

G. I.'s and Their Mustering-Out Pay Are Separated by Old Gyps in New Disguise

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G. I.'s ARE BEING GYPPED OF MUSTERING OUT pay and war savings by old rackets in new disguise.

Other gyps. Shares are offered in post-war gadget businesses of doubtful practicality, overpriced farms, "territorial rights," a certain product or service.

They prey on the discharged G. I.'s desire to use his nest-egg for a good job or to go into business for himself. Better Business Bureau and others are fighting the w-style rackets.

A "COFFEE STRIKE" is being waged by Brazil. Brazil wants more money for coffee; U. S. has talked so far, Brazil has quit sending coffee from its government stockpile.

Private coffee brokers say they can't make enough profit at present prices. We have a four-months' supply in this country.

MANPOWER NOTES—The bureau of agricultural economics now has 1945 food goals set for next year. If 36,000 reclassified farmers are drafted. . . . After months of deep thinking about the title shortage, Washington concludes that wage boosts in this w-paid industry might be the solution. . . . A woman, responding WMO pleas for cotton duck workers, thought she would be making decoys.

OPA is in the doghouse with so many housewives, for voiding food stamps that were "good indefinitely," as some people believe a few appeagots will have to be fired to prove confidence in OPA back to zero.

ODDS AND ENDS: The government, through Defense Plant Corp., has put up \$500 million to build 44 shipyard plants in Indiana. . . . Globe American Corp. expects to make gas ranges again all over. . . . U. S. is producing three more aircraft than Germany, five times more than Japan, Ernest Bendix president, says. . . . dianapolis department store sales are only 7% above last year in the peak after Christmas. . . . Office and store rents have gone up so much in New York City that the state legislature will be asked to act on ceilings; OPA has no authority over commercial rents, tells states to step in.

HA DIRECTOR WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE. R. Earl Peters, FHA state director, leaves today for Washington to take part in a FHA conference. The meeting will be concerned with the part FHA will play in administering section 505 of the G. I. bill of rights.

Also under discussion will be a program permitting procurement of materials for war housing of resident war workers.

MOLDTHAN HEADS PROPERTY GROUP. A. C. Moldthan is the new chairman of the property management division of the Indianapolis Real estate board.

Charles R. Ettinger was elected vice chairman and Charles R. Fant, secretary-treasurer. Retiring officers are Charles B. Forrest, chairman; C. O. Grinslade, vice chairman; and A. C. Moldthan, secretary-treasurer.

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Indianapolis men in advertising will be guest speakers, and the meetings are open to all who are interested. Moderators for the course will be George S. Madden, advertising manager of Wm. H. Block Co., and George A. Saas, Citizens Gas & Coke utility director of public relations.

WARSAW FOUNDRY BURNS WARSAW, Ind., Jan. 8 (U. P.).—Warsaw Foundry Co. officials met today to determine the extent of a fire of unknown origin which destroyed the plant Saturday night. About 100 war workers were thrown out of work.

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Army's 'Helicat' Resembles a Mechanized Turtle



It's called the army ground forces "Helicat" and emulates the turtle. One specification of the new M-18 tank destroyer, a 19-ton, 76-mm. gun motor carriage of amazing speed and maneuverability, is that it must be able to ford deep streams and enemy water traps under its own power. Here it is shown maneuvering in seven feet of water in tests on Buick