

Different States' Veteran Programs Inspected by Hall

An informative report on the various programs set up in other states for the assistance of veterans has been prepared by William C. Hall, Hall is candidate for state representative from the 26th district composed of Brazos and Grimes Counties.

Of the states surveyed 18 either have had no benefit program presented or have rejected the ones voted upon. Ten other states have proposed programs which will be voted on in the next election or session of their legislative bodies.

North Dakota, Oregon, Wisconsin, Mississippi, and California all have state financed loan programs which range from \$300 loans offered by North Dakota to the \$13,400 offered by California for purchases of farm property. In the California loan set-up, the life of the veteran is insured for the amount of the loan. In this way the loan is paid off and the home left free of debt in case of the death of the veteran.

Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and Rhode Island all have money grants which about match the mustering-out pay of veterans. More cash is allowed for overseas men than for state-side veterans.

In New Mexico and Wyoming veterans are allowed tax exemptions on property up to \$2,000. In Rhode Island property valued up to \$1,000 is left free of taxation.

Oregon and Mississippi both have educational aid programs set

up for their veterans in school. Oregon allows each of her students \$35 a month to help make ends meet. In Mississippi single veterans get monthly checks of \$65 while married men draw \$90.

Nebraska has some \$200,000 a year income from an eight million dollar trust fund which is available to needy veterans. In Maryland \$75,000 is appropriated each year for funeral expenses and various other costs. Pennsylvania spends one and a half million dollars yearly for her needy veterans.

The general rule for money bonus payments in most states is \$10 per month for service within the United States, and \$15 per month for service overseas, with a maximum in some cases stated in the law.

Hall stressed the fact that the loan programs will have more lasting benefit, especially since the Republican Congress has permitted the real estate lobby to sabotage federal housing legislation. If a veteran can, as under California law, borrow money for a home at 3% interest and have the debt cancelled through the insurance program in case of his death, he can save each year as much as most of the bonus programs have allowed.

Hall stated also that the North Dakota and Wisconsin programs have some advantage over the bo-

nus plan. These states provide loans at only 2% and have not proven to be objectionable to anyone.

"I have been assured by members of the last legislature and others, who are supposed to know, that a veteran's program will be introduced at the 1949 session," Hall said, "it would be to the interest of everyone to study the programs of the other states as outlined here so that we may know what to plan for."

The experience of other states indicated that 7% of the veterans will not ask for a bonus, 93% will.

Hall pointed out that a state program would be by constitutional amendment, which of course, will mean a delay of two years unless special sessions and elections are called. There are 750,000 veterans in Texas. The largest number of voters we have ever had was 1,120,000, Hall stated.

Hall said that if anyone wants further information he would be glad to discuss the matter in detail.

Hall, who has spent several years teaching here at A&M, has spent 5 years in the Navy and 3 years in Veterans' hospital. He saw service aboard Merchant Marine Tankers in the Atlantic, Pacific, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf.



FRED HARRIS, winners of the FFA Public Speaking Contest last Thursday, is being congratulated by C. N. SHEPARDSON, Dean of the School of Agriculture. Harris will represent Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma in the Southern Regional Contest.

Poll Shows Majority of A&M Students Opposed to Finals

By D. R. BURRIS

The majority of A&M's students are opposed to final examinations.

In a poll conducted by the Batt Friday afternoon it was found that 68 percent of all students interviewed were opposed to final examinations for various reasons. Of the students questioned, 24 percent were in favor of them and 8 percent were indifferent.

Over 50 percent of the students expressed the opinion that the finals and the consequent cramming caused them to lower their grades, and only the 24 percent in favor of finals claimed they always held their pre-final grades or raised them.

C. L. Novosad, a pre-med student from Bryan, said, "Most of the time I am opposed to finals, it depends on the course. The loss of sleep in preparation for them causes physical and mental fatigue also too much importance is attached to the numerical grade made on a final."

W. G. McCamant, a senior aero student, expressed this opinion of finals: "I am not pleased with most of the way they are given here. Most of them are not given here to find out how much a man knows in regards to the course, but to give him a numerical grade or place him in a category with his class, whereby a difference of one point in a numerical grade may make a big difference in his record."

W. L. Brown, who stated that he was not opposed to final exams, qualified his statement by saying: "If one knows the material to be covered on the exam and has gotten the most-out of the course, there is really no need to fear the outcome."

F. J. Moward, B&A major, said "I don't let them get me down, but I wouldn't object if we didn't have them."

C. L. Thomas, a junior architecture student, stated that he is opposed to finals because: "I don't believe they accomplish the purpose they are intended to accomplish. They consist of learning exactly what the instructor wants to know the night before exams and not really what the course can offer over a whole semester."

R. S. Winter, a senior B & A student, stated that he disliked

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though, because it seems that the chairs get hard and are not the best things to sleep on.

A&M men have always been noted for their ability to find new pleasures in life. The ones here are no exception. Many new saloons and bars have been located and the places are doing a booming business from the Aggies. The men were perfectly satisfied with Bear Foot Frank's Place until it was suspected that he was putting water in his beer. It was then that the search for greener pastures began.

Last week was elimination week here. In an effort to clean out the undesirables, demerits were handed out like water, causing much unrest among the troops. Tom Crouch and Don Hooten were almost eliminated when they failed to make bed check one night. However, a demerit-reducing detail the next night saved them.

By this time next week it will all be over except the scars and the unpleasant memories. Many of the cadets will probably leave with a guilty conscience thinking of their comrades in arms at other camps who will still have about three more weeks to go, but that's life.

A&M Poultrymen Will Attend Meet

W. J. Moore, assistant extension poultry specialist, and E. D. Parnell and D. H. Reid, of the Poultry Department, will leave Sunday for St. Louis, Missouri, where they will attend the International Baby Chick Convention.

These poultrymen will have an opportunity to see the latest developments in poultry breeding and equipment, and will discuss problems with industry leaders at the convention.

They will return to College Station July 18.

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By PURVIS THRASH

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Gregory qualified as an expert and won the traditional pot put up by the members of the outfit firing on the range.

One of the many highlights of the day was Leslie Polk's sad misfortune of having that red flag waved before his target so often. Polk fired 179 and missed the expert rating only by one point.

It wasn't missing being expert that hurt Polk so much, but the fact that he had already spent the \$5 of prize money?

dark when it comes to "Sawing Varsity's Horns Off."

The week-ends have been spent mostly in Washington, Baltimore, and New York. Reports circulated by Elmer Watson from Corsicana and Bob Scoggins from Rio Hondo indicate that New York was not large enough to accommodate all Aggies during the July 4, week-end.

Rooms Should Be Reserved Early For Next Session

Students planning to attend the second summer term of school may pay their fees and register for their rooms.

Non-veteran students can secure fee waiver slips from Veteran's Advisor, Room 104, Goodwin Hall.

Non-veteran's may pay their fees to fiscal office representatives who will be in Goodwin Hall until 5 p. m. today. After today fees must be paid at the Administration Building.

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