

Veterans May Get More Comp

YREKA—Veterans with severe service-connected disability who have more than three children were advised today by Veterans Service Officer Lynn E. Roberts of Yreka to check with his office on their right to additional compensation.

A recent law (Public Law 86-499) authorizes the Veterans Administration to pay additional compensation for more than three children. The previous law did not.

Under the old law, a veteran with a service-connected disability of 50 per cent or greater could get additional compensation payments for a wife, dependent parents and children, up to a total of three children.

Now, the additional compensation ranges from \$12 per month for each child after the first three children, where the veteran's wartime service-connected disability is evaluated at 100 per cent, down to \$6 per month for each child after the first three, where his disability is rated at 50 per cent. Proportionate amounts are payable in between the 100 and 50 per cent ratings.

If the veteran has a 50 per cent or higher disability rating due to peacetime service, the additional compensation rates are 80 per cent of the amount payable for wartime disability.

VA recently announced that where a claim under the new law is received within a year from Aug. 1, 1960, and evidence of entitlement is of record on Aug. 1, 1960, the additional compensation benefits are payable from that date.

The service officer pointed out that this means the additional payments for more than three children could be retroactive to last Aug. 1 if claims are filed now and are supported by evidence of record last Aug. 1. The veterans service office is located at the courthouse annex in Yreka.

WRONG BYSTANDER
NEW YORK (UPI) — William Stander, grappling with a holdup man in his florist shop Sunday, saw a bystander and yelled for help.

"Help" arrived in the form of a punch in the face. The bystander turned out to be the thug's accomplice. Both men escaped with \$115.

Will Introduce Controversial Bill On Hunting

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SACRAMENTO (UPI)— Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis, D-Portola, announced plans today to introduce a permanent version of the controversial Busch game management bill in the 1961 California Legislature.

The new proposal will contain the best known and most controversial feature of the present Busch bill, veto power for county supervisors over either sex hunts.

But Mrs. Davis, chairman of the Assembly Fish and Game Committee, said the veto provision will be included initially only for the seven counties she represents, Modoc, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra and Siskiyou.

"If other members of the legislature want to include their areas in the veto power provision," Mrs. Davis said, "I will welcome them."

Mrs. Davis' version of the Busch bill will be permanent. The original bill, introduced and approved by the 1957 legislature, was made effective for only four years.

But the woman lawmaker said she wanted it permanent because "I see no reason why we should go through this fight every four years."

The action by Mrs. Davis precedes by at least a month an expected report from the Fish and Game Committee's citizens group on big game, organized early in 1960 to find a solution to the state's deer management problems.

However, UPI learned that the committee probably will recommend the legislature continue the Busch bill.

The new bill goes contrary to a recommendation by the \$100,000 Booz, Allen and Hamilton consulting report that the veto power be discontinued as soon as public confidence is restored in the Fish and Game Department and Commission.

The report, prepared after the management consulting firm probed policies of the agency in 1958, blamed the 1956 so-called "doe-slaughter" hunting season for the adoption of the bill.

It said the 1956 hunt, when a substantial area of the state was opened to either sex hunting, was "an error in administrative judgment" but "did no real harm to any deer herd."

Dozen Pressing Problems Confront California Legislature Term Today

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—A dozen pressing problems faced the legislature today as it launched its biennial six-month session.

For today only, Rose Bowl fever was more important than politics to the 80 assemblymen and 40 state senators.

Brief ceremonies, the swearing in of members and election of officers was the only business on the agenda. Then, all adjourned to the nearest television sets.

On Tuesday, the lawmakers will hear Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown present his legislative program. Brown, at the halfway mark of his four-year term, is expected to present a moderate program, designed to carry out his theme of "responsible liberalism" and to win him favor for his expected bid for re-election in 1962.

With Democrats controlling the Senate 30-10 and the Assembly 47-33 and with both parties eyeing the impact of the session on the gubernatorial election two years from now, these were the major issues ahead:

Farm labor: Probably the most controversial problem. Labor wants a \$1.25 minimum wage for farm laborers, wants to be recognized as the collective bargaining agent for workers. Growers probably will counter with a bill prohibiting strikes at harvest time.

Taxes: There appears to be little chance for a substantial tax

reduction. Brown has indicated he may favor repeal of the sales tax on prescription drugs at a savings of \$6 million a year. But a Senate committee may recommend a 50 per cent increase in the in lieu tax on motor vehicles, which could cost \$78 million more a year. The taxpayer probably won't win.

Capital punishment: The 10-year battle over the death penalty will flame again. Abolitionists will try for a 4-year moratorium this time rather than push absolute repeal of capital punishment.

Labor benefits: The AFL-CIO, with lots of muscle in both houses proposes a 184-bill program it describes as the "broadest and most comprehensive" program labor has ever proposed. It includes a boost to \$70 a week for unemployment insurance, a statewide minimum wage and a general broadening of workers' benefits.

Reapportionment: California gains 8 more seats in the House of Representatives this year, boosting its total to 38. With Democrats firmly in control of both houses, Republicans are braced to oppose any bill which would reduce their dwindling strength.

Water: Even though the voters ratified Brown's \$1.75 billion water bond issue, there'll be plenty of argument over details of the program, especially when the Oroville Dam will be built, the 160-acre limit, the San Luis Project and public power preference.

Narcotics: Southern California particularly is eager to toughen the penalties for narcotics violations. At least 50 bills will be introduced ranging from a call for the death penalty for peddlers to bills to broaden clinical treatment for addicts.

Education: Major emphasis will be on stressing fundamentals and basic courses, expanding the state colleges and campuses of the Uni-

versity of California. Increased salaries for teachers may become an issue.

Social welfare: Bills are certain to be pushed to repeal relatives responsibility in the aged aid program. It is expected efforts will be made to increase blind and aged pensions. From the Senate will come legislation to tighten up on the aid to needy children program.

Budget: Brown's proposed spending program won't be submitted until after the inauguration of President-elect Kennedy. But it is certain to be close to the \$2.3 billion mark, although Brown has pledged he will ask for no new taxes to balance it.

Squaw Valley: A potentially explosive issue is a final accounting of the millions spent by the state to finance the winter olympics and an investigation of the terms under which the facilities were leased to a private concessionaire.

Reorganization: Brown is expected to push over strenuous objections tentative plans for re-amping state government.

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OREGON CITY (AP) — Two gunmen masked by black bandanas held up the owners of a tavern north of Oregon City today, robbed them of \$220, and then taped their mouths shut before fleeing.

It took Paul and Amy Bulla about five minutes to free themselves and call state police.

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