

## Veterans Corner

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

**Q** — When can I expect my GI insurance dividend during 1962?

**A** — The GI insurance dividends are being paid as near the anniversary date of the policy — the date it was first issued — as possible.

**Q** — Can anyone enter the VA Hospitalized Veterans Writing Contest?

**A** — No, the contest is limited to war veterans who are actually hospitalized at the time their entry is written.

**Q** — Are all veterans with wartime service entitled to domiciliary care?

**A** — Not necessarily. Veterans with wartime service must have disabilities that incapacitate them from earning a living; be in need of domiciliary care. War veterans whose disability is non-service-connected must execute an affidavit of inability to pay for their care. Peacetime veterans must have been discharged or retired for a disability incurred in line of duty or be receiving disability compensation.

## June 30 Important Date For Disabled Workers

June 30, 1962, is a very important date for workers who have been severely disabled for several years, according to Robert L. Hocutt, Field Representative for Lenoir County.

Until June 30, 1962, a person may file a claim for disability insurance benefits and establish a period of disability from the date his illness or injury occurred.

However, the 1960 amendments to the Social Security Law established June 30, 1962, as a cut-off date for filing a claim for a disability that has existed more than 18 months prior to the date on which the application was filed.

Effective July 1, 1962, eighteen (18) months prior to the date of filing is the earliest period of disability that can be established for a worker regardless of the actual onset of his ability.

Hocutt points out that the date of onset of a disability is extremely important. In few years it may be too late. We shall have lost our chance to wipe out this dread scourge. If tuberculosis is found in its earliest stages, it is easiest to cure.

You can do your part. Get an annual TB check-up — tuberculin test or chest X-ray for yourself and your whole family.

ly important in computing a worker's disability insurance benefits.

For example, a man who became disabled in 1957 may establish that onset date if he files his claim before June 30, 1962, and will get a much higher benefit than if he waits until after the cut-off date to file.

If he does not file a claim until July 1962, the onset of his disability is deemed by law to be January 1961, or 18 months prior to the date of his application.

Hocutt concluded that most people are not aware of the significance of the onset date in the computation of a disability insurance benefit.

Any person who was disabled in 1960 or before should file his claim for social security disability insurance benefits before the June 30, 1962, cut-off date.

If one would like detailed information concerning the requirements that must be met to entitle a person to social security disability insurance benefits, you may obtain Booklet No. OASI-29, entitled "If You Become Disabled," from your Contact Station at 111 S. McLewain St., or by writing to the Social Security District Office, 311 E. Walnut St., Goldsboro, N. C.

## HEALTH FOR ALL

Not Unusual Enough

Last year, Jim, a college student, was trying to move a refrigerator in the kitchen of his campus apartment. Suddenly he coughed and blood came up. He sat down to rest but the blood kept flowing.

He thought of tuberculosis but dismissed the idea. After all, he hadn't felt weak, or coughed up any blood before. He hadn't been running a temperature, nor had he lost any weight. He didn't even have a cough. But obviously something was very much wrong. He went to a doctor. The diagnosis? A well-advanced case of active tuberculosis.

It took months in a TB hospital and a long convalescence before Jim was well again. When he returned to his classes, he took more than usual interest in the poetry of John Keats, who died of TB at an early age.

Jim's story isn't as unusual as it should be. In a recent year there were almost 55,500 new active cases of tuberculosis reported. All told, there are 250,000 cases of active TB in the U. S. right now.

TB could be wiped out in this country if we could find all the people ill with active TB and get them treated adequately. It is urgent that we detect and treat all active TB cases now, because TB germs resistant to the anti-tuberculosis drugs are developing rap-

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