

Right Guide

This column is designated to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to **RIGHT GUIDE**, 1380 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, California.

The federal government has paid pensions to veterans and their surviving dependents since the Revolutionary War. It paid \$46,218,330 to the pensioners of the War of 1812, the last of whom died in April of this year. According to the last report 50 dependents of Mexican War veterans; 3,000 of the Indian Wars; 22,000 of the Civil War, are being paid pensions today.

Pension totals will reach billions annually before the books are closed on the Spanish-American war, World Wars I and II. A few surviving dependents of World War II veterans will still be receiving pensions 100 years from now.

In the area covered by the Los Angeles Veterans Administration regional office it is estimated close to one million immediate dependents (wives, children, and dependent parents) of its approximate 700,000 veterans are concerned with federal pension laws. This number will increase with the years and the growth of veterans' families.

Pension laws vary with each war. The widow of a veteran of one war has different entitlements from the widow of another war. It has been the experience of the VA that only a small percentage of veterans' beneficiaries know their rights and benefits under these laws, and few have little or no idea how such benefits may be obtained.

HERE ARE SOME GENERAL RULES:

1. In order for his beneficiary to be entitled to either pension or compensation the veteran must have served at some time between any of the following dates:

World War II, December 7, 1941 and prior to termination of hostilities.

World War I, April 6, 1917 and before November 11, 1918, or before April 2, 1920 if the veteran had service in Russia.

Spanish-American War, April 21, 1898 to August 21, 1898.

Philippine Insurrection, August 13, 1898 to July 5, 1902. If there was service in Moro Province the dates are August 13, 1898 to July 15, 1903.

Boxer Rebellion, June 20, 1900 to May 13, 1901.

Peacetime Service: Compensation applies only when serviceman was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and disability was service incurred or aggravated.

2. The veteran must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

3. **World War II.** Compensation is payable to the widow, minor child or children, and dependent parents of a veteran who died as the result of a service-connected injury or disease not caused by his own willful misconduct. Beneficiaries of World War II veterans are entitled to pension benefits if veteran, at time of death, received or was entitled to receive compensation for service-connected disability or disease.

4. **World War I.** Disability rating at time of veteran's death not required. In other words, widows, minor child or children, and dependent parents of a veteran of World War I are entitled to compensation or pension whether or not veteran had service-connected disability or disease at time of death.

5. **Spanish-American War.** Same qualifications as World War I.

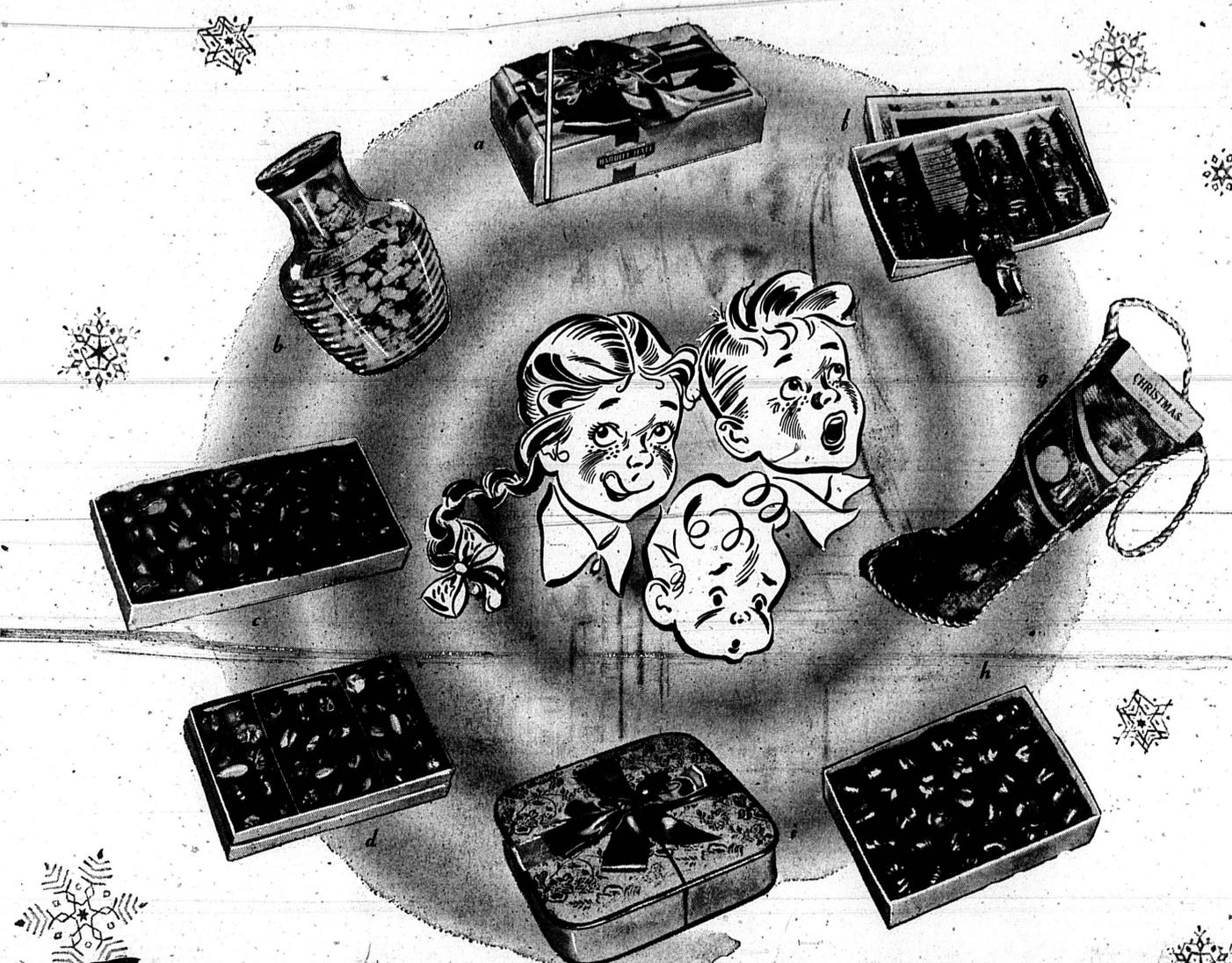
6. **Peacetime Service.** Pension to beneficiaries if veteran's death was caused by service-connected disability.

Next issue of Right Guide will deal with other phases of pension and compensation laws.)

County Hospital Contract Signed By Torrance

Upon authorization of the Torrance City Council, Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey has signed a contract with the county for the treatment at the Harbor General hospital of prisoners in the city jail.

According to Police Chief John Stroh, who recommended the setup, the city for some time has had an informal agreement with the county covering services supplied by the hospital. The new contract is similar to those held with other municipalities, the county said, in its request for a formal contract.



Sweets that smack of Christmas

and send visions of sugar plums dancing thru little heads!



- (a) **BARDLEY HALL CHOCOLATES**
Beautiful inlaid chest that's a grand keepsake 1 LB. **375**
Quality chocolates exquisitely packed in two-tone wood box that makes the gift go double. Nuts 'n' fruits 'n' all!
- (b) **HARD CANDY IN DECANTERS**
Traditional treat ready-to-pour from new bottles 45 OZ. **139**
The kid with the fruit-filled centers, to linger over or to deal with in one zestful bite. Two pounds 13 ounces!
- (c) **MILK CHOCOLATE ALMONDS**
One good way to go nutty with pleasure! 12 OZ. **110**
Lovell & Covell have put crisply meaty whole almonds into thick jackets of creamy milk chocolate for you.
- (d) **DRURY LANE CHOCOLATES**
Another grand gift assortment in a golden box 1 LB. **150**
Assorted nuts, fruits, honey, creams in the best chocolate. Candy to make the taste buds bloom like orchids.
- (e) **CHOCOLATE XMAS CANDLE**
Nothing to make light of on your Yuletide mantel! EACH **69**
A twist of the wrist will coax this tall taper into sweet surrender — of 4 dozen chocolate-covered mint wafers!
- (f) **FOUR CHOCOLATE SANTAS**
A quartet of clever candy Kris Kringles BOX **49**
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- (g) **CANDY-FILLED XMAS STOCKING**
Gay tartlets crammed with kiddie candy EACH **29**
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A full two pounds of large creamery-butter chocolates! Quantity and quality come together in this deluxe box.

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