

State Bonus Favored by College GI's

Student Veterans Want Payment Soon
By ROBERT BLOEM

World War II veterans in Indiana colleges and universities are overwhelmingly in favor of a state bonus, but most of them don't know what it's all about.

A survey of five schools showed about four out of five veterans want the bonus. They want it in cash. They want it soon.

The bonus referendum, on the basis of the survey, appears likely to bring out a disproportionately heavy veteran vote at the polls.

And yet, while much has been done by veterans' and other organizations to encourage veterans in the belief that the bonus is possible, little has been done to give them a practical view of the prospects.

Five Schools Canvassed

The survey was conducted at Indiana University, Purdue, Washburn College, DePauw University and Butler University.

While a huge majority of the veterans questioned believe the bonus should be paid and will vote "yes" in the referendum Nov. 2, only an occasional one of those who favor it had given any consideration to how the money should be raised.

The referendum ballot also will offer five alternatives to the point—higher gross income tax, sales tax, a net income tax, indirect payment in the form of income tax exemptions, indirect and personal property tax exemptions.

No great was the variety of reaction of the nearly 200 veterans surveyed on the question of raising the revenue that tabulation was impossible. Commonest method suggested was one not on the ballot—allocation of the cigarette tax for bonus payments.

Can't Issue State Bonds

Most veterans were unfamiliar with the provision in the state constitution providing that Indiana cannot go into debt and may not issue bonds. Other states which have passed bonus laws have been able to float bonds, pay the bonus now and retire the bonds later.

Generally, the veterans were generally surprised to learn that any cash bonus here will have to wait until after the money has been raised.

A Butler student said: "Indiana shouldn't be an exception among the states. The average vet is entitled to a bonus."

Another went so far as to add: "The rest of the states have given a bonus. Indiana should recognize her vets, too."

9 States Pay Bonus

Both were obviously under the impression that state bonuses are general. The facts are that only nine states have passed bonus laws, eight others will vote on them this fall. In 17 states bonus legislation failed to pass in legislatures. If states have made no attempt to pay a bonus, and one state, Maine, actually defeated a bonus plan in referendum vote.

A Purdue student qualified his pro-bonus attitude by saying: "I see an immediate cash bonus as an inflationary step. I suggest payment in the form of securities of some sort."

Others, at other schools, also suggested that veterans be given bonds which would not mature for several years when they might need money even more than they do now. Under the state constitution, however, such bonds would be out of the question.

The restriction was no deterrent to the Purdue veteran who said: "I am definitely in favor of the bonus but I wasn't aware of the state debt restriction. I paid \$4 for the privilege to vote and I intend to use this right to vote for the bonus Nov. 2."

Exemptions Not Popular

Generally, the tax exemptions were unpopular, but a substantial number of those who favored the bonus agreed that deferred payment might be desirable. They were willing to wait until the state could raise the cash.

Highest percentage of veterans opposed to the bonus idea was found on the Purdue campus where about 20 per cent expressed initial opposition but the number doubled when the tax implications were discussed.

Another misconception general among the GI's was probably the result of politicians' talking about the state's huge treasury surplus. Many were under the impression that "the state can easily afford a bonus" and most were astounded when informed that the surplus probably wouldn't be more than about 20 per cent of the total sum necessary.

Traffic Accidents Injure Seven Here

Seven persons, five pedestrians, were injured last night in Indianapolis traffic accidents.

One of the injured received a broken leg and hospital physicians said X-rays may show a fractured skull. Others were not seriously hurt.

The seriously injured were Jack Redmond, 68, of 706 E. Iowa St., who was struck by an automobile at Lincoln and East Sts.

Others treated at General Hospital and released, were: Ronald E. Moore, 4, of 959 Udell St., who received a broken shoulder when struck by a bicycle in front of his home.

Mrs. Rosalee Hopkins, 21, of 2109 Carrollton Ave., pedestrian.

May Williams, 47, of 430 Massachusetts Ave., pedestrian.

Velma Rodert, 26, of 220 W. Ohio St., pedestrian.

Wiley Clark, 68, of 2233 Linden St.

May C. Carter, 29, of 933 Park Ave.



ROOTING SECTION—Nearly 400 Indianapolis, Illinois and Purdue rooters rode over on a special Illini Club of Indianapolis train to Champaign, Ill., yesterday to see Illinois trounce Purdue, 10 to 6. This picture was shot by a Sunday Times photographer and shows the special section reserved for the Indianapolis alumni of the colleges.

Purdue Spirit Far From Dead Aboard Illini Club Special

Sad Day It Was, It's True, at Champaign But Just You Wait Until Next Year
By WILLIAM PITTMAN

But they were all good friends as the Illini Club's special train rolled back into Union Station last night after carrying both Illinois and Purdue rooters to the big game at Champaign.

The Purdue lost, 10 to 6, but there were vows of "wait 'til next year."

Bigger success than ever, the Illini Club plans to go some place again next year and make the trip even bigger and better.

Go Like Hot Cakes

Chartering of the train this year was in charge of Leon Lawhead, 3817 Carrollton Ave. Aiding him was Richard Fulmer, president of the club.

The special rolled out of the yard and Mrs. Richard Madigan and Miss Dell Schwartz began passing out huge "Mums" for the ladies which sold like hot cakes.

Two of the staunchest Purdue supporters were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arnholder, who were looking forward to meeting their son Richard at the game. Richard is a student at Purdue.

Forces were joined as Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marshall, who lean slightly toward Purdue, where son Mack is now a student, engaged in a game of bridge against Mr. and Mrs. Lou Deterr. Mr. Deterr is an Illini, class of 1929.

Even the Brakeman

Even the brakeman was in favor of the Illini. Dee Bates, 4609 E. Washington St., was a student there in 1934 and has two brothers enrolled in the school at present.

Joe Bosenberry, 1415 Central, came as close as anyone to picking the score of the game. On his identification pass he had written, Illinois 13, Purdue 7.

Ten-year-old Tommy Senn, 1905 Winfield Ave., was perhaps the happiest person on the train. He was attending his first Big Nine football game with his father.

Every year since graduation, William Spurlock, director of economic research at Eli Lilly, has attended one Illinois game with his old schoolmate H. E. Curtis. And this year was no exception.

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Teacher Shortage Cited by Educator

Association Chief Lists Deficiencies

Shortage of trained elementary school teachers is the basic problem in the Hoosier public school system, R. E. Hood, Indiana State Teachers' Association president, elect, told The Times yesterday.

A Benton County school principal, Mr. Hood said the influx of children into the schools in the post-war period when teachers' salaries can't compete with those offered by industry has made the teacher shortage serious.

He said the shortage was particularly acute in township schools where salaries are lower than those offered in cities.

The Hoosier educator said reports of the Indiana School Study Commission would point up these deficiencies. These reports, he said, would determine in large measure policies of the Teachers' Association next year.

Explaining some of the resolutions adopted by the Association's two-day convention here Thursday and Friday, Mr. Hood said most teachers feel the office of superintendent of public instruction should be removed from the ballot more for reasons of policy than politics.

They do not believe superintendents can formulate policy during their two-year term of office, he said.

The Association, he said, will draw up its legislative program for presentation to the 1949 Legislature after the School Study Commission makes its report.

"The coming year," he said, "offers a great opportunity for improving our school system. We feel it will be most important."

The Association went on record in favor of the removal of the kindergarten in the school system, a movement which has gained strength in Indianapolis, and urging closer co-ordination of building programs and curricula in township schools.

Dewey Advocates 'Strongest Navy'

Governor Works On Final Speeches

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, reading before the finish sprint of his presidential election race, said tonight that he wanted the American navy to be continued as "the strongest in the world."

The occasion for his remarks was a proclamation designating Oct. 27 as Navy Day in New York state. Oct. 27 also is the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt.

The Governor spent today in the Executive Mansion nursing a head cold and working on four major speeches with which he will finish his campaign next week.

His staff reported that his cold improved overnight.

Tax Commissioners To Examine Budgets

State Tax Commissioners will examine the record city and county budgets tomorrow and Tuesday at hearings in the Marion County Court House.

Study of the tax rate for the county will get underway, at 9 a. m. in Superior Court 2. The Indianapolis rate will be aired Tuesday afternoon in Superior Court 4.

Dewey Times' Poll Lead Up As GOP Marks Biggest Day

More Democrats Cross Party Line Than On Any Previous Count, Straw Vote Shows
By ART WRIGHT

Republicans today scored their biggest day in the eight-day tabulation of The Times' Straw Vote.

Gov. Dewey, the GOP's standard bearer for President, increased his lead over President Truman to the highest margin he has held thus far.

Sending Gov. Dewey into his 20.4 per cent lead were two important trends: (1) More straight Republican ballots than any day of the poll were received, and (2) more Democrats than any time in the previous seven days crossing party lines to vote for Mr. Dewey.

Democrat Henry F. Schricker felt the brunt of the Dewey upsurge by dropping to the lowest margin he has yet held over Republican Hobart Creighton.

MR. SCHRICKER'S margin was down to 9.9 per cent for eight days. His lowest previous margin was the 11.2 per cent he held in the two and three-day aggregate tabulations. Mr. Schricker's highest margin has been the 17.9 per cent he held on the first day of the poll.

Following is the tabulation of all votes received in eight days, plus the aggregate for seven days to permit a handy comparison:

PRESIDENT		Percentages	7 Days
For Thomas E. Dewey, Republican	20.4	59.2	57.3
For Harry S. Truman, Democrat	15.5	38.8	40.5
For Walter Frieble, Progressive	1.5	1.4	1.4
Incomplete Ballots	0.6	0.6	0.6
GOVERNOR		Percentages	7 Days
For Henry F. Schricker, Democrat	9.9	54.4	56.5
For Hobart Creighton, Republican	14.5	44.5	42.3
For Walter Frieble, Progressive	0.7	0.7	0.6
Incomplete Ballots	0.4	0.4	0.6
CONGRESS		Percentages	7 Days
For George L. Denny, Republican	53.4	51.5	51.5
For Andrew Jacobs, Democrat	42.5	44.1	44.1
For Willard B. Ransom, Progressive	1.5	1.4	1.4
Incomplete Ballots	2.6	3.0	3.0
PARTY TRENDS		Percentages	7 Days
Straight Republican Votes	39.4	37.3	37.3
Straight Democrat Votes	31.2	32.7	32.7
Scratches	17.6	17.6	17.6
No Party Preference	11.1	10.6	10.6
Democrats for Republican Dewey	7.4	6.2	6.2
Republicans for Democrat Truman	4.5	4.5	4.5
Republicans for Progressive Wallace	0.5	0.5	0.5
Republicans for Democrat Schricker	12.7	13.2	13.2
Democrats for Republican Creighton	2.0	0.8	0.8
Republicans for Progressive Frieble	0.7	0.7	0.7
Republicans for Democrat Jacobs	6.7	6.8	6.8
Democrats for Republican Denny	6.0	4.5	4.5
Democrats for Progressive Ransom	0.7	0.7	0.7
Republicans for Progressive Ransom	0.7	0.6	0.6

Here are the one-day highlights for the eighth day:

Mr. Dewey received 78 per cent of the votes cast for President; Republican Hobart Creighton received 66 per cent of the votes for governor; Republican Denny got 72 per cent of the votes for 11th district congressman.

Party trends for one day, the Times Straw Vote will appear in next Sunday's Times. Revised tabulations will be published in the Times each day this week.

Dealers Protest City Tire Buying

Sanitation Dept. Purchases Criticized

Awarding of tire contracts by the City, in which previous low bidders were not invited to submit prices, drew fire from tire dealers yesterday.

The Sanitation Department last week awarded the Rose Tire Co. a contract for \$344.30 worth of tires to be purchased during the last three months of this year.

The request bids specified "first grade tires" and tubes equivalent to Goodyear, Goodrich, Firestone, Miller, U. S. Royal and General.

Only distributors of these tires were invited to bid.

3 Low Bidders Left Out

Excluded were three of the four low bidders on contracts awarded last spring. A City official said they were excluded because they did not sell "first grade tires."

But all three of the "uninvited" bidders contend today their tires are equal to the so-called "first grade" tires specified in the bids. However, each indicated unwillingness to make an issue of the controversy for fear it would be held against them when a larger order comes up.

When asked why the firms were not invited to bid, Albert Losche, purchasing agent, said: "We've got to pass the business around. These big companies haven't been getting any business. The big companies told us if we were going to continue buying low-priced tires they would submit bids on their second line or lower-grade tires. We actually weren't required to ask for bids on these tires, because the total amount of the contract is under \$500."

Holdup Pair Gets \$620 From Liquor Store

Two men held up the Ralph Bloom Liquor store, 2031 N. Rural St., last night and escaped with \$620 after striking the clerk on the head with a pistol.

The pair is believed to be the same that has staged several other holdups in the city during the past few days.

The clerk, Herman McCord, 62, of 2764 Roosevelt Ave., was taken to General Hospital for treatment after the robber's blow cut a two-inch-long gash on his head. Of the money taken, \$420 was from Mr. McCord's wallet.

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