











### Pension Reporting Time for Veterans

It is pension reporting time for 1876 disabled veterans and the dependents of some 1210 deceased veterans in Delaware.

Leon Fields, Manager of the veterans administration regional office in Wilmington, explained why it is also a time of complications and individual problems, most of them unnecessary.

Along with their December checks, due January 1, all VA pension recipients will receive enclosed tabulating cards. They carry the words "Please do not mutilate," although several hundred will come back in unusable condition.

On these cards beneficiaries must report all outside income received during 1961 and expected in 1962. Outside income means everything, including Social Security payments, except of course the VA pension payments themselves.

VA needs the reports to determine continued eligibility of pensioners and to make adjustments on the basis of increased or decreased outside income. One pension law cuts off payments when income of an individual, if single, exceeds \$1400 a year, or \$2700 if he has dependents. Another law (1960) sets limits of \$1800 and \$3000, but provides for adjustments on the basis of income up to these maximums.

But the really big headache is getting these cards back from the beneficiaries.

Mr. Fields estimates that on the basis of past years, some fifty recipients will simply extract their checks from the envelopes and, without looking inside, throw away the enclosed tabulating cards. And, by the way, that is no excuse.

Another 250 or so will not bother to fill out and return the cards because their incomes are already in excess, or will be during 1962. That is all right about 1962, but when 1961 income isn't reported, VA is interested in determining just when the beneficiary's income made him ineligible and why he didn't tell VA at the time. If the recipient is at fault, he may be liable for repayment of all checks received during the previous year.

Sometime in February, the Wilmington Regional Office will, as usual, have to suspend payments to more than 300 beneficiaries whose reports have not been received.

Prompt and accurate reporting can save the VA—and the beneficiary—both the delay and the headache.

### 23 Per Cent of Farms in Wheat Sign-Up

Preliminary reports on farms signed up under the 1962 wheat stabilization program show that the sign-up was particularly heavy in the five Plain States.

Jacob Zimmerman, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Con-

servation State Committee, said today.

These states—Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas—produced about 50 per cent of the 1961 U. S. wheat crop and about 80 percent of the hard red winter production. Wheat on signed farms to date amounts to about 90 percent of the acreage planted to wheat in these States in 1961.

In the five-state area, about 6.8 million acres have been signed for diversion from 1932 wheat production on 274,195 participating farms. This is equal to about 26.5 per cent of the 1961 acreage planted to wheat in these States. Diversion per farm averages about 29.4 per cent of each participating farm's wheat acreage. The farms signed up to participate represent about 70 per cent of the listed wheat farms in the area.

The chairman pointed out that the sign-up in this area is particularly significant since around 1,103 million bushels—or nearly 79 per cent—of the total 1,407-million-bushel national carryover as of June 30, 1961, were hard red winter wheat. Of the 1.2 billion bushels of Commodity Credit Corporation wheat stocks as of Oct. 1, 1961, more than 960 million bushels—or about 80 per cent—were hard winter wheat.

In Delaware, chairman Zimmerman reported, the preliminary tabulation of the wheat program sign-up shows a total of 458 farms signed to take part in the program, on which 4,076

acres are signed for diversion from wheat production in 1962. Diversion per farm averages about 35 per cent of each participating farm's wheat acreage. Farms signed to participate represent about 23 per cent of the listed wheat farms in the State. Advance payments permitted under the program now total \$57,558 to the State's wheat producers.

Nationally, through Dec. 1, a total of 11.2 million acres have been signed up for diversion, representing 34.4 per cent of the 32,424,220 program acres on 696,939 wheat-producing farms. (Program acres are the total of either the 1962 wheat acreage before the mandatory 10-per cent minimum diversion or the highest acreage not in excess of 15 acres planted on the farm during the 1959-61 period, depending on which option the producer elected to exercise.) The program acres on signed farms are equal to about 58.5 per cent of the 55,448,000 acres planted to wheat in 1961.

Wheat-producing farms signed to participate through Dec. 1 represent more than 37 per cent of the 1,881,408 farms listed as wheat farms in the 39-state commercial wheat-producing area.

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### People of Asia Interested in Food Not Satellites

The economic development and political stability of the countries of Southeastern Asia living under the shadow of Soviet Russia and Communist China, are greatly influenced by the ability of these countries to meet their agricultural goals, according to Dr. E. T. York, Jr., Administrator of the Federal Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Speaking at the University of Delaware's annual Agricultural Extension Conference held recently at Newark, he told of his recent tour of Southeastern Asia. "I was greatly impressed with the capacity of American agriculture during this trip," he said. "We visited countries where the per capita income annually is less than \$150. Seventy-five to 80 per cent of the population are engaged in farming. Many of these countries still are not able to produce their basic food needs."

Dr. York said he noted a very determined effort in most of these countries to improve agriculture. He said, "When I visited these nations a few years ago they were putting number one priority on industrial development. Now the major emphasis has switched to agriculture. Governmental leaders have realized that agricultural development must precede any substan-

tial industrial growth."

He told of one governmental leader who said, "We have watched with great interest the race between the United States and the Russians; a race to put the first satellite in orbit or the first man in space. We were interested in seeing the great concern exhibited by the American people when the Russians succeeded first in both areas. If you want to make a comparison that is meaningful to the 85 to 90 per cent of our peoples that are in no way concerned in the space race, you should compare your progress in agriculture with that of Soviet Russia."

This governmental leader went on to say that the primary concern of most of his people was enough food to eat. He said, "It is almost inconceivable that any country with less than 10 per cent of its total population engaged in farming can produce not only its own food needs but enough to share with people around the world. It is far more important to our people to have food in their stomachs than have satellites in the sky."

Dr. York told Delaware's extension staff that agriculture and government leaders in many of these countries are realizing the need for an effective agricultural extension service patterned after the United States.

This does not detract from the importance of research in these nations, according to York, but instead recognizes the great body of knowledge that is not being applied. "If this knowledge can

be applied more fully, these countries can go a long way toward realizing their agricultural goals," he said.

One minister of agriculture told Dr. York, "The U. S. has helped us in many ways but their greatest contribution has been in giving us their concepts of Extension education and helping us to develop an effective extension program."

There is a tremendous interest in some of these countries in the development of home economics and 4-H programs, according to York. In some countries where women were still behind the veil, they recognized the contributions these programs can make toward a better home life, family life, and improved standards of living.

"We saw the idea of 4-H being transplanted intact in some of these countries," he said. "I was told of an experience in one country where the per capita income was around \$40 annually. A 4-H boy with a vegetable project made four to five times the income from this little project than his father made in his entire farming operation."

### St. Bernadette's Church Notes

This is the time of the year when the inspirations of your Christian faith which are always numerous seem to be multiplied. To commemorate this Holy Season a High Mass was celebrated

beginning Midnight Christmas Eve. Rev. John A. Corrigan was the celebrant.

J. L. Battmann's "Mass in F," was sung by the choir, under the direction of Mr. James Lobo, assisted by Tyson Wroten at the organ. The soloists were as follows: Mrs. William Wise, Mrs. John Rothermel, Mrs. William Lord, Mrs. William Kohel and Mr. James Lobo.

On Christmas morning the Children's Choir rendered several appropriate selections. Elizabeth Ann Trotta and Linda Smith were the featured soloists.

Thursday, Dec. 28, at 7:30 p. m., in the Parish Hall, a Christmas party is to be held for the Catholic Youth Organization. Refreshments, entertainment and dancing will be on the program.

December 31st, the Annual Christmas Party for the younger children of the parish is scheduled. The parents and friends of the children are cordially invited to attend, so they may enjoy the entertainment furnished by the students of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Classes for C. C. D. students pre-school through sixth grades will be resumed on January 2, Sunday, a Jan. 7, instructions will be given the Junior and Senior High School students at 7 o'clock in the Parish Hall.

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By MRS. DAVE (PAT) SMITH

With Christmas over all the excitement died down... I have had the pleasure to visit to see what "Ole Salt Nick" left them.

My first stop was up to and Mrs. Bobby Carters, track man. Larry, Gary, Donna, their children, as usual had so many gifts. They tried all at one time to tell me what Santa had brought them.

Mrs. Carter has a Christmas permanent wave coming to her along with the rest of her gifts. Bobby received a new saddle for his saddle horse "Lea Nubbins" which was an early Christmas present.

Mrs. Carter said they had so many guests in and out they were glad when it was over. I really enjoy going up there for a chat over a good cup of coffee.

Stopped to ask Pete Loose what he received from Santa. Gosh, Pete, you really hit the jackpot. Everything you could mention in the line of clothes, including a stopwatch.

The one party Pete told me about was really an angel. I promise never to tell. Who says there isn't still good thoughtful people living yet? Pete tells me Herman Brown was really good to him. Even Judy, Pete's little dog, was remembered.

Fish & Game News

Down the Home Stretch

Goose hunters head down the home stretch this week as they seek a bird or two for the Yuletide holidays. The season ends on Thursday, Jan. 4. Geese have frequented Delaware in record numbers this fall.

Woodcock, although seldom the object of a special hunt here, have been showing up frequently in mixed bags along with quail and other small game. The season for woodcock closes December 26.

Quail hunters have found that birds and plentiful over most of Sussex County. Coveys in Kent and southern New Castle Counties are reported as fairly numerous but contain fewer number of birds.

Delaware's two-day shotgun season for deer will be Fri., Jan. 12 and Sat., Jan. 13. Persons killing a deer must report the kill within 12 hours to one of the following checking stations: State Police weighing station at State Road, junction of U. S. Rt. 40 and DuPont Highway.

It's something new. Starting Sun., Dec. 31, at 7:15 a "Night till Morn" fun and thrill show is the order of the day. Continuous till the wee hours of the morning, one can see a complete show as late as midnight.

So sensational, so important the presentation, the Reese Theatre opens its doors on Thursday to play the sensation sweeping the country, "HEY, LET'S TWIST", with Joey Dee, the Peppermint Loungers, Kay Armen, the Starlighters and a bevy of twisters.

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Clarence L. & Lena B. Collins, Misspillion Hundred, to Alton W. & Evelyn M. Collins, Farmington. 1 acre on road leading from Harrington to Farmington. \$55,000.

Ernest Warren, to Harry Rals-ton, Frederica. 4000 sq. ft. on Warren Street in Frederica. \$1.00 consideration.

Veterans News

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Q—I am a World War I disabled veteran drawing service-connected disability compensation from the VA. In the event of my death, what benefits (if any) would my wife be entitled to?

A—If your death resulted from your service-connected disability, your wife would be entitled to compensation. If your death resulted from a nonservice-connected cause, your wife would be entitled to a pension depending upon her annual income.

Q—I know one widow of a Spanish-American War veteran who receives \$65 a month. Another one gets \$75 a month. Would you explain the difference?

A—The \$75 check goes to the widow of a Spanish-American War veteran who was married to the veteran during all or part of that war. The widow who married such a veteran after the war will receive the \$65 check.

Reese Theatre Notes

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