

Veterans Administration News

For nearly two million totally disabled veterans and veterans' dependents on the Veterans Administration's pension rolls, the end-of-the-year annual income questionnaire from VA will come a month early this year.

Instead of being enclosed with the pension checks which will go out around December 1, the check-sized income report cards will be sent with the pension payment to be mailed by VA about November 1.

The deadline for returning the questionnaire to VA has also been moved up from Jan. 31 to Jan. 15.

VA is mailing the income questionnaire a month early to insure that the pension checks it will send out at the end of January reflect the new pension rates and income limits that go into effect the first of the year.

The amount of each pensioner's check under the new pension system that starts on Jan. 1 will be based upon the estimated income in 1969 reported by the pensioner on the VA income questionnaire. Without the returned questionnaire containing the estimate of income for next year, VA, by law, cannot pay a beneficiary a pension.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1969, the annual income limitations governing the entitlement to VA pensions and dependency benefits will be raised \$200. Further, the present income levels, with three graduations, used in determining the amount of benefits a recipient may be paid, will be restructured to provide a range of 13 to 28 income levels graduated in \$100 increments.

As a result of these changes, more than 1.1 million pensioners will receive approximately

\$120 million in increased pensions next year.

In addition to changing pension rates and income limits, Public Law 90-275, signed by the President last March, also provided that no beneficiaries on the VA pension rolls would have their pensions reduced in 1969 as the result of increased Social Security payments.

VA pensions are payable to war veterans with limited incomes and total nonservice-connected disabilities and to widows and other dependents of war veterans who meet established income limitations.

Approximately 575,000 pensioners continue to receive VA benefits under an "old law" in effect prior to July 1, 1960, when the "new law" covering nearly 1.4 million beneficiaries was enacted. However, because it may now be to their advantage to come under the new law, these old law pensioners will be given another opportunity between Feb. 1 and May 1 next year to change over.

If they elect to change before May 1, any additional benefits due them under the new law will be paid retroactively to Jan. 1, 1969.

Information explaining the benefits of the new law together with a sign up card will be mailed to them at the end of January. Meantime, VA will send a notice with the pension check and income questionnaire to be mailed about Nov. 1 advising them in advance of the upcoming conversion opportunity.



POLICEMEN NEEDED

The Central Office of the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., has advised that there is a critical need for police candidates for the District of Columbia. The entrance salary is \$8,000 per year, with periodic increases until annual salary of \$10,300 is reached. Appointees receive reimbursement for transportation and moving expenses for relocating to Washington.

Any U. S. citizen between the ages of 21 through 29 years who possesses a high school diploma, a certificate of high school equivalency or police experience, as defined under Requirements in Announcement No. WA-7-02, and can meet the mental, physical and character standards can become a member of the Metropolitan Police Department of the Nation's Capital.

Young men between 17½ and 21 years of age are eligible to become Police Cadets, if they meet Cadet requirements. If qualifications are met, Cadets are appointed to policemen upon reaching age 21.

The examination is given in Greensboro from time to time as persons apply. You need not apply in advance if you wish to take the test in Washington, D. C. You may report for the examination at the U. S. Civil Service Commission at 19th and E Streets, N.W., on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 8:30 a. m.

Complete information may be obtained from the Civil Service Board, Room 231, Post Office, Greensboro, N. C., and may be obtained by mail by calling 275-9111, extension 412.



Sunday School Lesson

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meeting in Aldersgate Street was this unbelievable sense of being personally chosen. John wrote in his Journal: "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

God's love for men is universal, yet particularly for me.

God's Love Through Us

God's love must go through me to my neighbor. The love I receive from God and the love I offer my neighbor are one love. Some persons seek God selfishly. They seek God only that they may be healed or strengthened or comforted. Others love their neighbors selfishly. They want only what their neighbors can give them in return.

But the love I receive from God and the love I offer my neighbor are one love. God's love for me and through me will continue to be merit-creating rather than merit-seeking. God's love through me will continue to be self-giving rather than self-protecting. God's love through me will include all mankind but also specific persons. I cannot hate my neighbor and say I love God.

A certain shop superintendent was greatly in debt to his employer. When the debt was long past due, the employer called in his superintendent and told him he would have to pay up. But the man said his family had had a lot of sickness and he was broke; if he sold everything he had, he still could not pay even the interest on his loan, let alone the principal. Therefore, his employer had mercy upon him and canceled his debt.

Later the superintendent saw one of the laborers in the shop who owed him a small sum, and he demanded that the money be paid him immediately. This man also had his troubles and could not pay, so the superintendent garnished his wages. When the employer heard about the superintendent's action, he called him in and told him that because he had shown no pity on the man who was indebted to him, he would be discharged immediately and his own debt would have to be paid in full.

The point of Jesus' parable (Matthew 18:23-35) and this modern paraphrase of it is clear. We must not short-circuit the love of God that flows through us to others as did the unmerciful foreman. To live in peace with our neighbors, our love for them must be true to the reality of God's love.

WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT IT?

Make a study of Gnosticism, especially as it applies to First John. Notice the discussion in the section "Before You Read the Scripture." Also check Bible dictionaries and commentaries on this subject. Then read First John again. Do you see the contrasts between light and darkness, truth and falsehood, and life and death?

Formulate a definition of these three words: **morality, religion, and humanism.** Check the lesson writer's discussion in "What Is Our Concern?" and also a dictionary to help you in this assignment. Record these definitions on a chalkboard or a large piece of paper for the whole class to see. Do you agree with the lesson writer's distinction between simply doing good and performing acts of Christian charity?

On the basis of the writer's discussion in "What the Scripture Says to Us," formulate your own version of the parable in Matthew 18:23-35. How does this story speak to the writer's declaration, "The love I receive from God and the love I offer my neighbor are one love"?

O Love divine, what hast thou done!

Th'incarnate God hath died for me!

The Father's coeternal Son Bore all my sins upon the tree!

The Son of God for me hath died;

My Lord, my love, is crucified. Amen.

—Charles Wesley

Veterans Administration physicians have performed about 350 of about 1,000 kidney transplants made in the United States since the first such operation was performed in 1952.

NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY

NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Rachel M. Taylor, deceased, late of Guilford County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of May, 1969, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 31st day of October, 1968.

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