

# VA to Pay NSLI Dividend in March

Paul W. Crayton, officer in charge of the New Bern VA office, announced that the Veterans Administration would pay a dividend commencing in March 1952, to approximately 5,000,000 holders of National Service Life Insurance, and announced plans for consolidating six of the VA district offices handling insurance and death claims into two offices, located at Fort Snelling, Minn., and Denver, Colo.

Under terms of the Public Law 36 of the 82nd Congress, policy holders who wish to receive their 1952 dividend in cash will have to notify VA. If such notice is not given, the dividend will be used by VA to pay the premiums becoming due after the dividend is payable, if the policy holder fails to pay such premiums.

VA will mail a special form to all eligible policy holders which they may use to request cash payment of the dividend if they wish. However, any type of written request for payment of the dividend will be acceptable, provided it contains the full name and address of the veteran, together with his insurance numbers.

VA officials estimate that consolidation of the six district offices will result in a net annual savings of approximately \$2,483,160 after the first year of operation. The first year's savings will be partially offset by the one-time costs of moving personnel and records, alterations of needed space, etc. Present district offices at Seattle and Chicago are to be moved to Fort Snelling, and those at Oakland, Calif., and St. Louis, Mo., will be moved to Denver. The consolidations are scheduled to start about Feb. 10 and be completed in early March.

Crayton said the 1952 regular dividend is payable to policy holders whose policies were in force under premium-paying conditions for three months or longer between the 1951 and 1952 anniversary dates of the policies. The same dividend rates that were used in computing the special three-year 1951 dividend will apply to the 1952 dividend.

# Marine Corps Reactivates Third Air Wing Friday

## This Week Is 'Peanut Week'

"Peanut Week" will be observed next week, Feb. 3 through 9, Wilbur Garner, Newport, distributor for "Tom's Toasted Peanuts," announced today.

The producer of Tom's products, The Tom Huston Peanut Co., Columbus, Ga., has already entered its second quarter century. It celebrated its 25th anniversary in April 1925 in Columbus, Ga., with only three employees and the first and only product was a 5-cent bag of blanched, salted, Spanish peanuts.

Today the modern plant of the company occupies more than a city block.

Being distributed by Garner this week throughout Carteret county are free samples of peanuts, also booklets describing Tom's operations and first quarter century of growth.

Today Tom's turns out over 100 varieties of candy, packaged crackers, and peanut products. A fleet of 1,500 trucks carries the delicacies to retailers in 36 states.

In this county Garner, who has distributed Tom's products for the past 15 years, serves 200 retailers. Garner, who is married to the former Eloise Elliott of Newport, expressed in an interview yesterday his thanks to all his customers for their business during the past decade and a half.

Cherry Point.—The Third Marine Aircraft Wing was commissioned Friday at the Marine Corps Air station, Cherry Point.

Upon reactivation, the new wing became a part of Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, and like the Second Marine Aircraft wing, is under command of Major General Thomas J. Cushman, who led the first Marine air units in the Korean fighting.

The new wing, commanded by Colonel Walter L. Bayler, of Lebanon, Pa., presently consists of administrative squadrons only, although tactical squadrons will be formed as soon as practicable. It is expected that the wing will be moved to Miami, Fla., as soon as facilities become adequate.

The Naval Air station at Miami will, on Feb. 15 become the Marine Corps Air station and will eventually house the major portion of the Third wing. The new air station, to be commanded by Colonel Thomas G. Ennis, of Kenton, Ohio, requires extensive rehabilitation of facilities before tactical units can be based there, the Marine Corps stated. It is expected that the first tactical squadrons of the new wing will not move to Miami for several months.

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Their topics included "Man's Inhumane Treatment of Dogs," a life history, "A Tip on Techniques," "It Costs Money," and "Do Away with the Politburo."

M/Sgt. S. R. Clapsal was table topic chairman and the topic for discussion was "Headlines, Sub-Titles and Pictures Clipped from Newspapers."

Chairman of the meeting was M/Sgt. E. J. Lappart, toastmaster was R. W. Davis, HMC, general evaluator was T/Sgt. J. Gormley, and critics were M/Sgt. A. A. Aalto, M/Sgt. R. T. Larson, M/Sgt. H. L. Genco, Sergeant Clapsal, and M/Sgt. W. W. Rose.

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# New Aero-Willys Makes Big Hit

C. T. Cannon, president of the Newport Tractor and Equipment co., Newport, reported today that introduction here of the long-awaited Aero Willys six-passenger sedan on Jan. 18 resulted in more sales in the first four days of public display than in any comparable period in the history of this concern.

Cannon said public interest in the new aerodynamically-designed car, capable in overdrive at 30 miles an hour of doing up to 35 miles per gallon using regular gas, is greater even than the curiosity shown when the famous wartime Jeep was converted by Willys Overland into a civilian model and publicly introduced in the fall of 1945.

He estimated that 1,000 persons visited the Newport Tractor's showrooms Friday through Monday.

In addition to the orders received, there were many requests for demonstrations which will be given as soon as possible. In this connection Cannon cited a statement by Ward M. Canaday, president of Willys-Overland, who said: "The company's present allocation of metal for passenger cars is far short of the amount that will be needed to meet dealers' requirements for the Aero Willys this year."

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# Council-Manager City Governments on Increase

New York.—(AP)—Seventy-three communities and counties adopted the council-manager form of government in 1951, the National Municipal league has announced.

The plan was in effect or soon-to-be in 1,078 places. Largest city to adopt the plan last year was San Antonio, Tex., where the voters approved it by a 2-to-1 majority.

Two states have permitted their cities to adopt the council-manager plan, the league reported. Rhode Island did so by a constitutional amendment and Illinois by an enabling act of the state legislature.

The "red shift," which is a difference in the spectroscopy of light from distant stars as compared with light from nearby sources, indicates the universe is exploding, with the stars traveling away from each other at great speeds.

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