

Washington Notes

'56 GI INSURANCE DIVIDEND

Approximately 5,500,000 World War I and World War II veterans will split about \$219 billion in Government life insurance dividends in 1956, according to an announcement by the Veterans Administration. The nearly 5,000,000 veterans of World War II will receive a total of \$195 million in regular annual dividends on national service life insurance, while about 370,000 holders of World War I U.S. Government life insurance will collect a total of about \$24 million.

MAIL EARLY

The Post Office Department has begun its annual "Shop early-

Mail early" plea for the coming Christmas season. Postal officials expect the largest Christmas mail load in history this year and announced that the nation's railroads are joining the department in its drive for early mailings to promote speedier deliveries.

LIVING COSTS

-Gabriel Hauge, President Eisenhower's economic advisor, recently predicted that the cost of living may creep up in the months ahead, while the boom in industrial output could taper off. He recommended that the Government keep a sharp eye out for any danger signals and be ready to use its powers "in a flexible manner" to combat any downward trend in the economy.

FARM DOLLAR

The farmer's share of what the housewife spends for food is ex-

pected to be shaved further next year, according to an Agriculture Department estimate, which said the farmer's portion of the consumer's food dollar in 1956 will be around 40 cents, compared with 41 cents this year and 43 cents in 1954. But, because of higher marketing charges — up 3 per cent in the third quarter of 1955 from a year ago — only a fraction of the farm price drop was passed along to consumers.

FEWER JOBHOLDERS

The number of Federal jobholders dropped 18,968 in September for the first monthly net decrease since January, according to Senator Harry F. Byrd, head of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-essential Federal Expenditures. Civilian employment on the Government payroll stood at 2,366,075 in September.

FACTORY SALES

Manufacturers' sales totaled

\$27,700,000,000 in September, slightly higher than in August and \$4 billion higher than September 1954, according to the Commerce Department. New orders placed with manufacturers during the month totaled \$28,500,000,000, some what lower than in August after adjustment for seasonal differences, but \$4,500,000,000 higher than in September, 1954.

U.S. BIG LAND-HOLDER

A total of 161,500,000 acres in the United States and Alaska are under the control of the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of Interior. This land, consisting mostly of woodlands, is estimated to contain 2660 million board feet of saw timber and another 212 billion board feet of non-commercial timber.

FARM INCOME

The Agriculture Department recently reported that farm net

income for the third quarter of this year reached an annual rate of \$10,300,000,000, about 5 per cent below the previous quarter and ten per cent below the third quarter rate in 1954. The decline is attributed mainly to lower prices of farm products accompanied by only small reduction in expense.

PERSONAL INTEREST

The American people paid a new high of three billion dollars, for personal interest on loans in 1954, according to a recent report by the Commerce Department.

DRY HANDS

Be sure your hands are dry when handling any electric equipment and that the floor on which you are standing is dry, too, cautions Doris L. Snook, Penn State extension home management specialist.



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