

Stretching Your Dollar

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I have yet to hear a widow or orphan complain about being left too much insurance. A life insurance bargain is available to over 1 1/2 million men, and most of them don't know about it! The government has reopened eligibility for National Service Life

Insurance to veterans with service-connected disabilities. Those collecting pensions will be informed when they receive their monthly check. But the veterans administration is having a difficult time locating these ex-GIs who have service incurred disabilities but are not receiving any compensation payments.

Any veteran who believes he is entitled to this insurance should contact the VA to determine if he falls into the category of eligibility. This is really unusual opportunity. As most former servicemen discovered when they bought commercial life insurance some years ago, after they were discharged from the Armed Forces, their GI coverage was the most inexpensive they could ever have bought.

However, by the time the young vets of World War II and the Korean conflict became family men and gave serious consideration to buying life insurance,

they were no longer eligible for GI coverage which most of them allowed to lapse. The government set a time limit within which a decision on whether or not they would convert all or part of their \$10,000 life policies to some form of permanent insurance.

The reopening of eligibility to this segment of veterans is an opportunity that should not be missed. It would be safe to say that the bulk of these men could use the extra insurance regardless of their present coverage. In my personal experience, I have found few people who really had adequate protection for their families.

The Veteran's Administration admittedly does not know where the 1 1/2 million ex-GIs who qualified for no-compensation service connected disability are. There was no reason to remain in touch with them in the past.

Since this offering will mean such tremendous savings for these vets, patriotic and other organizations have volunteered to help the VA contact them.

Still, many eligible veterans will never hear of this opportunity to buy this low cost insurance. I, therefore, urge all former servicemen who even faintly believe that they have a disability status to check with their local VA offices.

Perhaps, the government will take another gracious giant step soon and permit all ex-GIs to reinstate their lapsed National Service Life Insurance policies.

Baptists Plan 'M' Night

Rev. M. D. DuBose, Jr., Kings Mountain Baptist Association Training Union Director, announced that the Associational "M" Night would be December 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist church, Shelby.

Dr. James S. Potter, pastor of the Pritchard Memorial Baptist church, Charlotte, will be guest speaker, with the Gardner Webb choir bringing the special music. Dr. Potter is a native of North Carolina; graduated from Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. For ten years he was pastor of the First Baptist church in Statesville, then, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh.

The theme for this annual "M" Night meeting will be: "That Men Shall Worship Him" (Zeph. 2:11). The Gardner Webb Choir, under the directorship of Mrs. Robert Gidney, will offer as their anthem a special arrangement of "O Worship the King".

Rev. Mr. DuBose issued a special invitation to all the Baptist churches to participate in this worship service on December 7th and advised that the nursery will be open for this service.

"A goal of 1500 has been set for attendance," said Rev. Mr. DuBose, "and we have great hopes of reaching our goal."

Bonds Sales Show Gain

George Blanton, Jr., Cleveland County Volunteer Chairman, today announced that Series E and H Savings Bonds sold in North Carolina during October amounted to \$1,060,833, which is a 5.3 percent increase over Bond sales in October of last year.

Sales for January - October, inclusive, showed an increase of approximately 1 percent over the comparable 10-month period of 1963. For this period sales were \$43,036,393.

"If the present rate of Bond sales continues, it appears almost certain that North Carolina will exceed its \$50 million quota for this year," said Mr. George Blanton, Jr. "Through October, over 36 percent of the State's annual dollar goal for Savings Bonds has been sold, and we are also anxious for Cleveland County to make its dollar quota of \$401,200.00."

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COMPLETES TRAINING—Airmen Robert S. Conitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac T. Conitt of 309 Parker St., Kings Mountain, has completed the first phase of his Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex. Airmen Conitt has been selected for technical training as an aircraft equipment repairman at an Air Training Command (ATC) school at Sheppard AFB, Tex. His next unit is part of the vast ATC system which trains airmen and officers in the diverse skills required by the nation's aerospace force. The airman is a 1963 graduate of Hudson (N. C.) high school.

COMMISSIONED — Thomas E. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon L. Adams Sr. of Kings Mountain, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School (OTS) at Lackland AFB, Tex. Lieutenant Adams, selected for OTS through competitive examination, is being assigned to an Air Training Command unit at James Connally AFB, Tex. for navigator training. A graduate of Compact high school, he received his A. B. degree from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi and Sigma Rho Sigma.

Census Brings Statistics Up

The 1964 Census of Agriculture, now being conducted by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, in Cleveland County, will bring up to date farm statistics last collected in 1959.

Here are a few of the many facts recorded in the 1959 farm census for this County:

There were 3,084 farms in 1959, compared with 4,672 in 1954. The average size of farm was 66.8 acres in 1959, compared with 54.5 acres in 1954.

The value of products sold by the County's farmers in 1959 was \$10,380,235. The value of all crops sold was \$5,293,696. The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was \$5,086,539.

The 1964 national Census of Agriculture is the 18th in a series which began in 1840. Because of the rapid changes American agriculture has been undergoing in recent years, Census Bureau officials regard the current census as one of the most significant ever taken. They ask every farmer to cooperate in compiling an accurate record of these changes by filling out the census form he receives in the mail and holding the completed questionnaire until a census taker calls for it.

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