

**V*A FACTS

An estimated 2.5 million service-connected disabled veterans and eligible dependents of deceased veterans who died of service-connected causes will receive additional compensation check from the Veterans Administration this month.

The checks, ranging in amounts of \$3 to \$174, will represent increases of 10 to 12 per cent signed into law by President Ford last month. The increases came too late to be included in the August checks, received this week.

A separate check, representing the retroactive amount for August, will be mailed about mid-September, a VA spokesman said.

The new rates will be reflected in the September checks, to be mailed Oct. 1. Total cost of the increases for the first year is \$450 million.

Some 94,000 women veterans who have not yet used their current GI Bill for education or training still have time to do so, but they should apply immediately to the nearest Veterans Administration regional office, VA advises.

The deadline for completion of training (even including last year's two-year extension for veterans discharged after January 31, 1955) is May 31, 1976, or 10 years from the veteran's date of discharge, whichever is later.

Only 46 per cent of the 174,000 women veterans eligible have trained under the current GI Bill. The compar-

able figure for male veterans is 59 per cent.

Of the 80,000 veterans who have used the current GI Bill for training, some may now be eligible for a special retroactive payment from VA. Those enrolled under the GI Bill, while married, between June 1, 1966, and October 24, 1972, are eligible for an additional \$30 for each month of enrollment if they were not paid at the rate for married veterans.

The special payment is to equalize benefits with those received by married male veterans who trained under the GI Bill during this time, as the men received an allowance for wives.

Women veterans who meet these requirements should contact the nearest VA regional office to file claims for the money. The cutoff date for filing claims for the special payment is July 1, 1976, and proof of marriage while in training under the GI Bill must be furnished in connection with the claim.

Women veterans who proved to VA while they were in training that their husbands were permanently disabled and incapable of self-support already have been paid the additional amount, as have the women veterans who trained after October 24, 1972.

Women who trained under the Korean conflict and World War II GI Bills are not eligible for the retroactive amount for husbands, it was noted.

Information & Referral Service for Seniors

Senior citizens of North Las Vegas now can take their questions and problems to an Information and Referral service right in their own community. The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County's Senior Center has opened an Information and Referral office at 2445 Las Vegas Blvd. N., location of EOB's Health Services Clinic in North Las Vegas.

Effective immediately North Las Vegas I/R office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The telephone number is 648-3280, ext. 50.

Information and Referral has been an important service the EOB Senior Center for the five years the Center has functioned. The telephone number of the West Las Vegas Senior Center is 648-3280, ext. 85, 89 or 06; the Henderson number is 565-6262.

There are many organizations and agencies in the Clark County area, and finding the right one can be confusing and frustrating to seniors. Staff people at any of the EOB Senior Center numbers will help senior citizens identify problems, and then suggest agencies or organizations that might help. All information the seniors give is confidential.

Sometimes there just aren't any answers," Hazel Geran, Senior Center project director, says, "but if there are, we'll find them."

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RUBY SAYS

by Ruby Duncan

We want to let you know about an upcoming conference that will be sponsored by the Clark County Welfare Rights Organization. The Welfare Rights Information Conference will be held at the Union Plaza Hotel on Saturday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It will be a very informative all-day session, with information provided on the most recent welfare legislation, legal issues, strategies for survival, various services available, and other subjects.

There will be space for only 100 persons, so anyone interested in attending the Conference should contact us soon by calling 648-0012 or writing to CCWRO, 400 W. Jackson, Las Vegas 89106 for further information. We are also open to suggestions on what topics to present and what speakers people would like to hear. If you or your group would like to participate by making a presentation at the Conference, please let us know as soon as possible so we can schedule you.

The Operation Life Community Health Center has a few statistics to share with you. Of the over 5,000 children who have been screened at the clinic, more than 2,000 have been referred to doctors or dentists for some type of treatment. 930 of these were for dental problems, 173 for visual, 17 for hearing, and 914 for various medical problems. Over half of the medical referrals were for anemia, which indicated and inadequate diet of not enough food high in iron.

Most of the problems discovered through the screening check-up have very simple solutions, but they do require treatment and the expert advice of a doctor or dentist. If children do not receive physical check-ups, these minor problems which are easily treated will not be discovered and will grow worse. This shows how important it is to detect any medical problems by getting regular check-ups once a year.

The Operation Life Community Health Center gives free screening examinations to all ADC recipients under 21. Please come in to 402 W. Jackson or call us at 648-2886. If your children are not on ADC, please be sure to take them in to another clinic at least once a year.

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furnishings had been installed. But he said full service for residents interested in the short-term or the domestic or agricultural labor markets would be available from the ninth onward.

Employers seeking short-term employees or domestic or agricultural workers may call the job agency's new freeway office at 385-0441.



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- THURS. **11** Court upholds right of fugitives at Christians, Pa. to defend selves against slave-catchers. 1851
- FRI. **12** Prince Hall establishes first Black Masonic lodge in America. 1787
- SAT. **13** Conspiracy of Black slaves and white indentured servants to revolt in Gloucester County, Va. betrayed. 1663
- SUN. **14** James P. Beckwourth, chief scout for Fremont, born. 1798
- MON. **15** Jan Matzeliger, shoe machinery inventor, born. 1852
- TUES. **16** Charles L. Remond, born free in Salem, Mass. in 1810 is first Black anti-slavery lecturer.
- WED. **17** First school for freedmen is opened at Fortress Monroe, Va. 1861, and becomes Hampton Institute.

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