

# Veterans Benefits: League Wants \$170

WASHINGTON (AP)—The chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Rep. Olin E. Teague, D-Tex., said Wednesday he will agree to raise veterans educational benefits only slightly above what the House first passed.

The House bill provided \$165 monthly benefit compared to the current \$130 payment. The Senate passed a bill containing benefits of \$190 a month for education and greatly broadened other facets of the bill.

In a statement, Teague said he will agree to raising rates \$5 to \$170 monthly but then will attempt to send the bill back to the Senate for concurrence in the hope a bill can be sent to the White House soon.

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**A&M Awarded \$22,300 For Ocean Studies**  
Study of the origin of icy bottom water in the Southwest Atlantic Ocean will be made by the University during 1969-70 through a \$22,300 National Science Foundation grant.

Conducted in cooperation with Argentine scientists and government agencies, the oceanographic research head at A&M by Dr. Luis R. A. Capurro will be continuing into its fourth year.

"The work will be a continuation of the International Weddell Sea Expedition in the Antarctic," explained the four-year A&M faculty member.

Next year's study will center on physical oceanography of the Weddell Sea and collecting of data. The study seeks to determine of origin of the cold water masses comprising the polar Falkland current that sweeps northward off the east coast of South America.

Previous work in the area also included study of the well-defined front between the warm Brazil current and polar current.

Capurro, a former Argentine Navy captain, said U. S. and Argentine icebreakers will be employed for cruises into the heavily iced Weddell Sea.

The NSF grant is administered by the A&M Research Foundation and brings the four-year total to \$126,300.

**Christmas Schedule Set for Faculty Mail**  
A&M faculty mail service schedules for the Christmas holiday period have been announced by W. B. Breazeale, manager.

No outgoing mail will be handled Dec. 22, 23, 26, 27, Jan. 2 or Jan. 3.

Breazeale said, however, mail will be sorted and the customer service window will be open from 7-11 a.m. on those days.

Regular delivery will be made Dec. 29, 30 and 31.

Due to limited space in the faculty mail service facilities, Breazeale requested each department pick up its mail during the holiday period.

**"The Foreigners" Here Jan. 6**  
"The Foreigners," a Peace Corps recruiting film, will be shown in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6, according to Dr. Manuel M. Davenport, head of the Philosophy Department.

The film, showing the good and the bad in Peace Corps activity, will be shown for the first time in the south, Davenport said.

Some of the film features a volunteer from A&M called "Aggie." His name has not yet been released, he said.



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Time: December 29, 1969 at 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Room 216 in the Plant Sciences Building  
George W. Kunze  
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**4 Scouts to Receive Religious Awards**  
Four Boy Scouts from College Station will receive God and Country Awards Sunday.

The Rt. Rev. J. Milton Richardson, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, will make the presentations at 9:15 a.m. in St. Thomas' Chapel.

Those to be honored are Dennis Lee Billingsley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ray Billingsley, David Frederick Gardner, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Gardner, Steven Kirk Strawn, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kirk Strawn, and Carl Mitchell Weissberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Weissberg.

# Engineers Contract For Shell Research

Texas Engineering Experiment Station has received a \$15,000 contract from Sandia Corp. of Albuquerque, N. M., for continuation of research in nonlinear static and dynamic analysis of shells of revolution.

The work covered by the Sandia grant includes an evaluation of various numerical methods for obtaining solutions to nonlinear structural problems with respect to convergence characteristics, amount of computer time required and ease of application.

Dr. James A. Stricklin, professor of aerospace engineering is principal investigator. He has conducted studies which have application to the Apollo and future space vehicles sponsored by Sandia and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration since 1967.

"Considerable attention is needed to determine which analysis technique is best suited for solving the nonlinear finite element problem," Dr. Stricklin said.

"Our work will compare and evaluate several methods of solving a single class of problems," he added.

Another objective of the research is to propose and test methods of solving the nonlinear dynamic equation of equilibrium for possible incorporation into the computer code development by Texas A&M researchers.

Stricklin received his doctorate from MIT in 1964 and has been at Texas A&M since 1965. He has been working on shells of revolution for the past seven years and is author of numerous technical articles on the subject.

Working with Dr. Stricklin are Walter E. Haisler of Temple, doctoral student in aerospace engineering, and Joe R. Tillerson of Celeste, master's candidate in aerospace engineering.

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