

# VA Questionnaires to Be Returned Before January 31, Says Webster

Veterans and dependents of deceased veterans on the Veterans Administration's nonservice-connected pension rolls received their annual income questionnaires with their December checks. The punched cards must be filled out with the required information and returned to the VA before Jan. 31, Mort Webster, manager of VA's Southern-California Regional Office, announced recently.

Webster requests that the cards be handled with care so that they will run through the tabulating machines when they are returned. They must not be

folded, trimmed or mutilated in any manner.

The address in the upper right hand corner is the address to which the card should be copied exactly as it appears. The abbreviations have been cleared with the post office. The cards will be delivered promptly to the VA offices if addressed in this way.

### ANNUAL INCOME

Most veterans and dependents will find only six or eight items that require information pertaining to annual income. Persons on the rolls under the new pension law effective July 1, 1960,

must also fill in a net worth item as required by law.

Laws governing non-service-connected pension payments require that the VA receive this income information each year. The amount of pension paid and the eligibility to receive any pension at all, depend upon the individual's need as determined from the amount of income received annually in addition to the pension.

# L.A. Museum Adds Musk Ox Exhibit Jan. 10

The Los Angeles County Museum's newest habitat group — a Musk Ox exhibit — goes on view in the First Floor Hall of North American Mammals next Wednesday (January 10). According to Melville N. Lincoln, Senior Curator of Habitat Groups, the Los Angeles County Museum is the only museum on the West Coast to have such an exhibit.

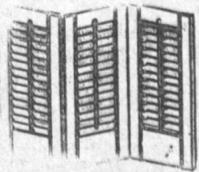
The Musk Ox exhibit culminates efforts which began in early 1957 by Lincoln to obtain scientific collecting permits for these rare animals.

Due to the scarcity of Musk Ox and the Canadian Government's program to increase the depleted herds, permits were denied until the latter part of 1959. On May 1, 1960, through the extensive cooperation of the Canadian officials and the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Logan, a collecting expedition departed from Los Angeles for Eureka, Ellesmere Island, Canada. Headed by Melville N. Lincoln and including Mr. and Mrs. Logan and George N. Adams, Senior Taxidermist at the Los Angeles County

Museum, the expedition was joined at Eureka by Dr. John S. Tener, Supervising Wildlife Biologist, Eastern Arctic, representing the Canadian Wildlife Service.

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# Aerospace Plant Constructs New 'Space Panels' for Spacecraft

Construction of aluminum "space panels" on which thousands of tiny photoelectric solar cells will be mounted to furnish power for the Mariner R Venus probe is under way at Ryan Aeronautical Company's Aerospace plant in San Diego.

Under contract to the California Institute of Technology Jet Propulsion Laboratory, nine rectangular-shaped panels, 29 inches wide and 60 inches long, will be built in the Ryan engineering shop.

Of these, five will be test units and four will be flight hardware in the two Venus probes scheduled for flight in the summer of 1962. Attached to each Mariner spacecraft will be two panels that will deploy in space to provide a wing-like appearance

as the solar cells convert radiant energy into electrical power needed for various research functions, including transmissions to earth.

A new structural concept developed by Ryan provides the high strength, low weight and reliability characteristics required of the panels. The aluminum skin is stabilized by continuous corrugations attached by resistance welding to provide a homogenous structure. The open-back structure enhances versatility, in providing access for mounting of other equipment. At the same time, such a structure prevents overheating of the solar cells as the panel dissipates heat and enables the cells to operate more efficiently, at lower temperatures.

# Traffic Safety Conference to Be Called by Brown Next Month

Governor Edmund G. Brown recently announced he is calling a statewide Governor's Traffic Safety Conference in Los Angeles Feb. 1 and 2 to combat California's rising highway death toll.

Some 1500 representatives of state agencies, commercial vehicle operators, law enforcement officials, highway and traffic engineers, officials of safety organizations, educators, safety organizations, service club members and judges and prosecutors are being invited to the meeting at the Biltmore Hotel.

"We have the finest system of highways and freeways in the nation and they

are built for safe driving," said Governor Brown. "Insurance records show that California is a safer place to drive than 7 of the 11 western states.

"But still the total number of persons killed on our highways continues to climb. Last year 3,837 Californians were killed. We must reduce this terrible death toll and I am confident we can do it.

"It is important that we review everything that is being done in the field of traffic safety. This conference will provide an opportunity for all of the public and private agencies working in this field to exchange views. In addition, it will inform the general public of our objectives."

The Governor said that the conference, calling on experts in many different fields, also will seek new ideas for handling traffic problems and new ways of gaining public support of safety programs.

The California Federation will co-sponsor the meeting in cooperation with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

# Area Educator Named to Head City Schools

Jack P. Crowther, 52, a 26-year veteran teacher and administrator with a strong background in school finances, has been named superintendent of the Los Angeles City School System, second largest in the nation.

His appointment by the City Board of Education becomes effective on Tuesday, Jan. 2, when he succeeds Ellis A. Jarvis, who retires after 38 years of service to the district, the last five as superintendent.

Crowther, budget director for the school system since 1958, is the father of four sons. He lives with his wife, Violet, at 9505 S. Denker Ave., Los Angeles.

# Applications Now Being Taken for Gen. Supply Clerk

The Army and Air Force Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, 180 New Montgomery St., room 109, San Francisco, California, is accepting applications until further notice for the position of General Supply Clerk (Army Reserve Technician) for employment in Arizona, California and Nevada.

These positions are with the XV Army Reserve Corps. Starting salaries are \$4,040, \$4,345 and \$4,380 per year. No written test will be required, but applicants must have qualifying experience. They must also be eligible for Army Reserve membership, which includes a strict physical examination.

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