

required funds by, the interested State, municipality or other political subdivision.

SEC. 4. As used in this Act, the word "shores" includes all the shore lines of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and lakes, estuaries and bays directly connected therewith.

Approved August 13, 1946.

"Shores."

[CHAPTER 961]

AN ACT

To insure the preservation of technical and economic records of domestic sources of ores of metals and minerals.

August 13, 1946  
[H. R. 4562]  
[Public Law 728]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) after the termination of hostilities in the present war or at such date prior or subsequent thereto as the agency may determine all files and records which relate to the technological and economic phases of domestic sources, supply, and beneficiation of the ores of metals and minerals, and which no longer are required in the conduct of the business of the various governmental agencies (including Government owned or controlled corporations) dealing with such matters, shall be transferred to and consolidated in the possession of the Bureau of Mines.

Bureau of Mines.  
Transfer of records  
relating to ores.

(b) Whenever an agency having custody of any such files and records determines that it has no further need therefor, it shall immediately notify the Bureau of Mines. Upon receipt of such notification the Bureau of Mines, with the aid and advice of the staff of such agency, shall carefully examine such files and records, eliminate extraneous and duplicative material therefrom, and classify the data contained therein in such form as will be of greatest permanent value to the national economy. Each item transferred to the Bureau of Mines shall be microfilmed by the agency having original custody of such files and records and such microfilm shall be delivered to The National Archives.

Notification.

Microfilming.

(c) Such portions of the aforesaid files and records as are not retained by the Bureau of Mines shall be subject to disposal in the manner prescribed by law.

Disposal of portions  
not retained.

(d) The National Archives shall reimburse the agencies for the out-of-pocket cost of microfilming.

Reimbursement.

Approved August 13, 1946.

[CHAPTER 962]

AN ACT

To provide for the training of officers for the naval service, and for other purposes.

August 13, 1946  
[S. 2304]  
[Public Law 729]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a naval and Marine Corps officer candidate training program, supplementary to existing programs, is hereby established, which shall be administered by the Secretary of the Navy in accordance with the provisions of this Act and with such regulations as the President may prescribe.

Navy.  
Officer candidate  
training program.

SEC. 2. No individual shall be enrolled in the training program which this Act establishes unless (a) he be a male citizen of the United States; (b) with the consent of his parent or legal guardian in the case of a minor, he shall have entered into a contractual agreement with the Secretary of the Navy, acting for and on behalf of the United States, in which said individual obligates himself to the United States

Enrollment.  
Requirements and  
obligation.

for such periods as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act; and (c) he signs an agreement to accept a commission in the Navy or Marine Corps if offered and, having accepted such commission, he will, in the event of termination thereof, accept such commission in the Organized Naval or Marine Corps Reserve that may be offered him and thereafter will not resign from the Reserve prior to the sixth anniversary of the date of rank stated in his original commission in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps. The Secretary of the Navy may release any individual from such obligation and separate the individual from the training program at any time that, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Navy, the best interest of the naval service requires such action.

Release from obligation, etc.

Enrollees.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to enroll in the training program—

(a) any person (1) who, on May 1, 1946, was a member of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps or (2) who subsequent to such date may be admitted to such corps and who will not be more than twenty-five years of age on July 1 of the calendar year in which eligible for appointment to commissioned ranks pursuant to subsection 6 (a). Upon enrollment such persons shall be appointed midshipmen in the Naval Reserve.

Naval aviation officer candidate.

(b) as a naval aviation officer candidate (1) any high-school graduate or person of equivalent educational level, or any person who has completed satisfactorily less than two scholastic years' work in an accredited college or university, and who will not be more than twenty-one years and six months of age on July 1 of the calendar year of his appointment as midshipman as hereinafter prescribed; each such candidate shall be enlisted as an apprentice seaman, United States Naval Reserve, and shall, following enrollment, be required to attend such accredited college or university as may be authorized by the Secretary of the Navy as a regular student until he shall have satisfactorily completed not less than two scholastic years of work and in addition shall be required to participate in such military or civil aviation training activities as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy; following the satisfactory completion of such scholastic work and aviation-training activities, such candidates shall be appointed midshipmen in the Navy and ordered to duty for flight training; (2) any member of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps who has satisfactorily completed two scholastic years' training in such corps and any other person who shall have satisfactorily completed not less than two scholastic years' work in an accredited college or university, and any enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who shall demonstrate by a test the attainment of an educational level equivalent to that of two scholastic years of work in an accredited college or university; such candidates shall be not more than twenty-one years and six months of age on July 1 of the calendar year of enrollment as an aviation officer candidate and, upon enrollment, shall be appointed midshipmen in the Navy and ordered to duty for flight training.

Enlistment as apprentice seaman.

Retainer pay and benefits.

SEC. 4. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each midshipman appointed pursuant to part (a) of section 3, while continuing in such status, and each apprentice seaman enlisted pursuant to part (b) of section 3, until the completion of scholastic instruction, shall, except while on active duty, receive retainer pay at the rate of \$600 per year and shall, in addition, be entitled to the benefits provided for him by section 10: *Provided*, That such benefits and retainer pay may be received by midshipmen appointed pursuant to part (a) of section 3 for a period not exceeding four academic years. Each midshipman

Time limitation.

Travel allowance.

and apprentice seaman enrolled pursuant to this Act shall be entitled to an allowance for (a) initial travel to the college or university in which matriculated, (b) travel while under orders, and (c) travel upon discharge while in a noncommissioned status, in the manner and to the same extent provided for midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy: *Provided further*, That no allowance for travel upon discharge shall be paid if the dischargée continues his scholastic instruction at other than Government expense in the same college or university in which matriculated. While in flight training or on other flight duty midshipmen appointed under part (b) of section 3 shall be entitled to the pay and allowances now or hereafter provided by law for midshipmen under instruction at the United States Naval Academy and to the same percentage increases of their pay as are now or hereafter provided by law for officers of the Navy assigned to duty involving flying, and shall be issued at Government expense necessary uniforms and equipment as directed by the Secretary of the Navy.

SEC. 5. All midshipmen appointed under part (b) of section 3 may, upon satisfactory completion of flight training, be designated naval aviators and assigned to duty involving flying.

SEC. 6. (a) Midshipmen appointed pursuant to section 3 (a) may be commissioned as ensigns in the line of the Navy, second lieutenants in the Marine Corps, or with the rank of ensign in the appropriate commissioned grade in such staff corps of the Navy in which the rank of ensign is now or may hereafter be authorized, following the satisfactory completion of all the academic and naval science requirements of the established four-year Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps course.

2. Midshipmen appointed pursuant to section 3 (b) may be commissioned as ensigns in the line of the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps following the satisfactory completion of two years' flight training and flight duty as midshipmen as prescribed in part (b) of section 3 and in section 5.

(b) There may also be commissioned as ensign in the line of the Navy or second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, or with the rank of ensign in the appropriate commissioned grade in such staff corps of the Navy in which the rank of ensign is now or may hereafter be authorized, any male citizen of the United States who is not more than twenty-five years of age on July 1 of the calendar year in which appointed: (1) Who shall have satisfactorily completed a four-year course at an accredited college or university, or (2) who is an enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who shall demonstrate by a test the attainment of an educational level equivalent to that of an individual who has satisfactorily completed a four-year course at an accredited college or university.

(c) Officers commissioned pursuant to this Act in the rank of ensign in a staff corps shall be selected for appointment by a board of commissioned officers of the staff corps concerned.

(d) The date of rank stated in the commissions of officers commissioned in any year pursuant to the foregoing subsections of this section shall be the date of graduation of midshipmen from the Naval Academy in that year and all ensigns of the line of the Navy and second lieutenants of the Marine Corps of the same date of rank, upon being commissioned, shall have precedence among themselves in such order as may be determined by the Secretary of the Navy to insure that the precedence of the officers shall be in accord with their demonstrated performance regardless of the source from which prescribed, and giving due consideration to whatever differences may exist in the methods of assigning grades between the various education institutions at which the officers have been educated. Each officer

Restriction.

Midshipmen in  
flight training, etc.  
Pay and allowances.

Uniforms, etc.

Designation as naval  
aviators.Commission as en-  
sign, etc.Selection for ap-  
pointment in staff  
corps.

Date of rank.

Precedence.

Running mates.

commissioned in a staff corps of the Navy pursuant to the foregoing subsections of this section shall, upon being commissioned, have assigned as his running mate such line officer of the same rank and same date of rank as the Secretary of the Navy may determine.

Commission in reserve component upon application.

SEC. 7. Any officer commissioned under subsection 1 of subsection 6 (a) or under subsection 6 (b) may, upon his own application, after not less than fifteen months or two years, respectively, of satisfactory service as a commissioned officer, have his commission in the regular service terminated and be commissioned in the Naval Reserve or the Marine Corps Reserve and in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, be released from active duty. The date of rank in such commission in a reserve component shall be the same as that of the commission previously held in the regular service.

Annual selection and retention of officers.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of the Navy shall in each calendar year cause to be examined (a) the records of all ensigns of the line of the Navy and second lieutenants of the Marine Corps commissioned pursuant to subsection 2 of section 6 (a) who apply for retention in the regular service as permanent officers and who in the then current calendar year will reach the first anniversary of the date of rank stated in their respective commissions, selecting from among such officers the number that he may determine necessary for retention, and (b) the records of all other officers appointed pursuant to this Act who apply for retention in the regular service as permanent officers and who in the then current calendar year will reach the third anniversary of the date of rank stated in their respective commissions, selecting from among such officers the number that he may determine necessary for retention.

Termination of commission.

SEC. 9. (a) The commission of each officer commissioned pursuant to subsection 2 of section 6 (a) who, prior to June 1 of the calendar year following that in which commissioned, shall not have applied for retention in the regular service and of each officer not selected for retention under clause (a) of section 8 shall be terminated on June 30 of the appropriate calendar year. Upon termination of commission, each such officer who thereupon accepts appointment to commissioned rank in the Naval or Marine Corps Reserve may apply for and receive retainer pay at the rate of \$100 for each calendar month or part thereof during which, while an officer of the Naval or Marine Corps Reserve, he pursues full-time instruction in an accredited college or university but not to exceed a total of \$2,000, such instruction to commence not later than a date to be determined by the Secretary of the Navy; in addition, each such officer shall be entitled to the benefits provided for him by section 10 of this Act.

Appointment to commissioned rank in Reserve.  
Retainer pay, etc.

(b) The commission of each officer commissioned pursuant to subsection 1 of section 6 (a) and pursuant to section 6 (b) who, prior to June 1 of the third calendar year following that in which commissioned, shall not have applied for retention in the regular service and of each officer not selected for retention under clause (b) of section 8 shall be terminated on June 30 of the appropriate calendar year. Upon termination of commission, each such officer may be commissioned in the Naval or Marine Corps Reserve in the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) or first lieutenant, as the case may be (if in a staff corps, with the rank of lieutenant (junior grade) in the grade appropriate to that rank), and to rank from a date three years after the date of rank stated in his original commission in the Regular Navy or Regular Marine Corps.

Reserve commission in grade of lieutenant (jg), etc.

Payment of administrative expenses.

SEC. 10. The Secretary of the Navy may provide, by contract or otherwise, for payment of all expenses incident to the administration of this Act, including but not limited to, payment for tuition, fees, books, and laboratory expenses of midshipmen in the Naval Reserve

Officers' Training Corps, naval aviation officer candidates, and of officers released under subsection 9 (a) of this Act.

SEC. 11. The Secretary of the Navy may, in his discretion, give to any enlisted man in the naval service or any male citizen who has had active military or naval service such advance standing in any program provided by this Act as the previous education and training of such person justifies.

Advance standing.

SEC. 12. The Secretary of the Navy, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may revoke the commission of any officer of the Regular Navy or the Regular Marine Corps who at the date of revocation has had less than six years of continuous service as a commissioned officer, and each officer whose commission is so revoked shall be discharged from the service without advance pay or allowances.

Revocation of commission.

SEC. 13. National service life insurance in the amount of \$10,000, the premiums for which shall be paid at Government expense, shall be issued to the following persons: (a) Apprentice seamen, United States Naval Reserve, enrolled as aviation officer candidates, at the commencement of flight-training activities and until the termination of their status as aviation officer candidates; (b) midshipmen, United States Navy, upon enrollment as aviation officer candidates and until the termination of that status; (c) midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy, at the commencement of flight-training activities and until the termination of their status as midshipmen. Upon being commissioned in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps such persons shall have the option of continuing such insurance at their own expense.

Issuance of insurance.

Apprentice seamen.

Midshipmen.

Option.

SEC. 14. In the event that the quota of midshipmen authorized by law to be appointed annually to the Naval Academy from (1) enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, (2) enlisted men of the Naval Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve, or (3) by the President at large, is not filled, the Secretary of the Navy may fill the vacancies in such quota by appointing other candidates from any other of such sources who were found best qualified on examination for admission into the Academy and not otherwise appointed.

Naval Academy.  
Filling of quota  
vacancies.

SEC. 15. Each midshipman hereafter appointed to the Naval Academy shall be required to sign an agreement that, in the event of the acceptance of his resignation from a commissioned status in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps prior to the sixth anniversary of his graduation from the Naval Academy, he will accept such commission in the Organized Naval or Marine Corps Reserve to which he may be appointed and will not resign from the Reserve prior to such sixth anniversary.

Agreement to accept  
Reserve commission.

SEC. 16. The President may appoint annually seventy-five midshipmen to the United States Naval Academy from among the sons of Army, Navy, and Marine Corps personnel.

Appointments by  
President.

SEC. 17. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Appropriations authorized.

SEC. 18. (a) Subsection (a) of section 22 of the Act of March 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 1276), as amended by the Act of February 13, 1945 (Public Law Numbered 1, Seventy-ninth Congress), is hereby further amended by substituting for the words "fourteen thousand" in the last proviso thereof the words "fifteen thousand four hundred".

Total personnel.

59 Stat. 3.  
34 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, § 821 (a).

(b) Of the number of Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps members authorized by subsection (a) of this section, not more than fourteen thousand shall at any one time be enrolled in the training program established by this Act.

Enrollment in training program.

SEC. 19. No person shall be appointed assistant paymaster in the Navy who, on July 1 of the calendar year in which appointed will not be less than twenty-one or more than twenty-five years of age,

Assistant paymaster.  
Qualifications for appointment.

nor until his physical, mental, and moral qualifications have been established to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy.

**Repeals.**

34 U. S. C. § 403.

34 U. S. C. § 405.

34 U. S. C. § 855f;  
Supp. V, § 855f.

34 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, §§ 855f, 1032a.

34 U. S. C. §§ 1033,  
1042; Supp. V, § 1042  
note.

34 U. S. C. § 61.

SEC. 20. The following Acts and parts of Acts are hereby repealed:

(a) Section 2 of the Act of May 6, 1932 (47 Stat. 149).

(b) Subsection (a) of section 14 of the Act of June 23, 1938 (52 Stat. 951).

(c) Section 307 of the Act of June 25, 1938 (52 Stat. 1182).

(d) Sections 2 and 3 of the Act of January 30, 1941 (55 Stat. 4).

(e) Section 8 of the Act of February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1082).

(f) Section 1379 of the Revised Statutes.

Approved August 13, 1946.

[CHAPTER 963]

AN ACT

To fix the rate of postage on domestic air mail, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the rate of postage on domestic air mail shall be 5 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof.

SEC. 2. As used in this Act, "domestic air mail" shall embrace all mailable matter being transported as mail by air within the continental United States, within any Territory or possession of the United States, within any geographical area which is a protectorate of the United States, or between any of the aforesaid: *Provided*, That with respect to mail transported under authority of section 1 of the Act of October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1175; 39 U. S. C., 1940 edition, 488a), the postage rate of 5 cents for each ounce or fraction of an ounce shall be applicable only to mail of the first class, and for all other classes the rates shall be as prescribed by that Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the second month following the month of enactment.

Approved August 14, 1946.

[CHAPTER 964]

AN ACT

To simplify and improve credit services to farmers and promote farm ownership by abolishing certain agricultural lending agencies and functions, by defining the lending powers of the Secretary of Agriculture, by authorizing Government insurance of loans to farmers, by creating preferences for loans and insured mortgages to enable veterans to acquire farms, by providing additional specific authority and directions with respect to the liquidation of resettlement projects and rural rehabilitation projects for resettlement purposes, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Farmers' Home Administration Act of 1946."

DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN AGENCIES AND THEIR ASSETS AND PERSONNEL

SEC. 2. (a) The following agencies, functions, powers, and duties are hereby abolished and the following laws relating thereto repealed:

(1) The Farm Security Administration and all of its functions, powers, and duties.

(2) All functions, powers, and duties of the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration which relate to the making, administration, and

FSA.

FOA.

Farmers' Home Ad-  
ministration Act of  
1946.

August 14, 1946

[H. R. 5991]

[Public Law 731]

Domestic air mail  
postage rate.

"Domestic air mail."

Air mail in Alaska.

Effective date.