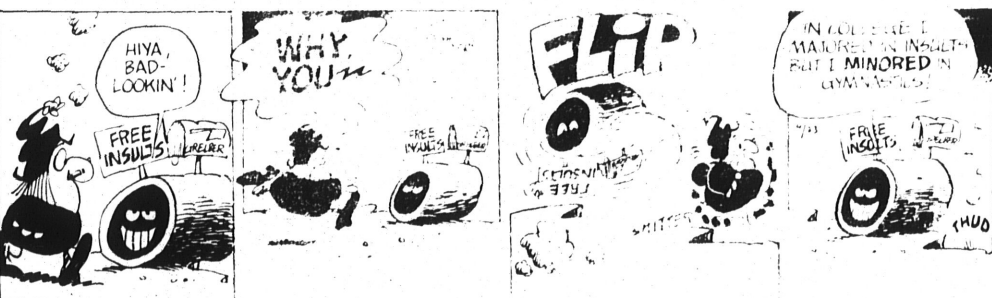


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## Veteran's Wives, Widows, Children Eligible V A Says

Veteran's wives, widows and children who are eligible for VA educational assistance may now take on-the-job training or apprenticeships in lieu of going to college.

H. D. Anders, Veterans Administration Director in Alaska pointed out a new law has increased allowances for this type of training by nearly 48 per cent and broadened the types of training available under the Dependent's Educational Assistance Program.

"In addition to training wages paid by employers, VA now pays trainees a starting stipend of \$160 per month," Anders explained. "The old rate was \$108."

The new public law also changed the rules on correspondence training to open this form of training to eligible wives and children.

VA educational benefits, including apprenticeship and other on-job training, are available to veterans who served at least 180 days, and part of it after Jan. 31, 1955.

Also entitled to those benefits are wives, widows and children of veterans whose deaths or permanent total disabilities were service-connected; wives and children of servicemen who are prisoners of war or missing in action for more than 90 days.

## Moose Herd...

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"It was the heavy snows and real cold weather. We never really had any spring this last year," Somerville observes. "It affects the calf crop so it will be at least another year or two. Maybe the cow is so weak she walks off and leaves the calf or they abort early."

"You can't drop them greens or hay at that point. It would kill 'em. You just have to weather it out."

Tony Smith of the Fairbanks area notes only a slight drop in hunting in this area, although negative reports have come from Galena and the Yakutat region.

Somerville, who's lived in Alaska 33 years, says he's seen similar lean periods in years past.

"We're fortunate from the standpoint that it's showed up in the counts and we've reacted by curtailing the season," he said.

As for the problem of trespassing hunters versus subsistence hunters, solution may be beyond the current powers of the Fish and Game authorities.

To fill the gap, State Sen. John Sackett (who also heads Tanana Chiefs) has drafted a bill for introduction into the coming legislature that would establish subsistence hunting and fishing zones around rural communities.

The act as currently written, establishes a rural community as any with a population of less than 4,000 that is more than 30 miles from a non-rural community. The zone would have a 50 mile radius and non-subsistence hunting would be allowed if protection of subsistence hunters could be insured.

Subsistence hunting is defined as hunting and fishing for consumption by the hunter and members of his family or household and by domestic animals of the household.

However, meat the fish which is taken for subsistence may be bartered or given to other persons for personal or domestic animal consumption.

If passed the act would be effective July 1, 1973.