

Army's Legal Assistance Offices Do Big Business In Small Matters; Serve 158,459 Servicemen In Six Months

Washington—Do you have a divorce? Does your wife, husband, or child have your power of attorney? Can you be sure that your contract provides what you think it does?

These small legal safeguards, so often neglected by the average person, are provided Army personnel by the Legal Assistance Office, a service of almost every post, camp, or station in the United States and overseas.

The Army Legal Assistance program was created in 1943 in the interest of soldier morale: the "worried" soldier—and a man with legal problems, however petty, is a worried soldier—is of little value to the military effort.

How important the program has become is evidenced by the fact that in the first six months of 1955 legal assistance officers made a total of 158,459 client contacts with servicemen.

Colonel Charles M. Munnecke of Lindstrom, Minn., Chief of Army Legal Assistance Division, says, "We feel we have a very beneficial service for the serviceman in connection with his personal legal affairs. The volume of wills and powers of attorney is particularly heavy. In this respect, probably the serviceman is more current in his personal legal affairs than the average citizen."

A power of attorney is the method whereby a serviceman gives authority to his wife, and family to conduct business matters in his absence. This is essential because he can anticipate long periods when he will be out of the country and unable to take care of his affairs himself.

Interpretation of the provisions of contracts is another big item on the office agenda. Some soldiers are the victims of unscrupulous business men who tie them to binding contracts which would be disastrous financially; others find after an explanation that the contract provisions do not reflect their understanding of the agreement. However, through the efforts of the legal assistance officer unethical practices are uncovered and corrected or the provisions of the contract are modified.

Another big problem handled by the legal assistance is counselling the family of a deceased soldier. Many problems arise—financial, estate, survivors benefits—the legal assistance officer informs the surviving members of the family of their rights, aids them in securing money for financial obligations, assists in establishing death benefits or handles any other problems that might arise.

In the field of citizenship, the Army legal officer has been busy with the various units participating in "Operation Gyroscope." This is the new Army method of transferring whole units and their families to replace overseas units. As a result, many of the personnel of these units who married foreign nationals must expedite the citizenship of their spouses if they intend taking their families along.

Marriage and divorce are fields in which the legal assistance officer primarily advise the prospective bride and groom what legal obstacles must be ironed out if they are marrying foreign nationals, and the legal restrictions of the various states. When a divorce is mentioned, the client is advised if there are any legal grounds for such action, and discusses questions relative to support of the children.

One such case came to light when a young Wac voiced her desire for a quick divorce. "When were you married?" was the question asked. "Saturday," came the quick reply. "What Saturday?" "Last Saturday"—just three days previous. The young lady was advised that she probably had no grounds for divorce, and was then given fatherly advice about her marriage with the suggestion that she give it a fair trial.

The April 15th income tax "deadline" causes a flurry in the legal office. The serviceman can get aid in filling out his tax return and the legal assistance officer, when possible, adds to its staff a representative of a nearby internal revenue office for the season.

A serviceman is contemplating the purchase of a home. What is he entitled to by way of financing through FHA or VA? What are "settlement costs"? Is the contract purchase offered correct? What items of purchase and operation are deductions for income tax purposes? The legal assistance officer is in a position to answer these and many other questions relative to the real estate transaction.

Lawyer referral is another service. If the soldier becomes involved in civil court action the legal assistance officer will put him in touch with a civilian lawyer who will handle his case. The Legal Aid (civilian) helps the serviceman unable to afford a lawyer; they have a roster of the local Bar Association members who will handle cases without charge. If a lawyer is needed on a fee basis, the local Bar Association, through its referral system, will nominate a lawyer to handle the matter for the serviceman. In either event, the legal problem is handled by a lawyer familiar with local jurisprudence.

Some of the services handled by the legal assistance officer can not be defined. As Munnecke says, "We are called upon to listen to clients unburden themselves. At times we furnish a shoulder to cry on—sometimes a big one. Many times we need the patience of Job."

Several publications containing detailed provisions of the income tax law and the Social Security program are available at local office and Social Security Administration, and from county agricultural agents. Particularly valuable ones include:

"How to Prepare Your Income Tax Return," which provides detailed instructions for filling in Form 1040 and figuring Federal income tax. If you filed a Federal income tax return last year, this instructional pamphlet will be mailed to you with Form 1040.

"Farmers' Tax Guide," one of the most comprehensive aids available to farmers in regard to income and self-employment taxes as well as from county agents as well as Internal Revenue Service. The "Farmers' Tax Guide," a well-indexed reference, states the special filing provisions for farmers and shows sample returns.

"How Social Security Covers Farmers," which describes the conditions of coverage of self-employed farm operators, hired farm workers, and farm employers. It tells what they need to do in light of changes in the Social Security law and benefits possible under the Old Age and Survivor's Insurance program.

"Tarheel Farm Economist," which in the November and January issue discusses various aspects of Social Security and taxes paid by farmers. This publication, released by the Department of Agricultural Economics at N. C. State College, is available through county agents.

Winfall News

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C. A. Bagley has returned home after visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Leigh in Roper.

Mrs. Pearl Chalk spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Chalk in Moyock.

Miss Myrtle Pike, RN, of Baltimore, Md., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Trueblood and son, Morrow and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. DeLaney have returned from spending 2 weeks in Florida with relatives.

Pvt. John Earl Hollowell of Fort Knox, Ky., has returned to his duties after spending several days with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hollowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Nowell attended the funeral of Mrs. Nowell's uncle, Clyde Hill in Norfolk, Va., Monday.

Mrs. Asa Stallings is very ill in

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Farmers (persons securing at least two-thirds of their gross income from farming) may (1) file their returns and pay any tax due on or before February 15 or (2) file an estimate of their tax and pay this amount by January 15; then file their return and pay any balance due by April 15.

Farmers in North Carolina mail their returns to the "District Director of Internal Revenue," Greensboro, North Carolina.

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TALL IN SPIRIT—Billy Johnson, left, all four feet, three inches of him, is a match for size in spirit to Kansas State's four-foot, nine-inch center, Jack Parr. The 16-year-old Kansas City, Mo., lad, lifelong victim of heart trouble, became part of a mutual adoption effort when he walked into the auditorium seven years ago. Since then, whenever the Wildcats are in town, he wears their warm-up gear and plays every minute of the tournament games in spirit—from the bench.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie G. Jones of Suffolk, Va., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones.

Mrs. W. L. Lane's condition is unimproved.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Whedbee of South Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Doris Jean Morgan is a patient at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill.

Miss Frankie Barber, sister of J. H. and D. L. Barber, is a patient at Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City.

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Mrs. West of Portsmouth and family spent the week-end with A. P. Stallings and visited their mother, who is at Chowan Hospital in Edenton for an operation.

Lindsey Earl Barber has accepted a position with Life and Casualty Insurance Co., of Elizabeth City.

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Truax of Norman, Oklahoma spent a few days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Quincy and children of Norfolk spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy.

Mrs. John Ambrose Elliott has been in the Albemarle Hospital at Elizabeth City for the past 10 days, but is expected home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Symons and children spent last Sunday with relatives in Norfolk, Va.

Little Rebecca and John Elliott, Jr., are spending this week with relatives in Ahoskie.

Candidate For Lt. Governor Post

Alonza C. Edwards, prominent Greene County farmer, and president of the State Farm Bureau in 1949-50, has announced his candidacy for the office of Lt. Governor, subject to the Democratic primary next May.

Mr. Edwards is the first candidate to announce his intentions to seek one of the major state offices up for election this year.

CONDUCTING SCHOOL

Joe Conglin, a representative of Pyrofax Gas is conducting a school

USED CARS

1954 Chevrolet 2-DOOR

1955 Pontiac STATION WAGON

1953 Ford 2-DOOR

1953 Ford 4-DOOR

1953 Chrysler 4-DOOR

1952 Chevrolet 2-DOOR

1952 Plymouth 4-DOOR SEDAN

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Harrell Gas and Coal Company this week, demonstrating methods for handling the product, installation and servicing the product and appliances.

Seed Program Will Be Continued In 1956

With acreage allotments effective in this state next year on tobacco, peanuts, cotton, wheat, and corn, an increasing number of farmers will be seeding diverted acres to grasses and legumes. In view of this fact, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has reported that the Foundation Seed Program for legumes and grasses will be continued in 1956.

According to Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the State ASC committee, most farmers now have a special interest in protecting and improving the land taken out of production of allotted crops. Others in certain localities also are directly concerned with seed production both for a source of income and to further seed improvement work.

Greene pointed out contracts for the purchase of specified crop foundation grasses and legume seeds will be offered to all eligible farmer-producers of these seeds. In addition, breeder seeds of the specified varieties will be purchased by experiment stations or plant breeders. The seed will be purchased under production contracts at prices set by CCC. Purchase contracts will not be offered after December 31, 1956.

CCC will continue to have the cooperation of the state agricultural experiment stations, state seed certifying associations, and the American Seed Trade Association in conducting this program. Greene urged farmers and agencies interested in the Foundation Seed Program to contact personnel of their local ASC Committee office if additional information on this program is needed.

The rank, is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the gowd for 'a that.
—Robert Burns

NOTICE!

Beginning January first, all Tax Listers of Perquimans County, North Carolina, will sit at the following places and on the dates mentioned below for the purpose of listing your PROPERTY TAXES for the year 1956.

List In January and Save the Penalty

<p>Belvidere Township MRS. T. C. PERRY, List Taker Jan. 5, 8 to 3:30 P. M. Lassell Chappell Store, Chappell Hill Jan. 10, 12, 8 to 3:30 P. M. K. M. Baker Store, Whiteston All Other Days During January at Home</p> <p>Bethel Township JULIAN LONG, List Taker January 7, 21, 28 J. W. Gattling Store, Bethel January 14 Court House, Hertford January 18, 25 J. W. Gattling Store at Night All Other Days During January At Home</p> <p>Hertford Township PERCY ROGERSON, List Taker January 3, 4, 7, 14, 19, 26, 31 Court House in Hertford January 13, 20 Court House in Hertford January 23 through 31 Court House in Hertford All Other Days During January At Home</p> <p>New Hope Township J. A. SUTTON, List Taker January 7, 14, 21, 28 Post Office, New Hope January 11 Turner's Store January 18, 25, afternoon Lane's Store, Woodville All Other Days During January at Home</p> <p>Parkville Township ERNEST LONG, List Taker January 7, 14, 21, 28 Fred Winslow Store, Winfall January 6, 19, 26, 27, 30, 31 J. F. Hollowell & Son, Winfall January 13, 20 Towe's Store, Chapanoke All Other Days During January at Home</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare your lists now, and save time in listing, also avoid PENALTY for being delinquent after January 31st, 1956. This is required by the State Law. See Chapter 310, H. B. 45, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1939.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JULIAN C. POWELL, Tax Supervisor PERQUIMANS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <h1 style="text-align: center;">TOWE-WEBB</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">NOTICE!</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">MAY WE SAY THANKS, to those of our customers who have been so considerate as to keep their accounts for KEROSENE, FUEL OILS, ETC., in such EXCELLENT CONDITION.</p> <p>The very close margin of profit in these products, necessitates what we term, quick turnover, in order to realize a fair profit for our endeavors, however, at this time of the year, WE ARE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION BY COMPARISON, that limited number of purchasers who have neglected paying their accounts, and by mutual consent, we will make no deliveries to those in this category until some satisfactory arrangement has been made for these items, we will also report each to the other, any accounts who become delinquent from time to time.</p> <p>We have no desire to seem unappreciative or unreasonable, but we find this position necessary.</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Associated Oil Dealers</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">OF HERTFORD, N. C.</p> </div>
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