

Steps Taken To Cut Finances As Congress Slashes Budget

The Veterans administration announced it has taken five steps necessary to reduce costs of its department of medicine and surgery, to bring the operations within the limits of funds appropriated by Congress for the fiscal year 1953.

First of the steps is a reduction of 2,250 employees in VA hospitals. Doctors, nurses, dentists and dietitians are exempted from the cut, since there is a national shortage of trained personnel in these four classes. However, VA said, in order to maintain balanced staffs between the hospitals, a few doctors, dentists, nurses and dietitians may be offered

transfers from one VA hospital to another.

Separation notices were delivered early in October to the employees who must be cut from the VA service. In the reductions the procedures of the Civil Service commission are followed. The employees affected received 30-day notices, which will take effect November 4.

The second step taken by VA was a reduction of five per cent in the number of medical employees in the Central Office, Washington, D. C. Step number three was to reduce VA's contracts with other Federal agencies or hospitalizing a daily average of 385 veteran patients.

The fourth step was to reduce by \$1,000,000 the amount allotted to pay hospital consultants and attending physicians for VA hospitals.

The final step was to reduce by \$5,700,000 the amount allotted for fees for physicians giving out-patient medical and dental examinations and treatment of veterans.

VA said it anticipates a reduction in the daily average number of patients in its hospitals, being an overall reduction of more than 2,000 patients.

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Oil Group Offers \$500 In Prizes In Theme Contest

A chance to win \$500 in prizes is offered to undergraduate students throughout the country by the Association of Petroleum Re-Finers, Washington, D. C. Contestants are invited to submit papers on the subject, "The Advantages of Refined Oil," Verne T. Worthington, president of the association, announced last week.

Purpose of the contest, according to Worthington, is to further research on the re-cycling of a vital natural resource in the interests of oil conservation. He explained that bibliography on the subject is somewhat limited and another of the purposes of the contest is to stimulate original research on the subject of the re-cycling of once-used lubricating oil.

Students desiring to enter the contest may secure a list of companies engaging in re-refining of oil and a summary of available data by writing to: The Association of Petroleum Re-Finers, 1917 Eye street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. Manuscripts must be no shorter than 1000 words and no longer than 2000 words in length and be submitted to the Association's Contest committee postmarked no later than December 31, 1952.

First prize will be \$250.00, second prize, \$100.00, with three other prizes of \$50.00 each.

YWCA Completes Plans For Furnishing Y Hut

At the monthly meeting of the YWCA Tuesday night plans were made to begin collecting materials to furnish the new Y hut which should be completed soon.

The group voted to sponsor a square dance to be held December 4. Jane Kanoy, sophomore from Thomasville, was chosen chairman of the dance committee.

Grace Baker, senior from Kenansville, presided at the meeting.

Red Cross Lifesaving
The Red Cross Senior and Instructor Life Saving courses will be offered during the month of December in the college pool. Students interested in securing these certificates should turn in their names to Miss Nell Stallings or Dr. Charles DeShaw. Candidates must be at least 18 years old.

Home Economics Club Sells Gifts At Annual Bazaar

Gifts of interest to the Christmas shopper and a variety of items for the homemaker were offered for sale at the second annual bazaar sponsored by the Home Economics club at East Carolina college. The event took place in the lobby of the Flanagan building Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Profits will be used during the school year to send student delegates to the convention to the American Home Economics association in Kansas City and to state and regional conferences and workshops. Club members will also use the proceeds of the bazaar to contribute to the International Scholarship fund and the Permanent Headquarters fund of the national home economics organization, to the local March of Dimes drive and to other worthy projects.

Clothing and toys for children, articles useful and ornamental in the home, and a variety of home-made cakes, candies, jellies, jams and preserves were offered the shopper.

Kathryn T. Rickards of Washington, N. C., and Ramona Outlaw of Kinston served as co-chairmen of the committee in charge of the bazaar.

Rocky Mount Club Hears Dr. Stokes On Africa Aspect

"Africa presents today an explosive situation which, in focusing attention on Asia, we have tended to overlook," said Dr. Kathleen Stokes of East Carolina college in a recent talk before the Pilots club of Rocky Mount.

A member of the social studies department at East Carolina, Dr. Stokes spoke at a dinner meeting of the civic organization at the Ricks hotel in Rocky Mount. Approximately 30 members were present to hear her discuss "Africa: A New Challenge to American Enterprise and American Diplomacy."

European powers which control Africa, she said, face the same problems in Africa which have confronted them in Asia. Communistic influence is a threat there as elsewhere, she stated. A desire for independence is beginning to be felt, she said, and "the first stirrings of the Negro peoples toward nationalism" are apparent.

We must keep Africa within the Western orbit, Dr. Stokes pointed out. It is, she said, the world's richest source of stock pile materials; as a trading nation, she continued, we are particularly interested in developing African markets. As a key to Western security, she added, Africa should not be neglected.

American disquiet about the African situation is evident, Dr. Stokes told her audience. The goals of US policy, she explained, are to help the people of Africa achieve independence provided they do it in a peaceful manner. Our policy is to aid them through Point IV of the UN Charter, she said, and we have agreed to their right to bring their case to the UN for consideration.

Dr. McGinnis Takes Position As Campus Work Coordinator

Dr. Howard McGinnis of Greenville has accepted an appointment by Dr. John D. Meessick of East Carolina college to act as coordinator of work being done in the interest of the Pitt County Scholarship foundation. The goal of the campaign for funds, now in progress, is to raise in Pitt county a sum of \$100,000 to establish a substantial number of educational scholarships at East Carolina.

Ercell Webb and Badger Johnson, Greenville business men, are serving as co-chairmen of the city campaign. Fifteen teams have been organized in Greenville for solicitation of funds, and other groups are at work elsewhere in the county.

Dr. McGinnis, who retired in 1950 after more than 20 years of service at East Carolina, is coordinating the work of various units throughout Pitt. He knows the needs of the college through experience, for he was East Carolina's registrar from 1927 to 1944, served as acting president of the college for two years and became the first director of the Bureau of Field Services when it was established in 1946.

For many years he has been active in civic and religious work in Greenville. Recently he worked as a District Governor of the Rotary club.

Over 20 Million Veterans Survive All Wars Of US

The number of living veterans of all wars in the United States has risen to a new high total of more than 20,500,000, according to a report of the Veterans administration.

Included in the total are 1,200,000 ex-servicemen and women who have been discharged from the armed forces since the beginning of the Korean conflict, June 27, 1950. Men and women are now being discharged from the armed forces and resuming civilian life at the rate of about 70,000 per month.

The VA report showed that the average age of the veterans discharged since the Korean conflict began is 22 years.

Of the current total of veterans, more than 15,000,000 are listed as veterans of World War II. Their average age now is 33 years.

World War I veterans now living number more than 3,000,000. Their average age is 58 years.

The average age of Spanish-American War veterans is 76 years.

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