

Tomlinson's News Notes

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by J. W. Tomlinson

Record College Enrollment

The United States Office of Education estimates college and university enrollment this fall at 2,472,000 students, the highest ever recorded. The total compared with the previous record of 2,457,000 in 1949 and a 1953 enrollment of 2,251,000.

J. Kenneth Little, deputy commissioner of education, commented: "Except for the years immediately following World War II, when large numbers of veterans were attending college under the GI educational benefits, the ten per cent increase in number of students this fall over last fall is the largest single-year increase percentage-wise since the mid-thirties."

Employment Increase

The United States Department of Commerce reports that employment in November stood at 62,141,000 persons and unemployment at 2,741,000. The increase in employment was credited to production starts on 1955 automobiles and increases in steel, metal products, and electrical machinery plants. Further increases in employment are predicted through mid-January.

Carnegie Grants

The Carnegie Corporation reports new grants of \$1,281,000 to explore new educational developments. The biggest grant, \$500,000 goes to the Council on Foreign Relations to be used for research, regional work, and fellowships for outstanding scholars and newspaper correspondents. A grant of \$200,000 is to be divided equally among Columbia, Chicago, Harvard and Yale Universities to continue a program of "interships" in general education.

"Good Partner" Policy

At The Inter-American Economic

Conferences in Brazil recently United States Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey announced what is termed a new "Good Partner Policy" in Latin America.

Secretary Humphrey told the conference the United States is supporting a multiple program to promote the America's economic solidarity, which he said Washington regards as "part of the common defense." Items of the policy include:

1. Extended operations of the Export-Import Bank, whose lending authority was recently increased by Congress and which has opened a new line of credit whereby United States exporters will be able to offer medium-term credit on production equipment.

2. The Export-Import Bank will participate in a multimillion-dollar export financing company being organized to provide additional medium-term credit.

3. The Eisenhower administration will "ask Congress to support United States participation" in an international finance corporation proposed at the last meeting of the World Bank's Board of Governors.

4. "The administration will again submit to Congress proposals with respect to the reduction of taxation of foreign income."

Health Insurance

Figures made public in Washington by the Health Insurance Council show that about 103,000,000 persons in the United States now have voluntary health insurance against hospital expense. About 88,000,000 carry surgical expense protection, and about 47,000,000 have basic medical expense protection. Total benefit payments on health insurance claims last year were about \$2,500,000,000, a 20 per cent increase over the preceding year.

Nation's Economic Future

A study undertaken by the staff of the Senate-House Committee on the "Potential Economic Growth of the United States during the Next Decade" predicts that by 1965 the nation's economy will be half as big again as now, with taxes lower, the work week shorter, wages higher, and a total population of about 190,000,000.

The report says that unemployment in 1965 will be about 3,000,000 persons, or about four per cent of the civilian labor force of some 75,000,000 persons forecast for that time. This compares with unemployment estimated by the Census Bureau at 2,741,000 or 4.2 per cent of the civilian labor force, in October of this year.

The 190,000,000 population predicted compares with a present population of about 160,000,000. Agriculture employment is expected to be about 5,500,000, compared with a total of 6,750,000 in 1953.

Gross national production (total production of goods and services) is expected to rise by 1965 to \$35 billion dollars, a nearly fifty per cent increase over the record high of approximately \$23 billion set in 1953.

The average number of hours an employee in private business will work in 1965, the report said, will probably be about 1,855, some 185 hours or twenty-three working days of eight hours each, less than in 1953. In agriculture, the annual number of work hours was foreshadowed at 2,240, or about 225 less than in 1953. The shortened number of work hours would be accompanied in part made possible, by increases in productivity per hour of work.

Mount Everest

The government of India recently announced it has settled a century old controversy over the height of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. The figure given officially is 29,028 feet.

The announcement said a three-year survey by the Government Survey department is the basis for this figure, considered correct within ten feet either way. Any deviation could be attributed to seasonal fluctuation of the snow level.

Previously the height of the world's highest peak has been put at figures ranging from 29,002 to 29,149 feet. The lowest figure, oldest and popular was put forward about one hundred years ago.

Impressed Americans

In addition to the thirteen Americans—eleven military men and two civilians—reported by Communist China as having been given prison sentences on charges of spying, Senator Knowland announced a few days ago that the United States State Department had given him the names of twenty-six other Americans known to be in prison in China. Eighteen of the number are missionaries, some Protestant and some Roman Catholic, and the other 8 are businessmen or students.

Senator Knowland advocated an air and naval blockade of the China coast at once unless the Communists released the prisoners. However, Secretary of State Dulles said that all peaceful efforts at settlement would be tried first.

A Bit of Humor

Two women had been life-long friends in a small town but they had a falling out and for several months they did not speak to each other. Finally a mutual friend who was grieved at the situation decided to do something about it. Soon the two friends were as chummy as before. The husband of the woman who had brought them together again was questioning her method one evening as they ate their dinner.

"How did you ever reconcile those two?" he asked.

"It was easy," smiled his wife. "I gave each one of them a choice bit of gossip and asked them not to repeat it to the other."—Quote.

Small Tommy had come home from his first day at school.

Chinquapin Chats

(Intended for Last Week)
By Vida Miller

The Bell Telephone Co. traced a three day interruption here with a dead phone service to a receiver being accidentally left sideways off the dial cradle. It's good that so many who listen in are not so careless or thoughtless or there would be little else but trouble, as well as we all know. It's interesting to listen at the receivers being hung up one by one depending on the topic of conversation, when one tries to talk or make a call. Why be so noisy?

Here's hoping none of us will be guilty of grabble, gobble and gulping our good Christmas foods down these few days until indigestion catches up with us.

Sgt. Gerald Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Morton arrived at New Bern last Monday, 13, or tried to land, but so much soup compelled him to fly on as far as S.C. He then returned to New Bern by motor vehicle, while his anxious parents awaited him out on the ground while their plans zoomed above them—imagine the predicament. Sgt. Morton has been stationed at Germany for the past several months and will return after Christmas.

Mr. T. F. Sanderson and son Gene made a business trip to Greenville last week and took in a movie at the Meadow Brook Drive-In there. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Mearady and daughter's were last week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sanderson and their family.

Mrs. Vera Ester who has been visiting with her husband, Mr. Earnest Easter of Baltimore, Md., has returned home with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Sheppard of High Point has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grey who has been in a Jacksonville hospital suffering from a heart attack and other complications and is in serious condition.

Pvt. J. T. Easter of Ft. Jackson, S.C. has returned to camp where he is in school for a crew as chief. Mrs. Easter and daughter, Susan Lou, are at the present time staying with his mother, Mrs. E. Easter and visiting with her father Mr. Bob Grey while in the hospital in Jacksonville.

Mr. Malvin Register who had a serious accident recently, by an automobile hood falling on his head causing injuries to his nose, with a deep gash, is out and slightly scarred up a bit.

Mr. Leslie Lanier who has been ill for the past few days is slowly gaining his strength and all hope he soon will be up an about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank James of Beulaville has been a recent visitor of her parents, since her brother Gerald is at home for a few weeks from Germany, children of Mr. and Mrs. Rodolph Morton.

Mrs. V. Miller and mother, Mrs. Eula Sanderson made a business trip to Kenansville last week, later visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sanderson of near Magnolia.

Mr. Johnnie Houghs, who left last week for Greene, New York, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Houghs, had hardly arrived before his grandfather, Mr. O. Owens of Utica, New York, died suddenly of a heart attack and will not return until after the funeral for Mr. Owens.

Mrs. J. L. Quinn made a business and shopping trip to Wallace last Friday with Friends, here and to visit with friends in Wallace.

Mrs. Jimmie Southerland spent last Thursday in Kinston with her husband and both did shopping for—you can guess, what. Little Suzanne the Chiquapin Prodigy who could be called the singing baby is expecting Santa. Of course you will have to see and hear Suzanne sing to believe it. If she keeps up her memory until she is of school age, her reputation will have been made as a singer. I wouldn't have believed it only I've heard her.

Mrs. Cora Sanders of Beulaville "Say, Mom," he said, "our teacher sure asked some funny questions. She wanted to know where I was born."

"And did you tell her," asked Mother, "that you were born in the Woman's Hospital?"

"Nope!" replied Tommy. "I didn't want to tell her in the class to think I was a sissy. I told her the Yankee Stadium."—American Legion Magazine.



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spent last Thursday in Chiquapin with friends and is regaining her health and is in good cheer recently.

News For Veterans

More than three million additional World War II and post-Korea veterans are likely to get GI loans before their respective deadline, Veterans Administration forecast.

That estimate is contained in a decennial report, a 40-page pamphlet entitled "GI Loans, the First Ten Years," released by VA on the accomplishments, impact, and future of the GI loan program.

The decennial report records the legislative and administrative history of "a bold venture in veterans benefits" that already has enabled more than 3 1/2 million veterans to borrow more than \$2.5 billion for homes, farms and businesses.

In the foreword to the report, Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans Affairs praises the response of private industry to "what has become the greatest Government-sponsored credit venture of its kind" and pays tribute to the efforts of VA employees who have been engaged in its administration.

The report reviews the relatively small cost of the GI loan program to the taxpayers of the nation and

reveals that administrative expenses have been about 43 cents for every hundred dollars borrowed by veterans.

In estimating that more than three million additional veterans will use their GI loan benefits, VA said it seems reasonable to assume that at least a million more loans would be made to World War II veterans and at least two million to veterans with service since June 27, 1950.

the beginning of the Korean conflict.

Most World War II veterans have until July 28, 1957 to obtain GI loans, while post-Korea veterans have until ten years after the end of the present emergency, a date yet to be determined by Presidential proclamation or by concurrent resolution of the Congress.

What Veterans Are Asking

Q—What is the maximum amount of National Service Life Insurance that can be carried?

A—NSLI may be issued to eligible persons in an amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in multiples of \$500. However, no person can carry, at any one time, an amount in excess of \$10,000 of Government Life Insurance.

Q—Is it necessary for me to go to Washington, D.C. to talk with a representative of the United States Veterans Administration?

A—No, it is not necessary for a veteran or any other person to go to Washington, D. C. for that purpose. The Veterans Administration maintains Contact Offices and Regional Offices in all states and U. S. possessions. In Goldsboro the VA Contact Office is on the 6th floor of the Borden Building, corner of Walnut and James Streets.

Q—Does the law require me to make a down payment, if I buy a house with a GI Loan?

A—The law does not require a down payment. However, your lender has the right to ask for one, if he chooses to do so.

Q—I'm a World War II veteran and I've just finished a course in television repair under the original GI Bill. I have some entitlement

left, and I'd like to enroll in a business course. Would this be possible?

A—No. Under the World War II GI Bill, once a veteran completes or discontinues a course, he's not permitted to begin another one.

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