

**Balance Attempted
On Farm Operation
Many Factors In
Reaching Answers**

WASHINGTON (INS) — The Federal Reserve System tried today to strike a balance on farm operations in 1954 to show how farmers' assets stacked up against their liabilities at the beginning of this year.

As was to be expected, the so-called balance sheet of agriculture points up some good factors and some bad.

Here, in broad outline, is how the report viewed the financial position of farmers in general:

There were increases in 1954 in the value of farm real estate, stored crops, household furnishings and equipment, and in financial assets such as savings and stocks and bonds.

These gains were offset to some extent by declining value of live stock, machinery and motor vehicles on farms.

The overall decrease in live stock value resulted both from a decline in prices of some types and the fact that there were fewer numbers of other types. On machinery and automobiles, the rate of depreciation was greater than the amount spent on new purchases.

Farm debt for the production of crops had declined in 1954, but it turned upward again last year, especially when account is taken of the value of crops placed under government price-support loans.

Mortgages on farm real estate increased for the ninth year in a row, and agricultural indebtedness of all kinds went up by \$90 million dollars during the year. As of Jan. 1, it stood at 18 billion dollars.

The report noted, however, that the increase in total debt was less than the increase in the value of farm assets so that farmers' equities rose slightly during the year.

**NIPSCO Pays 25 Cent
Dividend September 20**

The board of directors of Northern Indiana Public Service Company has declared a dividend of 45 cents a share on the outstanding common stock of the Company, it was announced today by Dean H. Mitchell, president. The dividend is payable September 20, 1955 to shareholders of record at the close of business September 2, 1955.

The board also declared a dividend of 29 cents a share on the 4.56 percent cumulative preference stock, payable September 30, 1955, to shareholders of record at the close of business September 2, 1955.

**Four Speeders Fined
In Local J.P. Court**

Four speeders yielded to the police department's electric timer yesterday on Thirteenth street. Those arrested were: Melvin Brock, Cincinnati, Ohio; Albert L. Huston, route three, Decatur; David P. Stephens, route three, Richmond, Indiana, and Clyde R. Bair, Portland, Indiana. All were fined one dollar and costs totaling \$16.75 in Justice of the Peace court as city police continued to fight speeding in Decatur.

**Korean Bonus Officers
Called To State Meet**

INDIANAPOLIS (INS) All persons connected with the payment of the state bonus to Korean War veterans have been invited by Harvey B. Stout, state veterans' service officer, to attend a meeting in the Indiana World War Memorial Oct. 19.



MRS. AGNES STREFF is led by a friend from scene where her grandson, Richard Hamblen, 20, was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff H. W. Trail in Los Angeles. Sent to arrest Hamblen for violation of three-year probation, Trail sought to spare Mrs. Streff by not handcuffing Hamblen. In a few seconds the six-foot, 200-pound Hamblen bolted. Trail futilely called "Halt!" three times and fired three warning bullets. Then he shot the youth. (International)



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