

Questions And ANSWERS

Q. What happens if a disabled veteran fails in his course while he is being rehabilitated under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16)?

A. Generally, Veterans Administration will take special steps to enter him in another course in which there is every likelihood he will be able to complete successfully. The situation depends on the facts and the circumstances in each case.

Q. I am considered totally disabled only 20 percent for compensation for insurance purposes but pension. Can my award be increased?

A. Your compensation will be increased only if the service-connected disability is shown to have increased in severity. For insurance purpose, there may be other disabilities, not service-connected, which, combined with the compensable condition produce total disability. Facts and material for determining the existence of permanent and total disability are different in insurance

CATHOLIC INFORMATION

"No arithmetic!" gasped the boy's father. "Do you expect me to send my son to a school that eliminates the basic principles of mathematics, a knowledge needed in every walk of life?"

A school with no arithmetic! What nonsense! Yet is it more deplorable than a school that teaches nothing of God, our first beginning and our last end—of Jesus, our Redeemer and the greatest of all teachers—the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount—of love of neighbor for the sake of God—of obedience to our civil rulers because their power comes from God?

To the Catholic the elimination of religious teaching is more than deplorable. It is tragic. For religion is the only solid basis for morality—religious instruction for the mind, religious training for the will. Home teaching or an hour in Sunday school can hardly suffice. God and His will must be an integral part of the child's daily life.

It is because Catholics believe this so firmly, that, while paying

their full share of the support of the public schools, they are also buying land, erecting buildings, and educating with their own money more than 2,500,000 pupils, thus saving you and other taxpayers more than \$250,000,000 annually. And this Catholic education in its academic standing, in its teaching ability, and in its educational results, averages well up to the public school education of today.

The United States of America was founded on religious principles. All our schools, up to 1840, were essentially religious. George Washington said: "Reason and experience forbid us to expect that natural morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles;" and this sentiment has been echoed by nearly every President since. Who, then, can say that the Catholic School, the nursery of Faith and citizenship alike, is un-American?

If it's anything Catholic, ask a Catholic! For further information on this subject write for a free pamphlet to P. O. Box 351, Whiteville, N. C.—Pd. Adv.

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Ruth E. Patterson
Supt. Public Welfare

Two of the largest jobs which your Welfare Department has are the administration of "Old Age Assistance" and "Aid to Dependent Children." These are parts of the Social Security Act which are meant to help people who can in no way help themselves.

Mrs. Allen came to the office very much upset. Her husband had just died after having been sick for over six months. She had two small children and was expecting another at any time. She and her husband had always lived on rented land and had been able to save very little. His long illness had taken the small amount of savings they had been able to accumulate. What did this woman have which would help her and her small children?

Upon her application the Welfare Department helped her make out a budget of her needs and any possible income. We asked several of her friends about any possible help she might get from some other source. We learned in this way that her father was in fairly good circumstances. He was unable, however, to take over the financial responsibility of his daughter and her children. We helped her to make arrangements to live closer to her family where he could give her some physical help, such as cutting wood and helping her with her garden.

This was not enough to support the family and the case was taken to the County Welfare Board. This Board gave Mrs. Allen an aid to dependent children grant

made by departments of the Armed Services, binding on Veterans Administration?

A. No. However, the record of the Service Departments generally will be accepted in determining line-of-duty status of diseases and injuries, unless considerations and legal presumptions of the various laws warrant a different finding.

Q. My son, who is in a Veterans Administration hospital, is trying to get a pass to visit me. Will Veterans Administration pay for his transportation to and from the hospital?

A. No. All travel while on leave from a Veterans Administration hospital is at the expense of the veteran.

Q. Should a claim ever be filed by a veteran who has been dishonorably discharged?

A. It is always the privilege of a veteran to file a claim; but, to show entitlement, it must be established to the satisfaction of the Administrator of Veterans Affairs that the veteran was insane at the time of commission of the act for which the dishonorable discharge was issued.

Q. Do World War II veterans who are entitled to out-patient dental care have the right to select any dentist they want?

A. Where Veterans Administration dental clinic service is not feasibly available, the VA has adopted the policy that any veteran entitled to out-patient dental care at the expense of VA may choose any dentist participating in the program of dental care of veterans.

Q. If a veteran contracted a disease or was injured in line of duty while he was in service is the line-of-duty determination, as

which would continue until she was able to get a job which would support the family or until the children became 16 years of age in case her need continued to exist.

"Uncle John," an old colored man, came in at the same time to ask for some help. He was 68 years old and was so crippled with arthritis that he was no longer able to work. He owned a little house and 6 acres of land, but he was physically unable to work it himself and had been unable to find anyone to work it for him. His wife was dead and his two children had long ago left home and he had heard nothing from them in years.

Prices are high and "Uncle John" had no income with which to meet his needs. We made the same type of investigation of his needs as we did for Mrs. Allen. We found that he had no resources except some chickens and a small garden. This case was also discussed by the County Welfare Board. They gave him an old age assistance grant which would help him buy the necessities of life.

These are two cases which show in a very real way what is done with the part of your tax money which goes into old age assistance and aid to dependent children grants. You are truly helping those who cannot help themselves.

(Note: Due to the fact that the records in any welfare office are of a most confidential nature, the above cases are fictional, yet they are quite typical of many real cases in the files of the local welfare office.)

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How To Garden For Freedom

BY H. W. HOCHBAUM

U. S. Department of Agriculture WASHINGTON—(AP) — The Secretary of Agriculture has asked for 20 million gardens in 1948 to help make it possible to ship more food to the distressed areas abroad. Now that garden planning and seed ordering time is here, what should our gardens be like in town and city?

The garden first of all should be large enough to produce an adequate supply of fresh vegetables from early spring until early winter. Many town and city gardens are entirely too small, and the few carrots, green onions, lettuce and radishes they produce, while enjoyable, do not contribute much in providing sufficient quantities of health protecting food. About one-third of our non-farm gardens are only 500 square feet in size. They ought to be at least 1,000 or 1,500 square feet.

Freedom gardeners—and maybe one-fourth of these will be no-ices—should not try to grow the kinds of vegetables that require large amounts of space. Sweet corn, pole beans, squash and peas are out for them.

The first choice of vegetables should include as many as possible of the green and leafy vegetables, yellow kinds and tomatoes. These are vitamin suppliers and health protectors. Included should be lettuce, chard, collards, kale, Chinese cabbage, broccoli and cabbage. Then green and yellow snap beans and, of course, yellow turnips, carrots and lots of tomatoes. Chinese cabbage, kale, cabbage, collards, endives will produce greens late in the summer and early fall.

A good garden starts with a good plan before seeds are ordered. This plan plainly marks each row of vegetables, the distance between rows and the crops to follow as each row is harvested.

Too many gardeners make only one planting. Then the garden produces little in summer and fall. Surely, we want early radishes, green onions and lettuce. But a well planned garden provides for succession sowings and plantings, especially of kinds that do not require the entire growing season.

Thus plantings of snap beans, beets, carrots, should be made so that some of these can be enjoyed all season and provide some for winter storage. When one crop is maturing another should be coming along. No part of the garden should be bare of growing vegetables. The garden planner also selects varieties which vary in the time it takes to maturity, thereby extending the season.

Thus, a gardener having early leaf lettuce like Grand Rapids should also have Slobolt, which does not go to seed so soon and thereby extends the season. Good planning also takes in account the quantity of any one kind a family can consume before this kind becomes over mature. So a ten-foot row of radishes, for example is sown every week, say, for three weeks in early spring instead of one 40-foot row. The same holds true for lettuce.

All these things hold true also for farm and suburban gardens. Many of these gardens do not supply sufficient amounts of vegetables for fresh use, storage, freezing or canning. Nor do many of our farm and suburban gardeners realize the advantage large garden space gives them in growing a wide variety of vegetables. They should try to grow more kinds, thereby getting new taste thrills and extending the garden season. Besides they can produce much more for winter use.

During the war, our Victory gardeners canned about 3,500,000 quarts of food. Their gardens produced about 8,000,000 tons, 40 per cent of our fresh vegetables. Now our Freedom gardeners, can do as well. Thereby they will release other foods for shipment abroad. They won't eat so much bread and breadstuffs. They will save money, and set a better table.

Local information on the "how to do it" side of home gardening can be had from your county agricultural agent, or from your State Agricultural Extension Service at your State agricultural college. General information may be had by writing the Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

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