

103,668 Veterans Reinstate Insurance During December

More veterans reinstated lapsed National Service Life Insurance during December than in any month since last August, Veterans Administration announced today.

The Veterans Administration said 103,668 veterans in December reinstated lapsed insurance with a total value of \$671,518,000. During the last eleven months of 1947 a total of 1,106,919 veterans renewed lapsed policies worth nearly \$6,790,000,000.

The Veterans Administration last month extended to July 31, 1948, the period during which veterans with lapsed insurance may apply for reinstatement of their term policies by merely filling out a simple form and paying two monthly premiums. Ordinarily, no physical examination is required if the veteran certifies that his health is as good as it was when the policy lapsed.

No penalty or fee of any sort is paid by a veteran who reinstates his term insurance, it was emphasized. Of the two monthly premiums submitted with the reinstatement application, one covers the 31-day grace period for which his insurance was discontinued in force without payment of premium; the

other is payment for the current month of reinstatement. After July 31, 1948, veterans whose policies have been lapsed for three months or more will be required to take a physical examination and qualify as insurable risks in order to reinstate, the Veterans Administration said.

Applications for total disability income riders on National Service Life Insurance policies increased steadily throughout the year, reaching 18,000 by the end of September, the Veterans Administration said.

State Rat Control Program Started

A state-wide rat control program for rural areas has been announced by the Extension Service and the State Rodent Control Division of the US Fish and Wild Life Service. The two agencies will take the program to every county and rural community in the state.

In making the announcement, Extension Vice Director J. D. Prewitt said that latest estimates from the US Department of Agriculture indicate that nearly 200 million bushels of grain in the United States were destroyed or damaged by rats last year. The Extension Rat Control Committee, with J. A. Scofield, district agent, as chairman, recommended the appointment of a similar committee in each county. Farmers, businessmen, vocational teachers, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H Club boys and girls, and representatives of schools and service clubs, will work on the committees.

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Every Semester About This Time . . .

Prof's Favorite Student Arrives To Discuss The Exemption Problems

By DR. ETAOIN SHRDLU

It was 2 a. m. on the Sunday morning beginning "dead week," and I was laboring diligently over "The Racing Form," (purely as a problem in statistics, of course) when I heard the creak of the door knob as it was stealthily turned. (The door was locked as I did not wish to be disturbed.) After a slight pause there was a discreet rat-a-tat-tat on the door and then a furious pounding, which I ignored.

Moments later there came a tap at the window. I did not look up, even when splinters of glass from the broken pane showered over the room and myself.

"Herr Professor Dr. Shrdlu! Herr Professor Dr. Shrdlu!" came a still, small voice from beyond the yawning window frame.

I recognized that desperate cry; it was the voice of one of my ersatz students, a chap whom I call "Gimlet" because he bores me. I paid no attention to the cry of this soul in torment and continued my work. A few moments later there was a terrific thud against my door, shaking the entire room. Another thud, and then the door was ripped bodily from its hinges, and Gimlet came sprawling into the room. This was more than even I could ignore.

"Well, Mr. Gimlet?" I said in my feeble tones. Gimlet picked himself up from the floor. A sheepish expression had replaced his usual morose grin.

"I was just passin' and as the light was on and the door was open, I thought I would drop in and say hello."

"Hello."

"I smashed my teeth. What can you do (that isn't against the law) with such a student?"

"Now that you have completed your mission, you can leave anytime," I said, returning to my study in statistics.

"Oh, I'm in no hurry," he answered. I gave him a look that would have withered any normal human being.

"Mind if I set down? Thanks."

"Just what is on your alleged mind, Mr. Gimlet," I queried.

"Nothing. Nothing."

"I know that, but what is it you wished to see me about that was important enough to cause you to break my window and smash my door?"

"Oh, I just wanted to ask you a question. It's not important."

"With such slight damage, I didn't think it could be . . . what is your question?"

"I'm not going to be exempted, am I?"

"Is that a rhetorical question or a statement of fact?" I asked.

"In either case the answer is the same—No! You are not going to be exempt."

"I didn't think so, but no harm done in asking," he pouted.

"Except for my door and window," I countered.



"Huh?" "Just what do you mean thumbing through those papers on my desk?" "I was just seein' if any of 'em was mine."

"Well, they aren't! So keep your hands off them and your nose out of them."

"Well, uh— you haven't got an extra copy of the exam, have you?" "No, I haven't."

"What's the matter, don't they trust you?" "No, most of the copies were stolen before I could get mine. As there weren't enough left to pass out, a new examination is being run off."

"You don't know where I could get a copy cheap, do you?" "No."

"Where do they keep the questions?" "I really don't know."

"You don't know much to be a professor, do you?" "I do know you had better get the hell out of my office before I—"

"Let's not get sore. After all, I just dropped by to ask a question. If you don't want to answer questions, you should keep your door locked."

"I restrained myself with a magnificent show of will power. . . ."

"Get out!" I screamed.

Gimlet started for the door, but halfway there he hesitated and turned.

"About that there exemption, I—"

"Get out!" "About that there exemption."

"Well, you've distinguished yourself in English also, by making the lowest grades, having the greatest number of absences, and creating the most disturbances."

"About that there C—"

"What C?" "About that there C, I've got to have a C or I'll get kicked out of school."

"I thought you said you were distinguishing. You won't be dismissed for one failing grade."

"You're sure you ain't made a mistake? Some of those papers you gave me an F on, my roommate handed in to his instructor, and he got A's. I don't think that's honest."

"What isn't honest, handing the same paper to two instructors?" "No, I mean giving me an F when my roommate got an A."

"Well, if you will give me the names of your roommate and his instructor, I will see what I can do about equalizing your grades."

"Oh no, you don't, I may be dumb, but I'm not stupid."

"You flatter yourself, Mr. Gimlet."

"About that there exemption—"

"Not again!" "About that there exemption, I want to check my grades. Where's your grade book?"

"It's locked in my safety deposit box in Bryan, but I'm certain that the president of the bank will be only too happy to get it for you, even though it is a little late. Hell, do anything for an Aggie."

"I don't think you trust your students."

"Why, Mr. Gimlet, how you talk?" "Aggie spirit."

"No, I'm a total abstainer."

"Where are you from, professor?" "Illinois."

"Aha, I knew it, a Yankee! A danyankee! A carpetbagger! Wait till I tell my pa. He'll have your visa cancelled. Hell, have you deported. You can't do this to me— Say will I make a C in the course?"

"It's not at all likely."

"But I gotta make a C. I've just gotta. I'm a distinguished student in everything but English."

"Well, I'm not really distinguishing; in fact, I may not get exempted in my other subjects. To tell the truth—"

"That would be a novelty."

"To tell the truth, I'm flunking all my courses, and I gotta have at least one passing grade to show my folks."

"Why are you failing in your other courses?"

"Well, I've put so much time in on my English this year that I haven't been able to get all my work done in my other subjects."

"When I asked you why you didn't have your work in on time all semester long, you said you were spending all your time working on your major courses since they were important and English wasn't. Now it appears that you haven't done any work in any of your courses."

"Well, you have to take into consideration that I've been very busy this year with bigger things than studies."

"And what is 'bigger,' as you say, than your studies?"

"Why, football, of course."

"Do you have anything further you would like to say?"

"Nothing except that it has certainly been a pleasure to take your course, Professor Shrdlu. I've never enjoyed a course so much in all my life. I used to hate English, but now I look forward to attending each class."

"I'm glad to hear it, because you'll have the pleasure of looking forward to taking the same course again next semester—provided, of course, that you are still here."

"If there's ever anything I can do for you, Professor Shrdlu, you just let me know, and I'll do it."

"Do you really mean that?"

"Sure, is there something you want me to do?"

"Yes, get out of my office and stay out! Get out! Get out! Get out!"

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Law School. At present, there are 27 veterans in the Texas legislature, 22 of whom attend TU when the legislature is not in session.

He married the former Miss Ann Grace of Bryan in August, 1946. She attended TU for two years.

While in high school, he was a member of the band, debate, tennis, and track teams. He is a member of the debate team at A&M, president of the Pre-Law Society, and president of the Wood County Young Democrats.

Strictly A Democrat

"Whether Miss Sutor or any one else runs doesn't alter my plans to do the best I can to be elected," he said. "I intend to carry all election expenses myself and I have no intentions of soliciting outside aid in my campaign."

In regards to his political affiliation, he said without hesitation, "I'm a Democrat."

What's Cooking?

(Notices should be in The Battalion office before 5 p. m. of the evening before publication.)

ABILENE CLUB, 9 p. m., Wednesday, Assembly Hall. Longhorn picture will be made.

BRAZOS COUNTY MOTHERS CLUB, Thursday, Contact Mrs. T. W. Leland, 561 Walton Drive, Phone 4-7414.

BRUSH COUNTRY CLUB, tonight at 7:30 p. m. in Room 308, Academic Building.

BIOLOGY CLUB special meeting in Biology Lecture Room 7 p. m., Tuesday.

ECONOMICS CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, Room 307, Academic. (Plans for next semester will be discussed.)

GRAYSON COUNTY CLUB, 9:30 p. m., Tuesday, Assembly Hall. Longhorn picture will be made.

NEWCOMERS CLUB sewing party in YMCA 2 p. m., Wednesday. For reservations call 4-1269, 4-8826, or 4-7679 before Tuesday night.

PRE-MED PRE-DENTAL SOCIETY meets in Biology Lecture Room at 7 p. m., Tuesday.

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E. L. Williams, director of the Industrial Extension Service, H. R. Brayton, director of the firemen's training, and R. Otis Muenster, an instructor of the service, have been named members of the governor's statewide Fire Prevention Committee.

Governor Beauford Jester in notifying the A&M faculty men of their appointment said, "I earnestly call upon every citizen of Texas, particularly civic, school, patriotic, municipal organizations, and all agencies of the state, to emphasize the danger of fire and to encourage the adoption and enforcement of all fire prevention rules, regulations and laws, in an organized movement to lessen the disastrous consequences of fire."

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Petitions Taken For History 308 Students interested in registering for History 308, Constitutional Development, should sign a petition for the course at the history department office, Room 211, Academic Building, Dr. S. R. Gammon, head of the department, announced Saturday.

Although the course is normally offered only once each year, a number of students have expressed a desire to take the course this spring, Dr. Gammon explained. If ten names can be secured, History 308 will be offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 9, he declared.

162,000 Vets Convert NSLI Veterans' applications for converting term National Service Life Insurance to any of the half-dozen available permanent forms numbered 162,000 for the third quarter of 1947 ending September 30, compared with an all-time high of 240,000 applications for the quarter ending June 30, the Veterans Administration said.

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