

### 1,000,000 GI Loans Now Repaid; Some 3,500,000 More Still Out



BARNEY J. RANDOLPH

### Randolph Ends Marine Training

PARIS ISLAND, S. C.—Barney J. Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Randolph of Route 1, Kings Mountain, N. C., is scheduled to complete recruit training April 5 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

The ten-week course covers military drill, first aid, personal hygiene, Marine Corps history, and defense against chemical and atomic attacks.

The final three weeks are spent on the rifle range where the new Marines fire the M-1 rifle for qualification.

### New Chemical Spray Is Good Grass Killer

A new chemical shows promise in the control of Bermuda and Johnson grass, according to Bill Westmoreland, extension weed control specialist at State College.

The herbicide is called dalapon. State college first tested it in 1953, and in 1955 farmers used some of the material.

Westmoreland reports that it will do a satisfactory control job if the manufacturer's directions are followed.

Dalapon is somewhat different than most other killers of grassy weeds. Twenty pounds of the chemical is dissolved in 100 gallons of water and the solution is sprayed on growing plants. The best results have been where the spray was used on plants when

The millionth veteran has repaid his GI loan in full, Veterans Administration announced.

As of January 31, 1956, 1,024,919 loans for homes, farms, and businesses totaling more than \$5.1 billion had been repaid in full, or nearly one out of every four GI loans guaranteed or insured by Va.

In the 11 years of the program, VA has underwritten 4,599,685 GI loans totaling \$34.4 billion. Most of the loans, or 4,306,515 were for homes. Of the remainder, 68,956 were farm loans and 224,213 were business loans.

Of the 1,024,919 GI loans repaid in full, 809,511 were home loans totaling \$4.6 billion; 42,277 were farm loans totaling \$132 million, and 173,131 were business loans totaling \$420 million.

In addition to the \$5.1 billion repaid in full, VA estimated another \$3.5 billion has been paid off in installments by veterans whose loans are still outstanding.

VA has paid claims to lenders on only 40,035 loans for homes, farms and businesses. These loans had an original principal amount of approximately \$200 million.

The net loss to VA has been only \$19 million, or a slightly more than 50 cents for every thousand dollars borrowed, VA said. The net loss is subject to further recovery, either from the veteran or from the liquidation of tangible security.

Of the 40,035 loans on which claims have been paid, 24,558 or slightly more than one-half of one percent of the total number guaranteed were home loans. Allowing for repaid-in-full loans, amortization payments and claims paid, VA estimates that \$24.5 billion of the original \$34.4 billion borrowed by World War II and Korean conflict period veterans still is outstanding.

they were growing rapidly. This stage of growth is usually in June in North Carolina.

Spraying should be done before the grasses begin to flower and seed. At times, a thorough, shallow raking in late May gives an even and uniform growth, which improved conditions for mid-June spraying.

Under most soil conditions, the chemical will be gone in a maximum of eight weeks, and often slightly sooner. At present, any local crop will be severely injured by dalapon rates that give grass control.

Westmoreland feels that older control measures should not be completely abandoned in favor of dalapon.

In 1940, each farm worker produced enough for himself and nearly three others. In 1953, one worker produced enough for himself and 17 others.

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**WANT ADS**

## Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

- Check the correct word:
- 1—World air speed record over an approved course is now held by (Britain) (U.S.).
  - 2—It is (822) (1,132) miles per hour.
  - 3—Move is afoot by southern members of Congress to (defy) (reverse) Supreme Court's ruling on segregation.
  - 4—Greece (has) (has not) banned study of English in her schools.
  - 5—Exiling of an (archbishop) (general) caused trouble to flame on Cyprus.
  - 6—Jordan's defense forces (have not) (have) been subsidized by Britain.
  - 7—New discovery (challenges) (confirms) Darwinian theory of evolution.
  - 8—Air Force Academy is located in (Colorado) (Maryland).
  - 9—First day of summer is (May) (June) 21.
  - 10—It is called the summer (solstice) (equinox).
- Count 10 for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, very superior.

Decoded Intelligram  
1—Britain, 2—1,132 m.p.h., 3—Reverse, 4—Has, 5—Archbishop, 6—Have, 7—Challenges, 8—Colorado, 9—June, 10—Solstice.



**GARDEN TIME**  
ROBERT SCHMIDT  
N.C. STATE COLLEGE

In a few days those dahlias that you left in the ground over winter will send up sprouts.

The yshould be dug up, divided and replanted. If they are not taken up and divided they will send up several stalks which will give you some nice early blooms, but the fall flowers will usually be inferior.

In dividing dahlia clumps be sure that each division has at least one root and one good eye or sprout. There is no advantage in having more than that.

If you took up the dahlia clumps last fall and put them in storage you will find they are beginning to show well-developed eyes or sprouts and can be easily divided now.

After dividing, keep them covered with slightly dampened peat moss or sawdust so that they will not dry out until it is time to plant. In the central portion of the state a good planting date is May 1 to 15; in eastern areas a few days later would be best and in the mountains early May would be about right.

Dahlias grow well in any type of soil as long as it is well drained. If the soil is not well drained you may lose many plants after periods of heavy rainfall. On the other hand, it is necessary to keep dahlias well watered during extended periods of hot, dry weather.

Dahlia roots may be purchased now at seed stores or from certified dahlia nurseries. A few good, inexpensive, large-flowered varieties are: Cherokee Brave (red), Edna D. (red), Jersey's Beauty (pink), D-Day (pink), Kirsten Flagstad (orange), California Pageant (orange), Jane Cowl (buff), Edgar Guest (yellow), Allegresse (yellow), The Real Glory (white), 5-Star General (cream pink), and Jean Trimbee (purple).

### Services Sunday For Mrs. Rayfield

Funeral rites for Mrs. J. S. Rayfield, 66, of Lowell, mother of Mrs. Walter Farris, of route two, were conducted last Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. from Lowell Church of God.

Interment was in Shady Grove cemetery near Cherryville.

Mrs. Rayfield died Tuesday night in Garrison General hospital of a heart condition.

Survivors include her husband, six sons, two daughters, a number of grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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| 4. CAR C.....20.7124 miles per gallon | 12. CAR K.....18.6694 miles per gallon |
| 5. CAR D.....20.7032 miles per gallon | 13. CAR L.....18.0750 miles per gallon |
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### BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1955

ASSETS	
<b>Operating Fund</b>	
CASH	\$ 13,109.56
RECEIVABLES	
Patients—Less: Reserved for Doubtful Accounts	\$ 28,656.49
The Duke Endowment	1,937.00
Other Accounts	7.70
Returned Checks	194.65
	30,795.84
INVENTORIES (Furnished)	8,959.20
PREPAID INSURANCE	402.64
	\$ 53,267.24
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUND</b>	
<b>Plant Fund</b>	\$ 23,473.31
CASH	
FIXED ASSETS	
Land	\$ 16,683.30
Buildings	453,187.77
Equipment	62,979.58
	\$532,850.65
TOTAL	19,007.45
Less: Reserved for Depreciation	513,843.20
	537,316.51
<b>TOTAL PLANT FUND</b>	
	\$590,583.75
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Operating Fund</b>	\$ 8,237.82
Accounts Payable	3,517.05
Accrued Salaries and Wages	2,928.92
Accrued Payroll Taxes	
	\$ 14,683.79
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	38,583.45
<b>OPERATING FUND SURPLUS</b>	
	\$ 53,267.24
<b>Plant Fund</b>	537,316.51
Plant Fund Surplus	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	\$590,583.75

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS—OPERATING FUND Year Ended December 31, 1955

<b>Gross Income From Patients</b>		\$ 222,641.13
Less: Charity Allowances, Bad Accounts, Etc.	\$ 58,777.54	
Less: Charity Collections and Recoveries	2,769.39	56,008.15
		\$ 166,632.98
<b>NET INCOME FROM PATIENTS</b>		
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Administrative	\$ 17,140.95	
Dietary	26,791.73	
Housekeeping	6,029.79	
Laundry	5,544.75	
Plant Operation	7,243.67	
Nursing Service	53,899.30	
Medical and Surgical	15,070.32	
Pharmacy and Drugs	13,849.70	
Medical Records and Library	240.32	
Operating Rooms	5,067.52	
Delivery Rooms	2,311.00	
Anesthesia	7,619.79	
X-Ray	11,724.27	
Laboratory	6,354.38	178,887.49
<b>NET LOSS FROM PATIENTS</b>		\$(12,254.51)
<b>Other Income</b>		
Governments	\$ 11,143.40	
Voluntary Contributions	4,068.98	
Non-Hospital Services	790.32	16,002.70
		\$ 3,748.19
Less: Interest Paid		153.64
<b>OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>		\$ 3,594.55
Less Depreciation		9,729.82
<b>NET OPERATING LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>		\$( 6,135.27)

### —AUDITOR'S STATEMENT—

The above Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations of the Cleveland County Hospital, Kings Mountain Unit, Kings Mountain, N. C., were prepared from our Audit Report for the Year ended December 31, 1955. The Patients Accounts were not confirmed by direct correspondence, nor were we present when the Inventories were taken, which Inventories were accepted by us as furnished by the Management.

(Signed) GEO. G. SCOTT CO.  
Certified Public Accountants