

Johnson Signs Precedent-making Bill Giving Benefits to Vet Widows

President Johnson on October 23 signed into law a precedent-setting bill giving education and training benefits to widows of men who died—and the wives of veterans who are totally and permanently disabled—as the result of military service.

M.W. McDonaugh, Manager of the Juneau Veterans Administration Regional Office, said that after December 1, 1968, when the new law goes into effect, these wives and widows will be eligible for the same Veterans Administration educational assistance now available to the sons and daughters of veterans who died or are permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service.

This marks the first time in history of veterans' benefits in the United States that widows and wives will be authorized a VA educational assistance allowance.

Payments will range from \$130 a month for full-time train-

ing (up to a maximum of 36 months) to \$95 for three-quarters time training and \$60 for half-time training.

The new law, McDonaugh said, also gives veterans separated from service after January 31, 1955, one-and-one-half months of education and training entitlement under the current Post-Korean G.I. Bill for each month of military service after January 31, 1955.

This is a change from the present ratio of one month of entitlement for each month of service.

Unchanged, however, is the maximum of 36 months of entitlement.

Under another provision of the law that goes into effect the first of December, veterans with 18 months or more of service after January 31, 1955, who have satisfied their military obligation, will be entitled to 36 months of VA educational assistance.

Americans Buy More and More 'Memorabilia'

JUNEAU—In an era of ever-increasing leisure time, Americans more and more are collecting—and paying money for—items which increasingly have value as "memorabilia"—sentimental mementoes from the past.

Old Alaska license plates may soon join music boxes, old campaign buttons and Batman comic books in this category, if the Alaska Department of Administration has its way.

The department is offering for sale more than 5,000 pair of 1967 Alaska Centennial Year License plates, and advertisements announcing their availability have already been placed in two collector's publications, "Collector's News," and "Western Collector."

The plates, as most Alaskans will remember, feature reflectorized yellow-gold numerals and border, on a royal blue back-

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MISS SITKA entrants of Mt. Edgecumbe School included Jennifer Duncan, Marie Holliday, Mary Jane Brown, Vicki Burgess, and Lori Jacobs.

Six Mt. Edgecumbe Native Girls Take Part in Sitka Pageant

Six girls from Mt. Edgecumbe participated in the "Miss Sitka"

Pageant at the Centennial Building on October 17, 1968.

Those candidates were Jennifer Duncan of Angoon, Vicki Burgess of Hydaburg, Mary Jane Brown of Barrow, Lori Jacobs of Juneau, June Beetus of Hughes, all points in Alaska, and Marie Holliday of Rough Rock, Arizona.

Larry Beck, an Alaskan poet, was Master of Ceremonies.

The girls first appeared in their native costumes or centennial dresses. Then they modeled ball gowns, and afterwards displayed their talent. Vicki Burgess sang an opening Hyda song followed by the "Drunken Raven" dance.

Lori Jacobs modeled three costumes which she had made. Marie Holliday sang an Indian lullaby and did a pantomime. Mary Jane Brown performed a comic skit which she had written herself. Jennifer Duncan sang and interpreted a Tlingit love song, and June Beetus executed a drill team dance.

After the talent show, the girls modeled bathing suits and then changed to their formals. The judges had written one question to be asked each girl. Mr. Beck read the questions, and each girl gave her answer.

Finally came the handing out of trophies; Miss Congeniality and First Runner-Up for Miss Sitka was Marie Holliday. Second runner-up was Kathy Modrell of Sitka, and Miss Sitka was Linda Gregerson, also of Sitka.

Edgecumbe Wins

Seven boys from Mt. Edgecumbe competed in the Cross Country meet which was held in Haines with nine other schools participating. The Mt. Edgecumbe boys entered the meet with the determination to win the trophy for the sixth time.

They did just that, making Mt. Edgecumbe School the Southeastern Cross Country Champs for six consecutive years. It was a beautiful day when the boys lined up at the starting line. The starter said, "On your marks. Get set. Go!" All seventy boys took off without hesitation.

After waiting for twelve minutes, the spectators saw the runners start to come in. The finish line was on top of a hill. The top ten boys were:

1st—Guy Thibodeau of Juneau with a time of 12:03; 2nd—Gilbert Urata of Wrangell; 3rd—Robert Ozawa of Sitka; 4th—Hall of Petersburg; 5th—Garreth Edwin of Mt. Edgecumbe; 6th—Marr of Ketchikan; 7th—Willis Garner of Mt. Edgecumbe; 8th—Carr of Juneau; 9th—Moses Whitman of Mt. Edgecumbe; and 10th—Robert Brown of Mt. Edgecumbe.

Native School Lunch Cooks Return to Try Out New Techniques

School lunch cooks of the Nome area are returning to their villages to try out new lunch-room techniques learned at the

School Lunch Workshop in Kotzebue on November 1-2.

Workshops are held throughout the year in various locations

as State Department of Education service to upgrade lunch personnel and programs.

Mrs. Marge Dawes, State Co-

ordinator of School Lunch Services, and Mrs. Thelma Cope, School Lunch field supervisor, gave instruction on menu planning, sanitation, care of equipment, and proper use of dehydrated foods at the two-day workshop held in the cafeteria of the Bureau of Indian Affairs school in Kotzebue.

Mrs. Gladys Musgrove, University of Alaska Extension Home Economist, presented a section on nutrition.

School lunch cooks from Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalana, Noatak, Noorvik, Point Hope, Selawik, Shungnak, and Kotzebue attended the training session.

Leaflet Points Out Dangers of Fever In Small Children

FACTS FOR FATHERS ABOUT FEVER is the title of a new brochure based on a concept by J. Scott McDonald, Commissioner of Health and Welfare, and developed and produced by Mrs. Mildred Hayes, Mental Retardation Coordinator; Mrs. Ruth D. Anderson, Visual Information Specialist, and Dr. Donald K. Freedman, M.D., Director, Division of Public Health, all of the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare.

The leaflet points out the dangers of fever in small children and infants. Prolonged fever may cause brain damage. Copies are available from state public health nurses and health centers.

Mental retardation, speech defects or loss of physical functions can result from fever but alert parents may avert tragedy by applying basic knowledge of fever.

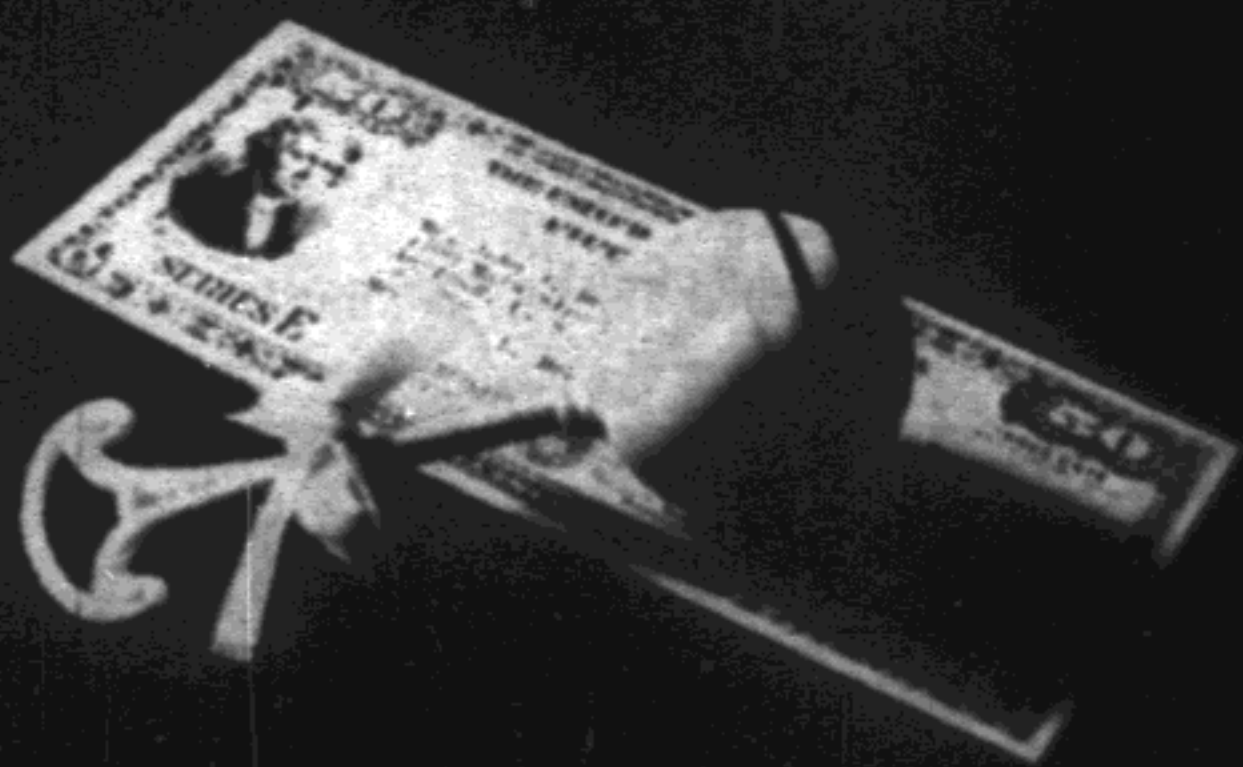
Maurice Flagg, Director of Information Services, President's Committee on Mental Retardation, Washington, D.C., has commended FACTS FOR FATHERS ABOUT FEVER.

The pamphlet was produced in part by a Mental Retardation Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

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