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For What It's Worth .

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

In these days of political activity with so-called experts giving the low-down on all the candidates and their possibilities, I have a sort of feeling that some of the amateurs, who make up the larger share of our population, would like to put in their twenty-five cents worth also but lack the opportunity of getting their words in print.



With that idea in mind as well as the selfish one of desiring to know just what people are thinking about the campaign, I have decided to sponsor a contest all by myself. Naturally, I am not in a position to offer a television set to the winner; in fact, I cannot offer a government office as first prize, but I can go so far as to send five dollars to each of the two winners.

The plan I have in mind is that I want all readers of this column to write me a letter telling me why they think Stevenson is the candidate who should be elected or a letter telling why they think Eisenhower should be elected. No letter should exceed 250 words in length and must be mailed no later than October 10.

There will be two winners, the one who does the best job of supporting Eisenhower and the one who most ably defends his choice of Stevenson. Fancy writing is not necessary. I will be the sole judge and my decision will be based on the simple, sincere and sound arguments advanced for the respective candidates. In addition to the five dollars awarded, the winning letters will be run as guest columns in the 14 Oregon weekly newspapers that print this column. "For What It's Worth."

Many of you have been storing up steam for months now as far as your political beliefs are concerned; now is your opportunity to put them down in black and white. Just writing them down so you yourself can see them may help you in making your final decision.

Send your letters to me at 2020 18th Avenue, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Bonus Deadline Near At Hand

Only two months remain to apply for the Oregon World War II veterans' bonus, the Department of Veterans' Affairs warned. Applications must be filed on or before December 1.

The state veterans' department, which administers the bonus, said applications filed after the deadline will be invalid.

Families of Oregon veterans who died in service or following discharge were reminded of their entitlement to the bonus, which pays up to a maximum of \$600 for active duty of men and women who were bona fide Oregon residents for at least one year prior to service.

Eligible survivors include, in priority, the unmarried widow; the children; and the parents of the deceased ex-serviceman. No others are entitled.

The veterans' department has received about 114,000 applications, against 140,000 potentially entitled to apply, leaving an estimated 26,000 veterans or next of kin who have not yet filed claims.

Veterans currently are applying at a rate of less than 200 a day.

The bonus act pays \$10 for each month of domestic service and \$15 for each month of foreign or sea duty, for honorable service of 90 days or more between September 16, 1940, and June 30, 1946. Veterans discharged for service connected disabilities who filed claims with the Veterans Administration within 90 days of discharge and were rated 50 per cent or more disabled as the result of such claim, at any time prior to applying* for the bonus, are entitled to the \$600 maximum.

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