

Nearly 2,000,000 Disabled Veterans

Nearly three-fourths of all disabled veterans on Veterans Administration disability rolls are drawing their monthly checks because of general medical and surgical disabilities.

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disabled veterans on VA's rolls as of June 30, 1950. In addition to the 73 per cent with general medical disabilities, the analysis revealed another 23 per cent of the veterans with neuropsychiatric conditions and the remaining 4 per cent with tuberculosis. Forty-two per cent of the veterans in the general medical and surgical category, the study showed, had disabilities involving joints, muscles and tendons. The analysis compared the degree of disability of veterans of World War II, World War I and the regular establishment—all of whom are entitled to compensation for service-connected disabilities. About six out of every ten World War II veterans on the rolls had disabilities rated at 20 per cent or less; five out of ten World War I veterans were in the 20-per cent-or-under class, and only four out of ten members of the regular establishment were in that category.

Marines Setting Up Equipment on The Main Street

(Continued from page one) ed floats are in the making and there'll be special units spaced for nine bands, including the Farm Life Rhythm band which will travel on a special float being prepared by the Farm Life Ruritan Club. One of the bands, Washington, will be unable to participate since the director, Howard Worthly, is ill. Al Sweatt said last night. Other bands taking part in the parade are, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Plymouth, J. Clemmons Colored High School Band of Roper, Scotland Neck, Tarboro and Williamston, white and colored. The twelve princesses are to ride in convertibles with special chauffeurs. The parade is to enter Main at Watts west on Main and turn into Washington, continuing to the warehouses. Should unfavorable weather prevail it is possible the parade will be delayed until Thursday, but Governor Scott will speak in the warehouse. If the weather is favorable, then the festival will move according to announced schedule with Governor Scott speaking on a special platform at the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets at 2:45 o'clock. The Chief Executive will have something timely to say, and since the visit will be his first official one to this immediate section it is believed that a large crowd will hear him with interest. Following a short breathing spell the festival ball and coronation will be held in the Planters Warehouse tomorrow night. The crowning of the festival queen will climax the event at 10:30 o'clock. The twelve princesses will be dinner guests of the Boosters at 6:00 o'clock in the George Reynolds Hotel that evening, and each is to be awarded a special trophy. Prizes, valued at about \$150 and including a Copy Creations dinner ring furnished by Muse Jewelry Company and a Kingsdown mattress furnished by Woolard Furniture Company, will be given to the queen of the festival. It was announced that J. Lawrence Peele will participate in the fun revue between 1:00 and 2:00 o'clock as an independent, that he has a heap of surprises. Director Gene Rice, it was learned, will have a heap of surprises for his bevy of clowns to unfold for the merriment of the crowds.

Big Increase In Old Age Benefits

In August 2,969,000 persons drew monthly benefit checks amounting to \$61,690,000. However, checks going out during the first week in October totaled \$111,950,000 and beneficiaries passed the 3,000,000 mark, due to the 1950 amendments to the Social Security Act which was signed by President Truman on August 28.

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(Continued from page one) than 100,000 baskets on hand, or possibly enough to meet local demand for a few months, that the local stocks can be supplemented by the company's other plants in Maryland and Virginia.

Lawn Mower Hits Auto In Street

Memphis, Tenn. — Lehman Barnes was charged with being a hit-and-run lawn mower, when the power mower, operated by Barnes, slipped off a curb, and struck an automobile halted by a red light. Barnes was charged by police with reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and having no driver's license.

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Three-Year-Old Is Cigar Smoker

Blacksville, W. Va.—Arless Allen Rockwell is only three years old but he'll take a good cigar instead of a candy bar any time.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Arless L. Rockwell smokes three or four cigars a day. His folks have given up trying to make him quit using tobacco.

Arless, who was three years old last Jan. 11, is well into his second year as a smoker.

The lad smokes a pipe now and then. But he doesn't like cigarettes. When he gets a cigarette, he crumbles it into a pipe and smokes the tobacco that way.

Arless, senior, said his son began to smoke shortly after he learned to walk and as soon as he could reach ashtrays and get discarded cigar butts.

"I once tried to break him of the habit by giving him a strong Italian cigar. But he smoked it down to within a half-inch with

Pours Molasses Into Oil Tank

Olney, Ill.—Just before leaving for work, Charlie Butler grabbed a jug in his garage and poured the contents into his oil tank. The jug contained molasses, however, instead of oil. Arriving home, he took the truck to a garage for a "molasses" change.

The child's mother recalls the morning her son got out of bed before she was up and smoked a cigar before breakfast. Not even that fazed him.

Arless is husky, has a good appetite and lots of energy. He is about average for his age in weight and height.

His parents have two other children, Charlotte Lea, 7, and Donna Sue. Neither has shown any desire to smoke.

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