

VETERANS ARE AHEAD ACCORDING TO REPORT

Veterans are ahead of non-veterans in educational attainment and income, according to the 1972 annual report of Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson.

The 188-page book, including tables, on federal programs for veterans reveals a variety of characteristics regarding the

nation's veteran population, which recently topped 29 million. For example, the median education level for male veterans is 12.5 school years compared to 12.1 for male non-veterans. Annual income for veterans averages \$9,100 compared to \$6,070 for non-veterans.

Johnson also pointed out that in the 20-29 year age group, where most Vietnam Era veterans are found, the median educational level is 12.7 for veterans during fiscal year 1972 compared to 12.9 for non-veterans. But veterans had an income advantage of \$1,140 over

non-veterans -- \$6,330 to \$5,190. Part of the difference is brought about by GI education allowances, the report points out.

The VA annual report reveals program records in fiscal year 1972, with largest percentage

increases in medical care and benefits for veterans. Medical costs rose 18 percent to \$2.3 billion from \$1.9 billion a year earlier. Expenditures for readjustment benefits (education, GI loans, etc.) increased 14 percent, to nearly

\$1.9 billion from \$1.6 billion. In 1972, Congress appropriated nearly \$11 billion, approximately \$1 billion more than the previous year, to cover mounting costs of programs for veterans, their dependents and survivors.

Among other highlights of the VA annual report:

- * a 7 percent increase to

a record \$6.2 billion in VA compensation and pension benefits.

- * patient treatment rose 3.5 percent to a record 944,000.
- * nearly two million veterans and servicemen received education or training benefits. This was the largest number ever trained in a single year. The cost was nearly \$2 billion,

a 19 percent increase over such costs last year.

- * guaranteed or insured 359,000 GI loans, most since 1957.

VA's annual report also summarizes programs at the beginning of each chapter, and provides a rundown of laws enacted in fiscal year 1972 which affect the agency's operations, Johnson explained.



SHARING CONGRATULATIONS upon receiving "Addy" trophy, highest national advertising award bestowed by the American Advertising Federation, are (left) Ray Kozak, executive secretary, Oregon Dairy Products Commission and Charles J. Marx, executive vice president and account manager,

Thuemmel, Marx & Associates, who supervised the winning advertising campaign. Award was presented to Oregon dairymen for 1972 milk promotion and advertising utilizing foreign language translations of the popular "Every Body Needs Milk" slogan.

Careless Use of Power Mower Can Result In Injuries

The power mower is a useful but potentially dangerous tool, says the Insurance Information Institute. So don't let it become a liability this summer.

Typical rotary mower blades spin at 2,000 to 4,000 revolutions a minute, and that means the blade tips revolve at 100 to 200 miles an hour. At that speed a mower can hurl small objects like a gun firing a bullet.

Although most power mower accidents are not fatal, each year sees severed or maimed fingers or toes, blinded eyes, bruised bodies and burns from gasoline explosions and fires.

The Institute suggests the following rules to protect yourself and others when mowing your lawn:

- *Make sure the lawn is cleared of sticks, stones, wire and other debris before mowing.
- *Keep children and pets a safe distance away.
- *Know your controls and how to stop the engine quickly in an emergency. Stop the engine whenever you leave the mower.
- *Disengage all blades and drive clutches before starting and start the engine carefully with feet well away from the blades.

*Never add fuel to a running engine.

*Stop the engine before pushing mower across drives, walks or roads.

*Stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug before checking or working on mower.

*Never cut grass by pulling mower toward you and be careful of your footing on slopes and on wet grass.

*Be careful when using a riding mower on slopes. It can tip over.

*Never use a plug-in electric mower in the rain or on wet grass.

If while mowing your lawn you injure another person or damage his property, your homeowners insurance policy, within limits, will cover any financial obligations which might accrue, says the Institute.

"Offer anybody a penny for his thoughts and you're apt to get a piece of his mind."



Savings Bonds Sales Strong

Oregon continues to show solid support of the United States Savings Bond program. The April sales figures released by the U. S. Treasury Department today reveal that Oregonians purchased \$5,140,358 during the month. The April sales boost the year-to-date sales to \$19,025,853. This is an increase of \$2 million over the like period of 1972 which was Oregon's banner year.

The broad scope of the Oregon support is most gratifying to local Treasury representatives. Thirty-one of Oregon's 36 counties have exceeded their monthly goals year-to-date.

Chairman for Malheur County is J. W. Leslie. Malheur County goal is \$340,000. Total April sales were \$54,244 and the year to date sales were \$147,527.

Bruce Ward, local "Take Stock in America" Chairman, feels that the accelerated sales are the result of increased awareness of the merits and versatility of the program. Ward said, "I feel that the great support given by Oregon industries to the Payroll Savings plan has generated this public awareness. Today, most major employers in the state have made this sterling thrift program available to their employees. This has alerted people to the fact that it is possible to build a college education fund tax free under this program and has informed people of the tax advantages provided for retirement plans. This awareness is the reason that Oregonians today own \$497 million worth of U. S. Savings Bonds.

Nationally, U. S. Savings Bonds are enjoying the same success. April sales of \$562 million raised sales for the first four months to \$2,313 million, an all-time record. Currently, there are \$59.3 billion worth of Savings Bonds held by Americans. This is an increase of \$3.4 billion since April of 1972.

HOW MUCH MEAT DO WE EAT?

How much beef did you eat in 1972? How much did each person in the U. S. eat? According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, per capita beef consumption was approximately 115.5 pounds in 1972. This is an average consumption figure based on the total population.

But, on an average, U.S. consumers did not eat 115.5 pounds of beef in 1972! Furthermore, consumers did not buy this quantity of beef!

Similar statements can be made relative to the consumption and purchase of pork, veal, lamb and mutton. The actual quantities of these meats that are purchased and eaten is appreciably less than the per capita consumption figures that are customarily released in official government publications.

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Western Family 8 oz. TOMATO SAUCE 10 tins \$1.37

Bumble Bee 6 1/2 oz. TUNA FISH tin 37¢

Western Shores 4 roll pkgs. TOILET TISSUE 2 pkgs. 69¢

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American Beauty NOODLES 3 pkgs. \$1.37

NABISCO 15 oz. OREO COOKIES 2 pkgs. 89¢

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FRESH PRODUCE

Crisp Large Heads LETTUCE 3 heads \$1.99

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