

The appearance of your yard and garden is not for your own sake, it is also for your neighbors. Good looking yards and gardens are uplifting to all who look upon them. That makes a difference in their spring also cleanses it from the muddiness of daily routine.

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# Local War Veteran Awarded Medal Of Freedom In Italy

By G. R. A.

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Chicago now declares that folks who like to ride horses must not put on wild west hats. It is a warning that the city is taking steps to protect life and property.

It isn't just the red tape of government that makes it so difficult to get it all straightened up. It is the fact that many of our citizens are so busy with their own affairs that they don't have time to get it all straightened up.

It begins to appear that President Truman is unable to cope with many of the domestic problems of the United States. In cases where he is unable to get things done, he probably depends upon advice. How much of this is true is hard to say.

Baldwin High School Parents' Association members have elected a new slate of officers. The new slate includes: President, Mrs. J. H. Johnson; Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Johnson; Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Johnson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

Jimmy Petrillo, president of the musicians' union, has demanded that the radio stations refuse to broadcast foreign programs. He says foreign propaganda is being spread through the air.

In spite of a tremendous amount of mail that flows into and out of Birmingham every day, the post office is having a hard time keeping up with the demand.

New Changes in GI Bill Are Explained

Jack Thomas, Birmingham veterans' counselor, today called attention to recent changes in the GI Bill on loans. Notice of these changes reached Mr. Thomas Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas lists below a few of the changes in the new liberalized GI Bill:

**Some Recent Changes**

"The veteran now has up to ten years after the official end of the war in which to make application for a guaranteed loan.

"These loans may be made by any lending agency, and are subject to examination and supervision by a Government agency, and restrictions on the use of the money are removed. A loan becomes automatically guaranteed if the lending agency is approved by the Government.

"The maximum amount of the loan is \$20,000. The interest rate is 5 percent. The term of the loan is 15 years. The loan may be amortized over a period up to 25 years, and farm real estate loans up to 40 years. Maturity on non-real estate loans may not exceed 10 years.

"Proceeds of a loan may be used to purchase a home, to make a business connection, to pay for education, or for other purposes.

"Phrasing of the previous law is changed from 'reasonable normal value' to 'reasonable value' in connection with appraisal of property.

"Provisions of the Act are liberalized so that a veteran may be made for all ordinary farming purposes, for normal business purposes, and for the purchase of a home in default of a real estate connection with all types of eligible loans.

"That portion of the law (Section 1505), which provides that any financial benefits received under the act would be deducted from any future bonus authorized, is repealed.

**TO MAYORS' CONFERENCE**

Mayor Wilmer E. Moody plans to go to Lansing today for the meeting of the Mayors' Conference on proposed changes in the state law for handling surplus funds of the State Bank.

**INSURE NOW**

SECURITY, The Nation's Watchdog TUGGERS, 411 E. Maple Avenue.

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