highways after February 15. As of late January total sales reported were 449,112 — as compared with 499,797 on the same date last year. This represents a decrease of between 10 and 11 per cent.

However, the fact that it takes longer to process applications

meant that on January 22 there were around 10,000 applications which had been received by mail but the sale had been completed.

At the halfway period of the annual tag sale, less than a third of the North Carolina car and truck owners had bought their new tags. That was not far behind last year's sales, percentage-wise. But the fact that it takes more time to make each sale probably will mean longer and slower moving lines as the date of the deadline nears.

Commissioner Scheidt was quite pleased over the fact that most North Carolina car owners seemed well aware of North Carolina's new "compulsory insurance law." Of the first 54,241 applications received through the mail, only 579 were returned because the car owner failed to enclose his "FS-1" certificate of insurance. Of the same number of applications, 1,331 were returned because the car owner failed to enclose the extra \$1.00 for driver education which also is required under a new North Carolina law.

"But if a great many of our people don't hurry up and buy their insurance, and then buy their license plates, we are going to have a lot of trouble I am afraid," the Commissioner added. "If hundreds of thousands of people wait until the last few days, long lines and long delays cannot be avoided."

Of course not. This would be of the weak. We are noted for lending a helping hand to unfortunates in time of need. All of these factors are part and parcel of the principles and objectives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

How does the VFW accomplish these objectives? Do they aid individuals with financial assistance?

Of course not. This would be



Tommy Sands Rocks and Rolls his way to movie stardom in his film debut in "Sing Boy Sing." Twentieth Century-Fox CinemaScope musical also starring Lili Gentle, opening February 9 and continuing for three days at the Taylor Theatre. Produced and directed by Henry Ephron, the film deals with the rise of a young Southern-born man to become the singing idol of the nation's teenagers. Edmond O'Brien and John McIntire are co-stars in the film, which features twelve new songs.

impossible. We have organized units known as Posts located in every hamlet and village in the United States as well as the Canal Zone Hawaii, Alaska and some foreign countries.

They number some 10,000 Posts and 1,200,000 members.

The Commanders and other staff officers are in constant touch with their State and National Headquarters through the media of the VFW Magazine and publications on a National and Department level as well as other media.

Headquarters are maintained in Kansas City, Missouri, for the physical operation of this great organization. Rehabilitation and legislative departments function in close cooperation with the Veterans Administration and the Congress in Washington, D. C., the Nation's capital.

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at home. That the disabled veteran, the widow and orphan, and the veteran who can no longer care for himself is entitled to honest consideration by his government.

We believe the United States Government has a duty to those who stood up in her defense in time of war.

We believe that if funds are available for charities all over the world they should be available for our unfortunates in the United States of America.

We believe that if an able-bodied Veteran understands our program he will subscribe to our principles and objectives. If you subscribe to such a program we invite you to join us in this never-ending fight in behalf of our unfortunate comrades and their dependents who cannot carry on the struggle.

Join your local VFW Post and assist them in carrying out a program that will maintain America and its ideals as we understand them.

Continue the fight so that the unfortunate veteran and his dependents can maintain their dignity as American citizens. This is, indeed, practicing true Christian charity.

Let's forget about "What can the VFW do for me?"

Take your place in the ranks and ask the question "What can I do to help our unfortunate comrades, their widows and orphans?"

If you have been blessed with good health and suffer no ill effects as a result of your service you can thank God for the privilege of having served your country.

As a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars you will take your place in the ranks to help your



SACK'S APPEAL—All-over-pleated brown and white wool checks are gathered into a sack by a Parisian ready-to-wear designer. Falling in a straight line from shoulder to hip, the dress is belted just above the knee with the same fabric.

fellow man and offer thanks to God for the privilege of serving them.

Dividend Options For GI Insurance

Veterans holding GI life insurance policies don't have to take their regular annual dividends in cash—they may use them to guard against losing their insurance, Veterans Administration advised.

VA said nearly 1,100,000 veterans, or more than one of every five holders of participating GI insurance, already are taking advantage of dividend options other than cash payments.

All holders of GI policies who receive regular annual dividends may:

1. Have the dividends held, with interest, as a credit to pay the premium monthly in case the policyholder fails to pay it before the end of the 31-day grace period. This is done automatically if the policyholder does not elect another option.
2. Direct VA to use their dividends to pay premiums ahead of time (VA gives a discount on premiums paid three or more months ahead).
3. Request payment in cash.

Permanent plan policyholders have an additional option which is not available to term policyholders. They may authorize VA to hold dividends on deposit, with interest and subject to withdrawal at their request. If not withdrawn, the money, plus interest, will increase the value of the policy.

The interest under either the dividend deposit or the dividend credit option is taxable and must be reported annually on Federal income tax returns, but the dividends and all other proceeds of the policies are not taxable, VA said.

To change their GI dividend options, veterans should write to the VA district office which services their policies, making sure to include their insurance number and the new option they wish to elect, VA said.

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VFW Commander Speaks On Radio

Earl White, commander of William H. Coffield Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, made an address over radio station WCDJ in observance of National VFW Week, observed January 19-24.

Mr. White had the following to say about Why I Belong to the VFW:

One of the most common questions asked over the years by Veterans of our armed services when they are approached to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars is "What can the VFW do for me?"

This is a good question. To the uninformed it requires an explanation.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is an organization founded on the principles of "aiding those who cannot assist themselves and to care for our widows and orphans."

This objective is as American as the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock; the defense of our nation from oppressors during the Revolutionary War; the assistance rendered to our allies in World War I and II; the defense of Korea; and a thousand and one of the programs that has established our nation as a recognized World Power.

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