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## Veterans' Corner

Editor's Note: Veterans and their dependents are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

**Q** — Shortly after I was separated from service I converted my GI insurance policy, and have kept it in force. May I borrow on this policy?

**A** — Yes. Your policy describes the loan features. If you wish exact figures, you should contact the VA office to which you send your insurance premiums. They will explain your policy's loan provisions, tell you the amount available, and provide an application form. The interest charge on policy loans was raised to five per cent earlier this year.

**Q** — My son was lost at sea during World War II. I would like to have a memorial marker to put in a private cemetery. Will the Army furnish one?

**A** — Yes. Application forms for memorial markers are available at all VA offices, and should be mailed to the Office of the Chief Support Service, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.

**Q** — Does "paid-up" insurance pay dividends?

**A** — Yes. However, when a policy is surrendered for reduced paid-up insurance the dividends will be based on the reduced amount. When limited payment policies such as 20-payment-life have all premiums paid up, they continue to receive dividends.

## SKEENS CHAPEL SPONSORS BUS TRIP

The Skeens Chapel Holiness Church of 350 Asheboro Street is sponsoring a bus trip to Baltimore, Md. The bus will be leaving from Skeens Chapel on Friday, March 19 at 1:00 A.M. The trip is open to those interested in attending the services of the Solid Rock Church of Christ, sightseeing, visiting relatives or what ever you desire. For information call 272-0882 or 274-2698, the home of Mrs. Sarah Grant.



ELLIS F. CORBETT

## FINAL RITES TO BE HELD FOR BELOVED LOCAL CITIZEN

Ellis F. Corbett, longtime director of public relations at A&T State University and former national president of the 20,000-member Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, died Wednesday morning in L. Richardson Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Corbett, 61, had been employed at A&T since 1951, and just three years ago was named associate director of planning and development.

An energetic and fun loving publicist, Corbett at one time served concurrently as public relations director, alumni secretary and director of placement.

During his tenure as executive secretary of the A&T National Alumni Association, annual giving by the graduates rose from about \$7,000 annually to more than \$50,000.

Just last November, more than 300 persons honored Corbett at a testimonial for his contributions

to many local, state and national organizations over the years. A graduate of A&T, Corbett launched his career 39 years ago as a traveling representative for the Norfolk Journal and Guide, a black-owned weekly newspaper.

He served that newspaper for more than 20 years and became a successful circulation manager. Corbett returned to A&T in August of 1951.

He served under four different presidents at A&T.

Corbett became widely known in public relations circles and in 1962 he was cited by the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta as the "College Publicity Man of the Year."

Two years ago Corbett stepped down as grand basileus of the Omegas. He had previously served the fraternity as national director of public relations, editor of the Oracle and representative of the Third District.

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## Legislation Against Pollution May Hurt Export Tells Conference At A&T

Legislation now pending in Congress and many state law-making bodies may actually hinder rather than help the fight against pollution, according to a noted soil and plant scientist.

"I am afraid that we are going to get such legislation passed that will handicap reasonable progress in this area," said Dr. J. Ritchie Cowan, president of the American Society of Agronomists.

Cowan, also head of the farm crops department at Oregon State University, was involved in conferences Monday at A&T State University.

"I think that we are being alarmists," said Cowan. "We need to give pollution serious attention before acting. We go from one crisis to another. A few years ago, everyone was talking about building bomb shelters."

Cowan said that persons in the field of agriculture have often been accused of being major contributors to soil and plant pollution.

"It is true," said Cowan that the use of artificial types of pesticides and herbicides can be detrimental, if they are used in a careless way. However, I would say that agronomists have used these chemicals intelligently and have been very respectful in order to maximize yields of crops."

Cowan said his organization recently organized a new publication dedicated to the study of environmental agriculture. "What agriculture hasn't done," he said "is a good public relations job."

"We must guard against legislation without reason," he said. "I feel that our only reasonable way is to research these situations more adequately. We must test the herbicides before they are released and see that they are adjusted from time to time, even after they are released."

"As we get down the road and as social scientists develop expertise," said Cowan, "we are going to find some of the answers. Meanwhile, we still have people who need something to eat."

## \$86,000 RECEIVED TO FIGHT AIR POLLUTION AND LUNG DISEASES

\$86,000 has been received through the Christmas Seal campaign to fight air pollution, TB and other respiratory diseases in Guilford, Rockingham, Caswell and Stokes Counties according to Dan T. Griffin, President of the Piedmont TB-Respiratory Disease Association.

This will mean an expanded program of services for the residents of the area during the coming year. These will include teaching school students the dangers of air pollution on their lungs, effects of smoking; prevention of emphysema and other respiratory infections; better services for TB patients.

It will mean involvement of local citizens in air quality controls. It will provide local citizens with more services in treatment of emphysema . . . more follow-up of TB patients. More medical education of physicians and nurses — more cooperation with hospitals in training of staffs in pulmonary diseases.

"It will mean the Piedmont area will be a cleaner, healthier place to live. . . . It will mean greater participation of local citizens in 'the air they breathe' — to make it cleaner.

We are grateful to all those who made this possible through their support of Christmas Seals and their participation in the programs we are trying to provide, Mr. Griffin said.

During 1969 at total of 39,120 new cases of TB were reported to the public health authorities. Emphysema ranks second in cases of disability.

