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### Vet. Administration Public Relations

#### Questions And Answers

Q—What income provision is attached to the pension that I will get as the widow of a soldier who died in a German prison camp?

A—As the widow of a soldier who died in line of duty, you are pensionable under the law regardless of income.

Q—I divorced my wife on grounds of desertion and would like to know if she can claim part of my pension?

A—The divorce discontinues the marital relationship and your wife could not successfully claim a portion of your pension unless she successfully contests the divorce.

Q—How much is allowed for a child whose father is taking a G. I. college course? We are divorced and he claims that he is receiving only \$65 a month.

A—Veterans going to school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. Bill) if single and without dependent may receive a maximum allowance of \$65 monthly; if he has a dependent or dependents, he may receive \$80 a month. If the child is dependent on your former husband, he would be entitled to the higher rate.

Q—How long after discharge from armed services is readjustment allowance available to a veteran?

A—Readjustment allowances are available to an eligible veteran at any time after his discharge or release until two years after the date of his discharge or release or until two years after the official termination of the war, whichever is later.

Q—My National Service Life Insurance premium was due two weeks ago. Is my policy lapsed now, or do I have more time to send in my premium payment?

A—Your policy is not lapsed, nor will it be lapsed until 31 days after the date on which your unpaid premium was due.

Q—I have repaid a \$4,000 business loan, \$2,000 of which was guaranteed by Veterans Administration under the G. I. Bill. Is my guaranty privilege restored to its original amount now that all of my indebtedness has been paid?

A—No. You may use your full

loan guaranty entitlement only once. Q—I live and work in the city and would like to buy a small farm with a guaranteed loan. Do I have to live and work on the farm to get the loan?

A—No, but you must be in position to supervise and direct the farming operations.

Q—Can I get a guaranteed loan to buy or build a small apartment house?

A—Yes, you may buy or build a small apartment house with a home loan or with a business loan, but the total number of family units can not exceed four. If more than one veteran is buying an apartment house, then one additional unit for each veteran participating may be added to the basic four.

Q—I am going to school under the G. I. Bill and would like to get a loan to buy a small home. Am I eligible for a guaranteed loan now?

A—Yes, provided you can qualify for a loan under the G. I. Bill.

Q—I am going to school under the G. I. Bill while I am taking on-the-job training under the Act?

A—Yes, you can go to school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. Bill) while you are taking on-the-job training if the school course is determined to be related to the on-the-job course. The government will pay your tuition.

Q—Will the government pay for tools and other equipment while I am taking on-the-job training under the G. I. Bill?

A—Yes, if the tools and other equipment are necessary for successful pursuit and completion of the course of training and is required by all trainees.

Q—I have been told that my pension will be reduced in 60 days. What can I do to prevent this reduction?

A—You may submit additional evidence to show that the reduction is not warranted.

Q—Must I show that I have had experience in business to get a guaranty of loan for business purposes?

A—The law provides "that ability and experience of the veteran, and the conditions under which he proposes to pursue such business or occupation are such that there is a reasonable likelihood he will be successful."

Q—I am a World War II veteran and plan to go to school under the G. I. Bill for the first time next fall. When should I arrange for my entrance into school?

A—You should arrange for your entrance into college or other institution of learning at the earliest possible moment.

Q—What benefits, other than subsistence allowance, is a veteran entitled to while pursuing a course of instruction under the G. I. Bill or under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act?

A—Veterans Administration will pay for his tuition, books, supplies, fees, and other authorized expenses within certain limitations. A disabled veteran may receive a pension or compensation and subsistence allowance concurrently.

Q—In getting a guaranteed loan under the G. I. Bill, must my loan be secured by a lien?

A—Not invariably. Under most circumstances a lien will be required as security for a loan, but there are a few conditions under which a loan may be unsecured.

Q—Do the veteran's rights to a loan guaranty extend indefinitely?

A—No. A guaranty may be had if applied for within 10 years from the termination of World War II which has not been declared yet.

**OTHER BOARD UNION MEETS**  
The North Carolina Usher Board Union met last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 with the Mt. Zion Baptist church, (colored). The next meeting will be at the Hopewell Baptist church which is located north of Shelby on Lawndale road No. 18. The meeting will be at 1 o'clock on the fourth Sunday in August.

### Soil Conservation News

By Joe N. Craver and W. L. Shope

John Dillingham, colored farmer near Fallston, is well pleased with the excellent stand of lespedeza bicolor and lespedeza sericea in the wildlife field border strip which he seeded this spring. The wildlife border will not only furnish food and cover for quail on the farm, it will also protect the edges of the fields from washing and provides a good outlet for terraces emptying into woodland.

This wildlife field border strip is a part of John's soil conservation farm plan as worked out for his farm with the help of the Soil Conservation Service personnel of the Broad River Soil Conservation District.

Ed Glover, another colored farmer living near Fallston doing a good farm plan. Last fall he seeded his farm with lespedeza sericea and lespedeza bicolor in permanent pasture; this fall he will seed additional acreage to pasture. Some of the steep and more eroded land on his farm was seeded to lespedeza sericea which affords him a return from his unproductive land in the form of hay or seed. He plans to have his entire farm reterraced and apply a good strip rotation on all of his terraced cropland.

Clarence Corry, colored, of route 1, Kings Mountain, has cut hay from Kudzu for the past three years. Clarence has found the kudzu to be of high feeding value and easy to handle. Has also used kudzu for grazing for both cattle and work stock. The kudzu is planted on gullies, roadbanks and water disposal areas and has proven to be of much value on his farm as a soil and water conservation practice.

Rol Bell, colored farmer who purchased his farm through the Farm Home Administration, is not wasting any time in setting up good soil conservation practices on his farm. He has re-terraced most of his cropland, planted kudzu in water disposal areas and roadbanks, seeded several acres of permanent pasture, and at the present he is applying lime, superphosphate and stable manure to two acres of lespedeza, which he plans to seed to alfalfa this fall. Next year he will apply a strip rotation to his entire cropland.

### Veterans Using New Premium Envelopes

More and more veterans are using the convenient premium notice envelope to send in payments on their G. I. Insurance, E. C. Bailey, Insurance Officer of the North Carolina Regional VA Office said today.

He urged all veterans to use the envelope when paying their premiums. This yellow envelope, self-addressed to the VA, saves time and reduces the likelihood of error at both ends, he explained, because it contains the information necessary to record the veteran's payment.

Veterans who mail their payments in any other manner should always

be sure to include the number of their policy or certificate, he cautioned.

Mr. Bailey also reminded veterans that they have until August 1 to reinstate G. I. policies without a physical examination in most cases. All a veteran has to do to apply for reinstatement of term insurance is to pay two monthly premiums and sign a statement that he is in as good health as when his policy lapsed. "Veterans who have converted to one of the permanent types of insurance must pay all back premiums, plus interest, to reinstate their policies. The health requirements are the same."

"Any VA Contact office will be glad to give veterans information on G. I. Insurance," Mr. Bailey said, "or to help them reinstate their policies if they're lapsed."

**NOTICE TO VETERANS**  
July is the last month to reinstate your GI life insurance. Do it now!

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended May 31 totaled 267 million pounds, according to a USDA announcement.

Cotton production in North Carolina has been on a downward trend since 1926 when the peak of production was reached. During 1926 there were 1,208,000 bales produced in the state, however, production in 1946 was only 44,000 bales.

### Vic Vet says

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