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VA ANNOUNCES NSLI FORMULA

Washington, D. C. — The top dividend checks to be sent to World War II veterans on their National Service Life Insurance will be for \$528. Dividends will start going out in January.

Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., disclosed this recently in releasing the formula to be used in distributing the \$2,800,000,000 dividend among some 16 million veterans and their dependents and heirs. He had planned to release it next Sunday but changed his plans because of published reports about the formula.

The dividend, to be paid before next June 30, is not subject to income tax. Veterans must apply for it, and about three-fourths of them have already.

The formula, Gray said, is calculated on the basis of a dividend of 55 cents for each \$1,000 of insurance, for each month the policy was in force before its anniversary date in 1948, for all policy holders who were aged 40 or younger at the time the policy was issued.

General Decline

For older veterans, the dividend declines gradually until it is 20 cents a month, for each \$1,000 of insurance, for veterans 55 and over when the policy was issued.

The scale: age 41 at issue, 52 cents; 42, 49 cents; 43, 46 cents; 44, 43 cents; 45, 40 cents; 46, 37 cents; 47, 34 cents; 48, 31 cents; 49, 28 cents; 50, 25 cents; 51, 24 cents; 52, 23 cents; 53, 22 cents; 54, 21 cents.

To compute your own share, you need only a few figures—the number of months you kept your policy in force, the face amount of the policy, and your age when you took it out.

Suppose, for example, you entered service in July 1942, at the age of 40 or under, and signed up for the full \$10,000. Your premiums were paid by allotment from your service pay up to your discharge in October, 1945, at which time you dropped your in-

urance and made no further payments.

Multiply by 55

That means you had GI insurance in force for 40 months. Since you carried \$10,000 worth, you multiply the number of months by 10, making 400. Then you multiply that figure by the 55 cent dividend rate, as shown on the table. You'll find you're entitled to a \$220 dividend.

In computing the number of months your policy was in force, you must stop counting on the anniversary month in 1948 that you started your policy. For example, if you took out your policy in June, 1943, and have kept it in force to date, only count the months up to June, 1948. You will get dividends on what you have paid since that date next year.

Of course, if you had a policy in force for less than three months you don't qualify for any dividend. And no payment will be made on any months during which a policy was lapsed, and no premiums were paid, even if it has since been reinstated. But dividend payment will be made for the period after date of reinstatement.

Veterans Administration explains that it lumped all of the age groups through 40 into one dividend rate because death rates of those ages varied so slightly.

For ordinary commercial life insurance, the typical monthly premium for \$1,000 of term insurance at age 21 is \$1.25, the Veterans Administration said.

For National Service Life Insurance it is 65 cents. And the man who took it out at 21 will now get a 55-cent dividend.

\$528 Maximum

Gray said the maximum payment of \$528 is based on a \$10,000 policy in force for 96 months, on a veteran 40 or less when the policy was taken out.

The dividend will be paid at the same rate on both term and converted policies. No payments will be made for periods of lapse.

"The scale does not apply to insurance on a permanent plan which has been surrendered for a reduced paid-up amount," Gray said.

"These cases will be handled separately."

LOOPHOLES in the Law

By WILL WILSON
Past President, Texas District and County Attorneys Association



(Editor's Note: This one of a series of short case histories, all taken from court records, showing how legal loopholes often enable criminals to escape punishment in Texas. Will Wilson, of Dallas, is chairman of a special steering committee of the State Bar, which is working for revision of the antiquated Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure in order to eliminate these loopholes.)

John and Mary had been drinking heavily and were, in fact, drunk. In this condition they got into an automobile, with John driving, and rode out into the country. Out of town a few miles, John turned off the public highway and drove onto a farmer's private property.

As the car was weaving and skidding along the farmer's road, John saw a pick-up truck coming along the road toward him. The

pick-up was driven by the farmer, and he had his three small children in the back.

John was too drunk to avoid the pick-up. He smashed into it. The farmer's three children were badly injured and the truck itself was demolished. In an argument with the farmer, following the accident, John admitted that he was drunk. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and brought to trial.

He was acquitted and went scot-free because he was driving on a private road—the farmer's own road—and not on a public highway.

The State Bar of Texas is working to get rid of the legal loopholes that made such an outcome possible.

The farther north a bird summers, the farther south it will winter.

Lodge Members Attend Ass'n Meet in Kingsville

Seven members of the Rebekah Lodge attended the Bluebonnet Association meeting in Kingsville last Saturday.

Schedule for the day included a business meeting in the morning, basket lunch at noon, group instruction in the afternoon at which the Rockport delegation gave a skit on the unwritten work on group instruction, and a barbecue supper in the evening.

Those who attended were Mrs. Corinne Zowadzki, Mrs. Fred Cloberdants, Mrs. Nannie Deane, Mrs. Jennie Wright, Mrs. Annie Weber, Miss Katie Lee Clarke and Mrs. Melvin Wood.

It was announced that the next meeting will be held in Corpus Christi in April.

Mr. and Mrs. John Porter of Austin visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. N. F. Jackson, last week.

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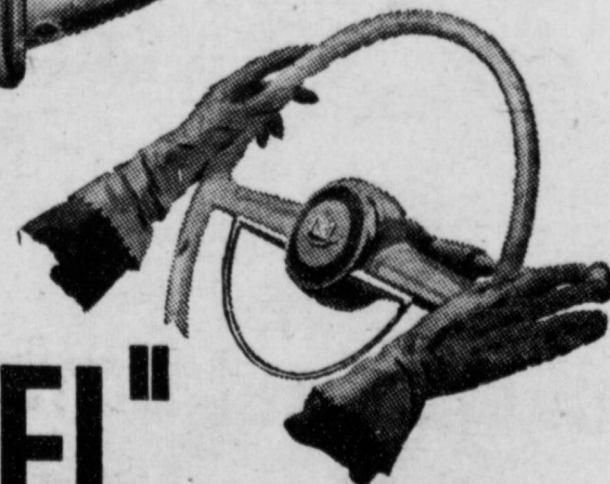


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Brother Backs

Texas A&I's Javelinas have a pair of brothers in the backfield this year—Bennie Liska, halfback, and Laddie Liska, fullback. Both of the Runge athletes are lettermen.



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Bouquet Received For Rockport Couple

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I am sending you under separate cover a copy of "The Jewett Messenger," where you will find on the first page, column 3, where Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booth of Rockport, spent several days as our guest on the ranch out from Jewett.

Have you ever met this couple; if not, go up there to their home and meet them, talk with them for awhile. It will do you good. Mr. Booth is 80 years of age and looks 60. Can't say anything about Mrs. Booth, for I have known several fools in East Texas that got shot for asking a woman's age, but she looks 45 or 50. God only knows her age. They are a wonderful couple and Jewett feels better for their passing through here. They certainly were an inspiration to Mrs. Smith and myself.

Bea and Bonner Smith. (Mr. and Mrs. Booth returned to Rockport last week after visiting at the home of their daughter in Fort Worth for two weeks where Mr. Booth celebrated his 80th birthday. They also made the above mentioned trip).

Thirteen Persons Pass Drivers Test

Thirteen persons passed drivers tests given here by a state officer Tuesday. Licenses were issued to Leonard J. May, Bruce Mayes, Earl B. Morris, Doris McElveen, Walter D. Heldenfels, Johnny J. Atwood, Welford Lee Hulsey, Seth H. Steele, Sr., Doretha M. Clark of Ingleside, John D. Freeman, Seth H. Steele, Jr., John Chupe, Patricia Hall of Aransas Pass.

Emma G. Soliz was issued a restricted license and is to drive with a licensed person only.

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Presbyterian Supper Draws Large Crowd

The barbecue-fish supper at the new Presbyterian Church last Friday was largely attended, and between \$550.00 and \$600.00 was raised for the building fund.

The men's organization, which sponsored the supper, deeply appreciates the splendid cooperation and support of both local and out-of-town people who contributed to the success of the enterprise.

Among those deserving of special mention are: Zeph Rouquette and Roy Wendell who donated a calf; Burke and William Johnson who also donated a calf; Oliver and Fred Brundrett who did the barbecuing; the Fehr Baking Co., Lee Baking Co., and Richter Baking Co., for donating bread; Mrs. W. B. Allen for a lamb cake that sold for \$25.00; Ahr's Bakery for cooking the beans; the public school, Methodist Church, and Fulton Lions Club, for the use of tables, chairs and benches; Rockport Electric Co., for material for lights; Modern Market and Kelly's Grocery for assistance in preserving and disposing of barbecue and salad remaining after the supper; Bobby Brewster, for the use of his truck and loud speakers for publicizing the supper; the school band and director for music for the occasion; and, in short, for there are others who aided, sincere thanks are expressed to every one who had a part in promoting, preparing and for putting over the undertaking.

W.S.C.S. Members Attend District Meeting

Nine members of the W.S.C.S. attended the sub-district meet in Port Lavaca last Thursday.

Tuesday afternoon of this week the W.S.C.S. met at the church to continue their study on "Japan Begins Again." Leader of the study is Mrs. E. G. Cooke. Twelve members were present.

The monthly social meeting will be held at the church Tuesday at 3 p. m., Sept. 27. Co-hostesses are Mrs. J. A. Walling and Mrs. Homer Graham.

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Plans Underway for Fire Prevention Week

The 30th Anniversary Fire Prevention Week Campaign is scheduled for Oct. 9-15 this year. The local fire department is making plans to include a Home Inspection in the activities to be carried out during this week, Fire Chief Chas. Ankele has reported. Since a very large percent of the fire deaths occur in the home, the local department believes that the proper place to begin with fire prevention is in the home.

In line with this program the Pilot staff calls your attention to safety rules in regard to fuel gas.

Gas properly used presents no greater hazard than other fuels, but the fact that, in Texas, natural gas is used in the home extensively for such household purposes as heating, cooking and refrigeration, makes it imperative that the greatest degree of care be exercised by home owners in observing fire prevention rules and regulations in the use of this fuel.

The most important fire prevention rules and regulations to be observed in the home where gas is used as a fuel are listed as follows:

- 1. Ventilation is very important. In a closed room without proper ventilation, a gas heater will soon consume all the oxygen in the room and death will be the result. 2. The law in Texas requires that natural gas be odorized. If the odor of escaping gas is detected, first open the doors and windows; then, turn off the gas at the meter and notify the gas company at once. Do not look for a leak with a lighted match, candle, lamp or any other flame. 3. Do not under any circumstances use plain rubber tubing as a transmitter of gas from source of supply to stove, and even the best flexible tubing should not be used when it is possible to make connections by light iron pipe put in place by a competent gasfitter. 4. Flues should be provided to extend two feet above roof line so that in all cases the gases of combustion are removed from the room and fresh air is provided to replace the air consumed by the gas burner. 5. Gas heaters should be of the enclosed type and should be protected with screen guards to prevent clothing from falling thereon. 6. Gas heaters should be placed a sufficient distance from windows to prevent curtains, draperies and the like from blowing into the flame. 7. Water heaters should be insulated so they will not overheat walls and fixtures. 8. Clothing, towels and the like should never be hung on or near the water heater and stoves to dry. 9. Should the fire under a water heater or in a gas stove go out, immediately turn off the fuel supply and extinguish any other flames which may be present in the room, and be sure to ventilate the room well before relighting the heater or stove. 10. Never leave the home for any length of time with gas heaters about the house burning. Always extinguish upon leaving.

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Jury Finds for Defendants in Alienation Suit

An Aransas County jury returned a verdict for the defense in the \$75,000 alienation of affection suit of Mrs. Clara Rice against Mrs. Winnie Dubose Rice and husband, R. R. Rice, Sr., pro forma defendant, Thursday night.

The verdict, which was returned at 9 p. m. after nearly four hours of deliberation, found that there was no alienation of affection and allowed no damages on four special issues. B. F. Rippey was foreman of the jury.

Judge W. G. Gayle polled the jurors individually on their verdict but refused a request by the plaintiff's council that they be

polled individually on each special issue.

The verdict was returned a few minutes after Judge Gayle overruled a plaintiff motion for mistrial. The motion alleged that two of the jurors, Herbert Mills and Chester Johnson, were related to defense attorney Allan Wood of Corpus Christi.

The motion said that Mill's brother, Glenn Mills, is married to a sister of Mrs. Wood, and that Mills and Johnson are brothers-in-law.

Attorneys completed their argument shortly before 5 p. m. John J. Pichinson, Corpus Christi; John H. Miller, Sinton; and T. J. Vaughan of Aransas Pass argued for the plaintiff. Emory M. Spencer, Rockport and Wood for the defense.

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