

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 Veteran Student's Subsistence Check

A record number of veterans are enrolling in colleges and universities in the Los Angeles area this month and Veterans Administration officials today warned veteran students not to expect their first subsistence check until early in November. VA estimates that veteran enrollment in schools in the area of the Los Angeles Regional office will reach 95,000 by November and will tax the facilities of the colleges and the VA in qualifying the veterans for subsistence allowances.

Although no serious delays in payment of subsistence allowances are anticipated, the VA is advising student veterans to be able to meet personal financial obligations for at least the first six weeks of the fall term.

The time lapse between date of enrollment and receipt of the first check involves two factors. First, a veteran generally is not entitled to receive a subsistence allowance until he has been in training for 30 days. Secondly, all checks are mailed normally on the first of the month, covering the allowance due for the previous month. Therefore, a veteran enrolling during the latter part of September ordinarily would not receive his first subsistence check any earlier than the first of November.

The initial check will include all subsistence allowances due the veteran from the date of enrollment through the end of the first full subsistence period. Under the G. I. Bill a veteran without dependents draws \$65 a month and a veteran with dependents \$90.

Procedure For Payment. Four persons or organizations have a job to perform before the veteran receives his subsistence allowance check. They are: the veteran himself, the school, the Veterans Administration and the United States Treasury Department.

First, if he is entering college for the first time, the veteran must present a certificate of eligibility when he enrolls. The certificate serves as a passport, assuring the school's registration officials that the man is a veteran and entitled to educational privileges under the G. I. Bill. A certificate may be obtained from any VA office.

The school must then report the enrollment of the veteran student to the Veterans Administration. Until these reports are received the VA has no way of knowing that the veteran is in school.

Upon receipt of the report of enrollment the Veterans Administration determines the amount of the veteran's subsistence allowance and certifies him to the payroll.

The payrolls are then forwarded to the United States Treasury Department disbursing office, which makes up a printing plate with the veteran's name, address and amount of subsistence allowance. The initial checks are difficult for the treasury to produce because the amount on the initial check will be more than one month's subsistence allowance. The amount cannot be reproduced from the plate and must be inserted in another, and more time consuming manner.

Operations Streamlined. Despite the increased work load this fall, numerous factors should keep at a minimum, any delays in qualifying veterans for subsistence and in getting them on the subsistence rolls, the VA said.

These factors are a better understanding of VA procedures by the veterans and the institutions; more experienced personnel in colleges and VA to handle the work load; the introduction of streamlined certification procedures; assistance by specially trained VA personnel to colleges during the registration; and advance registrations in some of the larger schools.

VA said delays in schools in which the registration is heaviest may be unavoidable. Neither

SCHOOLS HERE PURCHASE NEW VARI-TYPER

The Board of Education Tuesday decided to procure a Vari-Typer from the Ralph C. Coxhead Corporation at a total price of \$696.25, which price includes several additional types, sales tax and all other charges.

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Superior Court Hearing Arranged For Theft Suspect

A Superior Court hearing for Frederick Walter Caron, of Michigan, has been arranged for Sept. 24 following a preliminary hearing in Torrance City Court Monday morning.

Charged with grand theft, Caron is suspected of burglarizing the home of Walter Schmid, 2310 W. 166th st. Caron had been living at the Schmid home, police said, and disappeared

in 1818 and became capital of the state in 1837.

A. D. EDWARDS FINED \$100 FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Alex D. Edwards, 1317 Acacia ave., pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 for driving while intoxicated last Sunday.

Appearing before Judge John A. Shidler in Torrance City court Monday, Edwards also had his driver's license suspended for a period of 30 days.

Caron was later apprehended by San Diego police and a number of the stolen articles were recovered from nearby pawn shops, police reported.

Schools Buy Gas From City

An agreement whereby gasoline for the Torrance School district will be purchased from the City of Torrance, has been accepted by the Board of Education.

Under the arrangement, the City will supply gasoline to the School district at the following rates for the school year 1947-48: regular gasoline, \$1.340 per gallon, Ethyl, \$1.490 per gallon plus a half cent handling charge for each gallon.

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