SPOILS FROM SPECTRUM—Cadets of Morgan State College's Pershing Rifle unit scored surprise wins in the Pershing Rifle drill competitions at Philadelphia's Spectrum. Shown admiring two of the trophies brought back from the meet are Morgan president Martin D. Jenkins (center); along with members of the unit. Left to right are Maj. James R. Crihan, advisor; Cadet Maj. Andrew Hunter, Cadet Sgt. 1 C Leroy Hughes, Dr. Jenkins, Cadet Maj. Elliott Waters, Pershing Rifle Commanding officer; Col. C. M. Hurtt, professor of military science at Morgan, and Cadet Maj. William L. Reaves.

Extended year may aid school budgets

By PATRICIA MCCORMACK

NEW YORK (UPI) — Add "esy" to the worry list of public school students.

It stands for — extended school year. Classes around the calendar.

Growing enrollments and rising costs add steam to the idea. And the notion of not letting those beautiful and expensive education facilities go to waste in summer appeals to thrifty taxpayers.

Some backers say ESY would help curb memory loss that normally occurs among pupils during summer. Plus — students would get purposeful summer experiences. This may help curb delinquency and reduce dropout rates.

About 60 school systems are weighing the proposal. Experiments along the ESY trail already has met with affirmative reactions in New York State.

In Atlanta and a half-dozen other school jurisdictions in Georgia, the four-quarter school year beyond elementary levels started last fall.

Add to this scene: A survey of a four percent sampling of 16,000 school administrators in 50 states. It found schoolmen regarding the ESY as essential now or necesary in the future.

The poll, by "nation's schools," a journal for administrators, showed only 20 percent nixing the idea.

Among those saying yes, 32 percent voted in the "now" column and 48 percent in the "future possibility" ranks.

Reasons given by educators for rescheduling included:

"Buildings are too expensive to remain idle for three months of the year."

"With a longer school year, we could provide better individualized programs."

"It could come about because of sociological factors or because students need more time to reach the accepted level."

Those opposed based their vote on the fact that community and parents won't like ESY. It would cut into family vacation time.

Forty-four percent of those for ESY favored the four-quarter plan.

An Ohio administrator pushing for the four-quarter plan suggested: four eleven-week quarters with two weeks vacation between quarters.

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