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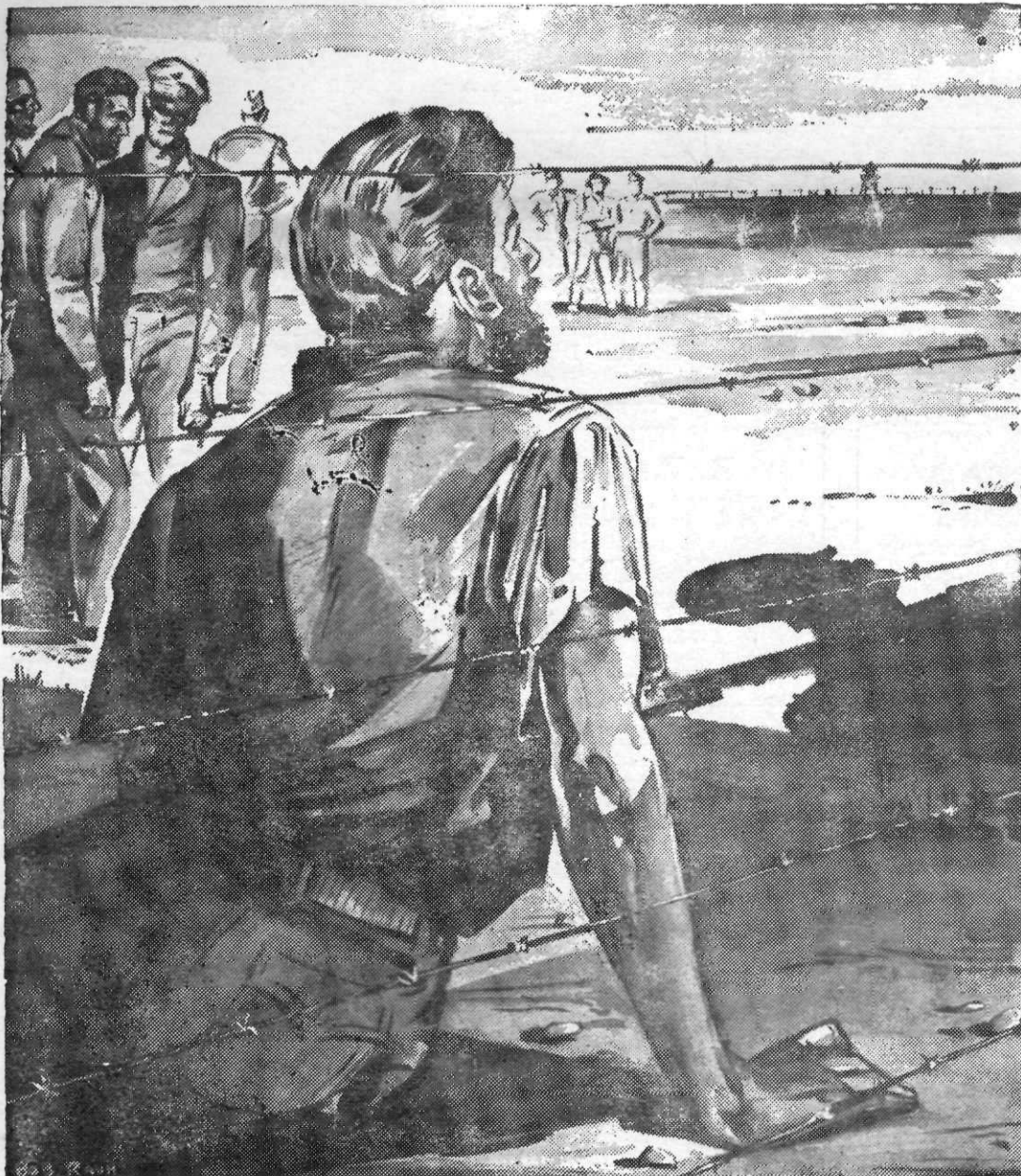
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Remember!

Three years have passed . . . and time has dimmed the memory of blood and tears, of prison camps, and casualty lists. It is not pleasant to think about these things again. But we have an obligation to remember. For there are those among us who can never forget the nightmare of horror that is war. Today, they turn to us and ask, "What have you done with our Victory? Have you made the most of these years—the momentous opportunity, given you?" On this anniversary of V-J DAY, we may well ponder what our answer shall be.

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ett, Arkansas.

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George Norvell, James P. Wilson,
Joseph E. Wilson.

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Vic Crouch, Foster Storm, Jim
Hunt, J. D. Hynes, Denny Howe,
Eddie Gambill, Lundy Crowder.

Pallbearers: Members of Jay Post.
Brad Risinger, department comman-
der.

Joe Herman, commander.

H. K. Nelson, chaplain

LeRoy Henninger, bugler.

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Joe Herman, commander.

H. K. Nelson, chaplain

Harold Carter, bugler.

Colors and color guard: Guss Gunn,
Grover Bourland, George Norvell,
Cal Blackford.

Filing Squad: Vic Crouch, in charge,
Denny Howe, R. J. Tyler, A. E. Fin-
ley, Fred Jarvis, Joe Norton, C.
F. Sheldon, J. D. Hynes, Cass Hol-
loway.

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ELLSWORTH F. COLBURN

Second Lieut.

Returned from Overseas

Services: Lawnwood Free Will Bap-
tist Church, Sand Springs Road.

Tulsa Funeral Home, in charge.

Burial: Legion Plot, Memorial Park.

Joe Herman, Commander.

H. K. Nelson, Chaplain.

Harold Carter, bugler.

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Color Guard: Garrett Newman, Cal
Blackford.

Pallbearers: Alex Wilson, Tom Sla-
ter, Jack Farringer, Grover Bour-
land, I. J. Kernaghan, Rex Cand-
lish.

Firing Squad: Wm Rollins in charge,
Vic Crouch, R. J. Tyler, A. E.
Finley, Cass Holloway, Glenn Cod-
dington, Denny Howe, Foster L.
Storm, J. D. Hynes.

Military Escort: 1st Lieut., Reuben
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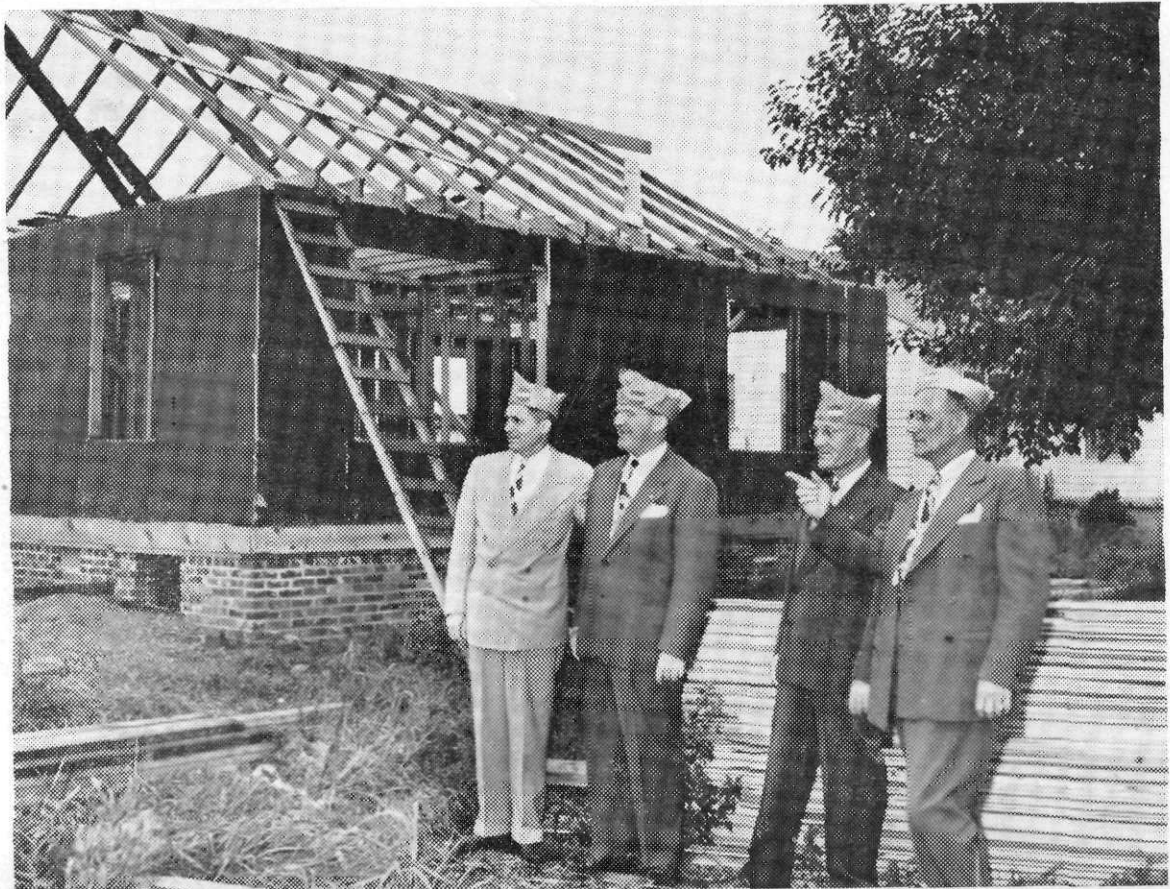
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WAR DADS SEEK HOUSING FUND

Four Tulsa American War Dads leaders discuss plans for raising \$2,000 needed to complete their revolving fund to build modest homes for gold star families. The first such home at 820 N. Columbia Place, is shown in the background. The War Dads, left to right, are: F. W. Robson, president of the Tulsa chapter; M. O. Mason, past-president; A. H. Hon, secretary, and Al Futral, national director. This home is for a mother and five children now living in a West Tulsa one-room hovel. The mother will pay small rent to the War Dads and the money will be used to build homes for women in similar circumstances. The War Dads are urging more fortunate Tulsans to make contributions.

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By JAMES F. O'NEIL,
National Commander

the people making the right decisions.

It is my hope and desire that as many Legionnaires as can do so, will make their plans now so they can attend the 30th National Convention of The American Legion in Greater Miami, Florida, in October.

The housing situation for this convention is such that more convention guests will be accommodated in better rooms than can ordinarily be expected at a convention.

There will be ample entertainment for those who seek it—but there is another and a more important reason for your attendance at this convention.

The American Legion will be confronted with the necessity of making some weighty decisions at the Miami convention. Never before has it been so important for the people of our land to keep well informed; seldom has world peace as well as national welfare so depended upon

The American Legion is a vitally important segment of our population, and because it is composed of those who have fought the nation's wars, the decisions of The American Legion will weight more in the scale of national opinion than even its great numbers would indicate. Every elected delegate should attend this convention to hear the discussions and to take part in the decisions. Their families can enjoy the delights of the area while they are attending to the serious business of the convention.

Every Legionnaire who can attend the convention is invited. Please make it both your business and your pleasure to be with us in Miami in October.

The Veterans Administration is on the beam on this one. Right now, VA is busy waging a vigorous campaign against a black market deal that is pretty familiar these days—the "side-payment" racket in the sale of houses to war vets. Ex-servicemen who put out off-the-record money for a house under the GI loan, as well as builders who accept it, will have to reckon with the VA from now on, and if we know that agency, the law-breakers will have a rough time of it!

What is the future of the Fort Knox experiment? No one knows the answer, but the answer given the writer was: "Give us five years, and we think the country will accept universal military training."

Putting the question directly to General Sheetz, he will say to anyone, as he said to an audience: "What you are seeing here today is no one-day stand. It goes on all the time. If someone wants to argue about the merits of this place, then let him come here and see for himself." The general means what he says.

OUR PRESENT POSITION ON U. M. T.

Another Congress has wound up its affairs for a season without passing legislation to create in this country a system of Universal Military Training.

That brings up the question: "Just where does that leave The American Legion and other proponents of UMT?" (And it should be noted that among the "other proponents" are up to 70 per cent of the voting strength of the nation, according to various reliable organizations that conduct polls of public opinion.)

First—where is The American Legion's position right now?

It must be granted that despite failure of the Congress to pass the UMT bill, the position of UMT as a publicity accepted program for the defense and future welfare of the nation is immeasurably stronger than it ever was prior to the recent session of the Congress.

If the present advanced position is maintained, this significant step forward is not lost and will not be lost. There will be another Congress, and the advocates of UMT can go forward from there.

NO RETREAT—GAINS TO BE HELD

The present situation does not call for retreat or for "retirement" of the forces that support Universal Military Training. Like many an army in a hard campaign, we have advanced a long way against the opposition, but can go no further at this time. Strategy calls for "digging in" and maintaining our gains, while preparing for the next advance.

In the interim, it would be a good piece of strategy to examine our position; to learn why we are where we are and how we got there; and to make plans for the next advance which should lead to accomplishment of the mission."

The reason for universal military training is not to provide a crutch to support our international position only during the present critical period. Universal military training is destined to provide the nation with "military muscles" from now on, just as a healthy, sturdy individual plans his daily exercise for every day of his life—not that he is preparing to lick anyone, or to indulge in a public display of his strength, but because a strong body makes it less necessary—and usually unnecessary—to engage in any public flexing of the biceps.

The plans for an increased professional military establishment at this time, and the proposal for a selective service system for a limited number of years, is like the intensified training that is taken by a pugilist ahead of a prospective combat with another pugilist who is likewise training for the same prospective scrap. This is temporary; when the scheduled is over, or has been cancelled, the intensified training is over. The training partners are dismissed. The road work halts.

UMT is not that sort of training, nor is it for that sort of purpose. UMT is designed to be with us as a permanent program, just as daily exercise is maintained in order that the body remain strong and sturdy, the eye bright, the digestion unimpaired, the stamina maintained for the everyday problems that must be met, and can be best met when in top physical condition.

This is the period "between innings". We haven't won the game yet, but we are leading the opposition. We've got more runs up to now—with the score about 7 to 3 in favor of UMT, if the public poll scorers are correct in their tabulation. There are still a few innings to go. We've played several in the years since The American Legion first proposed UMT to the nation. There will be a lot fewer of them left to play if we hold our gains, and step off from where we now stand, which is closer to victory than we have ever been up to this time.

Let us not retreat! We need no "perviously prepared positions" to retire to; let us dig in where we are, consolidate our gains, and be prepared to make our next advance without loss of presently-held terrain or position when Congress again convenes.

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RECEIVES SECOND AWARD.—For the second consecutive year, Mrs. Lucille Burns, Tribune Women's club editor and columnist and radio commentator, has received the public service citation of the American Legion of Oklahoma. Presenting the award, in the above photo are Frank Crawley, left, service officer of Carson-Wilson Post, Tulsa; Department Commander Brad Risinger, of the Oklahoma American Legion, and Gregg Chancellor, department radio chairman. The award is made annually by the Oklahoma Legion to the individual contributing the largest amount of time and talent to publicizing veterans and their organizations. Mrs. Burns is the only woman to have won the award and the only individual to have won it two consecutive years. She has conducted her own civic forum for the past five years, currently sponsored by Clark's over KAKC. In the past she also has presented her shows over KFMJ and KOME.

From the Service Officer's Desk **AMERICA and AMERICANS**

America and Americans believe that any political, social or economic system which does not recognize the right and duties flowing from the fundamental dignity of human personality, is a vicious system, destructive of democratic government.

Americans and true Americans, deplore and deprecate racism, hate, greed, violence, cruelty and injustice.

America, and we Americans, have only to look at the record and wreckage caused by the government who would destroy us, to realize that the war we desired not, but to the winning of which we have dedicated all our manpower and resources is being fought for our democratic way of life.

America and Americans have had a goodly measure of earthly happiness and unlimited opportunities to improve our way of life, including also opportunities generously embraced on many occasions to help the peoples the country now treacherously aligned against us.

America and Americans are the beneficiaries of the enterprise and sacrifices of forebearers in gaining these God-given rights which we, their heirs should never, never surrender.

Not only is the world morally sick, it is also mentally unbalanced. No stronger proof of this fact can be adduced than the millions of men with every reason and every possibility to be happy and every desire to be at peace are actually and grimly calculating to destroy one another, and incidentally, to destroy themselves.

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Guy Belford, Jr. Is Elected Post Commander

Week's Legion News In A Nutshell

The American Legion expended a record sum of \$5,323,969.27 in direct emergency financial aid to needy children during the 12-months period ending June 30, 1948, raising to more than \$68,000,000 the total of such outlays since 1926.

General Carl A. Spaatz, retiring chief of the U. S. Air Forces, has been made a life member of The American Legion by the Charles B. Yerger Post 471 of Boyertown, Pa., where he was born.

The sum of \$5,000 was bequeathed to the Charles C. Weybrecht Post 166 of The American Legion at Alliance, Ohio, by the will of the late Mrs. Catherine Dussel, wealthy local widow.

The North Carolina polio epidemic forced the transfer of the Region 4 American Legion Junior Baseball Tournament, August 23 to 26, from Kannapolis to Hiskory in the same state.

Past Dept. Commander Robert H. Archer, 65, of the Maryland American Legion, who was in office during 1931-32, is dead in Baltimore as the result of an infection.

The American Legion had 75 posts in 29 states on June 30 each of which had enrolled 2,000 or more members during the first six months of 1948.

Rabbi David Lefkowitz of Shreveport, La., is the fourth announced candidate for national chaplain of The American Legion for 1948-49. Having been endorsed by the Louisiana Department convention.

Construction of a \$129,978 modern clubhouse has been started by the Bourque-Lanigan Post 5 of The American Legion at Waterville, Me.



GUY BELFORD,
Elected Post Commander

Women's Army Corps

Women's Army Corps enlisted reserve members and civilian women who can meet the qualifications may now apply for attendance at Class No. 1, WAC officer candidate school, which will commence October 1 at Camp Lee, Virginia. The age limits are from 21 to 32 years.

Applications and other information may be obtained from the office of the senior instructor. Oklahoma organized reserves, Bldg. T-460, Tinker AF Base, Oklahoma City and requires immediate action by those interested, so the applicant can be interviewed and all papers sent to reach headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, by Aug. 20th.

High School education or its equivalent is a necessary requirement for an applicant. Female personnel with dependents under 18 years of age are not eligible, and neither are married civilian women without prior military service.

Applications may be submitted at any time for attendance at a future class. These classes will be announced from time to time by the Department of the Army.

Walter C. Deppe, First Vice-Commander; Lavery, Second Vice-Commander; Brown, Third Vice-Commander; N. H. (Pig) Davis and C. O. Gittinger Retain Old Positions; Pat Rupe, Historian, and Pat Murphy, Chaplain.

Guy Belford, Jr., World War II veteran of three years service in the navy, was elected commander of the Carson-Wilson Legion Post Tuesday night, in an election that topped all others of previous years for amount of interest shown.

Belford defeated George E. Norvell by a count of 179 votes to 114. A total of 295 votes were cast, with 2 ballots mutilated.

Belford, enlisting in the navy in 1942, gained the rank of chief pharmacist's mate. He served throughout the South Pacific area, hitting such hot spots as Guadalcanal, Munda, Rendova and others. He was discharged in October, 1945.

He has been a member of the Legion since December, 1945, holding positions as executive committeeman, second vice-commander and first vice-commander.

Belford outlined his plans for the Legion program during the coming year by stating that he is "100 per cent for the Legion."

He promised quick action toward erecting a new clubhouse. He also pledged himself to get behind the membership program, to help attain the Legion's goal of 3,450 members next year.

Belford promised complete cooperation between World War I and II members, pointing out that there would be no distinction made between the two wars.

The annual election brought out a larger crowd than any before in the history of the post. The clubhouse and grounds were thronged Tuesday during the day and until late in the evening by eager and interested members and guests. Candidates were busy handing out cards, hand-shaking, and general "politic-ing."

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Week's Legion News In A Nutshell

The American Legion expended a record sum of \$5,323,969.27 in direct emergency financial aid to needy children during the 12-months period ending June 30, 1948, raising to more than \$68,000,000 the total of such outlays since 1926.

General Carl A. Spaatz, retiring chief of the U. S. Air Forces, has been made a life member of The American Legion by the Charles B. Yerger Post 471 of Boyertown, Pa., where he was born.

The sum of \$5,000 was bequeathed to the Charles C. Weybrecht Post 166 of The American Legion at Alliance, Ohio, by the will of the late Mrs. Catherine Dussel, wealthy local widow.

The North Carolina polio epidemic forced the transfer of the Region 4 American Legion Junior Baseball Tournament, August 23 to 26, from Kannapolis to Hickory in the same state.

Past Dept. Commander Robert H. Archer, 65, of the Maryland American Legion, who was in office during 1931-32, is dead in Baltimore as the result of an infection.

The American Legion had 75 posts in 29 states on June 30 each of which had enrolled 2,000 or more members during the first six months of 1948.

Rabbi David Lefkowitz of Shreveport, La., is the fourth announced candidate for national chaplain of The American Legion for 1948-49. Having been endorsed by the Louisiana Department convention.

Construction of a \$129,978 modern clubhouse has been started by the Bourque-Lanigan Post 5 of The American Legion at Waterville, Me.



GUY BELFORD,
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Women's Army Corps

Women's Army Corps enlisted reserve members and civilian women who can meet the qualifications may now apply for attendance at Class No. 1, WAC officer candidate school, which will commence October 1 at Camp Lee, Virginia. The age limits are from 21 to 32 years.

Applications and other information may be obtained from the office of the senior instructor. Oklahoma organized reserves, Bldg. T-460, Tinker AF Base, Oklahoma City and requires immediate action by those interested, so the applicant can be interviewed and all papers sent to reach headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, by Aug. 20th.

High School education or its equivalent is a necessary requirement for an applicant. Female personnel with dependents under 18 years of age are not eligible, and neither are married civilian women without prior military service.

Applications may be submitted at any time for attendance at a future class. These classes will be announced from time to time by the Department of the Army.

Walter C. Deppe, First Vice-Commander; Lavery, Second Vice-Commander; Brown, Third Vice-Commander; N. H. (Pig) Davis and C. O. Gittinger Retain Old Positions; Pat Rupe, Historian, and Pat Murphy, Chaplain.

Guy Belford, Jr., World War II veteran of three years service in the navy, was elected commander of the Carson-Wilson Legion Post Tuesday night, in an election that topped all others of previous years for amount of interest shown.

Belford defeated George E. Norvell by a count of 179 votes to 114. A total of 295 votes were cast, with 2 ballots mutilated.

Belford, enlisting in the navy in 1942, gained the rank of chief pharmacist's mate. He served throughout the South Pacific area, hitting such hot spots as Guadalcanal, Munda, Rendova and others. He was discharged in October, 1945.

He has been a member of the Legion since December, 1945, holding positions as executive committeeman, second vice-commander and first vice-commander.

Belford outlined his plans for the Legion program during the coming year by stating that he is "100 per cent for the Legion."

He promised quick action toward erecting a new clubhouse. He also pledged himself to get behind the membership program, to help attain the Legion's goal of 3,450 members next year.

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U. M. T. CAN WORK

By LESLIE A. CHAFFIN, Jr.

Member of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1

Despite congressional rejection of Universal Military Training, the Army is going to put into operation some of the lessons learned at the UMT experiment at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In recent days, Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royal has released statements saying that in the new Army the draftees will not be "cussed out" by the traditional First Sergeant, but, instead, the soldier will be treated "with the dignity to which he is entitled."

Your writer has visited the UMT setup at Fort Knox. General Sheetz, the commander, has just recently graduated the third class of trainees with the degree of "First Class Soldier." He states that a fourth cycle of training will begin about September 1. The members of this cycle will receive the benefit of all the training given previous graduates, for by now the program has reached a high degree of perfection.

General Sheetz is the kind of military leader who leads. He has the rare ability to impress his spirit upon those with whom he comes in contact. Mincing no words, and speaking clearly, he says this about UMT: "The Department of the Army, as well as those of us here who have been vitally concerned with the problem of UMT, still feel that for a long-range national defense program, UMT is the final answer. I feel the draft is merely a temporary expedient to build up our armed forces here and abroad to the required strength."

The successful experiment at Fort Knox can be summarized without committing an injustice to its description. The trainees, between 16½ and 19 years of age, get as good a physical and moral environment as they would at home. For the first few Sundays, church attendance is practically required. The keynote of success at Fort Knox is the relationship of the trainee to the chaplain. Next to General Sheetz, the chaplains are the hardest workers among all the staff. Their influence is responsible for the elimination of cursing and gambling. There just isn't any venereal disease problem in General Sheetz' command. The simple, plain truths of sex are fully explained to the trainees. As General Sheetz says: "When you approach this subject with honesty, and on a high moral plane, the urge of curiosity is eliminated, the boy is satisfied as to the facts, and then he can be adjusted to saving his sexual desires until he goes into married life."

Producing good soldiers is the first objective at Fort Knox, but almost as important is the emphasis placed upon the principles of good citizenship. Finishing with the chaplain, the Fort Knox recruit finds himself governed by a moral code linked with a demerit system. If caught in a violation, he finds himself tried by fellow trainees. The only officer viewing the proceedings is the judge, and he only imposes sentence. This procedure is expected to reduce some of the injustices of military law as experienced in American armies of the past.

Fort Knox has many surprising innovations. Whoever heard of a PX that doesn't sell beer? Well, the UMT boys have, because the stuff just isn't served in their area. A visit to the service center is proof that Army life on a post can be enjoyable. I found hostesses quite busy the night I visited. The library was well stocked, including a newspaper from every state. Those with ambitions to complete high school education can do so. A great many have advanced from a fourth grade education to the equivalent of an eighth grade level. As part of the regular training, all trainees are required to enroll in two Saturday morning classes. A wide curriculum is provided.

The Fort Knox experiment is a reflection of the "new" Army attitude in the handling of soldiers. Major General John M. Devine, Deputy Commanding General of the Army ground forces, was among the first in the Army to convince the top brass that corrective action was necessary. This, coupled with the desire of the Army to provide for the national defense by enactment of universal military training, led to the establishment of the training center in 1946.

Army officers visit the training center regularly. During the last two years many regular officers as well as reservists have observed the training program. On the day of the writer's visit, he was with a party of 30 officers. Conversations with them indicated their general approval, but with a slight misgiving as to whether or not the program could be expanded nationally on the same basis as at Fort Knox. The after-duty hour program relating to various hobby shops was felt to be unnecessary. One regular army officer said the supervisory staff was too large, consequently contributing to a high per capita cost.

The members of the staff take their duties seriously. One reason lies in the fact that all the trainees are young, impressionable boys. The whole camp seems to be obsessed with a spirit of doing everything right so the young recruit can't see anything but what is right. The trainees are encouraged to spend their leisure time among their buddies. Consequently, they seldom have social associations with their instructors or older soldiers. After six months of intensive training, General Sheetz believes his alumni have the proper background to be good soldiers and good citizens, wherever assigned. He receives glowing letters from commanders who are lucky enough to get his graduates.



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"That makes the prospect of World War III bitterly grim for the Russian people. To step up war production much beyond the 50%-plus share it is now getting of Russian production, the Politburo would have to cut civilian production all around. The Soviets might well find they had to deny even the basic necessities of life to large groups who were not important to the war effort. They were forced to do some of that even in World War II.

"The hard-headed Politburo must base its long-range war strategy on the assumption of three stages in World War III: (1) Russia would be hurt by atom bomb attacks initially, but would counter by taking over all of Europe; (2) there would be a pause while the Soviets tried to organize Europe's industry and the U. S. organized its war economy based on the resources of the Americas, and finally (3) total intercontinental war.

"All this would take years. And the only limit on the amount of stuff chewed up would be the two combatants' production capacities.

"Communist parties, now being built up in the major European countries as a powerful Soviet weapon, with an estimated membership of 11 million, would be counted on to sabotage industry, defense positions and troop movements, organize underground armies, and eventually, to form the nucleus of national armies which could be used as instruments for the inescapable terror rule.

"Stalin can't hope to do as well as Hitler did in organizing Europe. The best he can do is to use native Communist armies and Soviet panzer divisions to keep Europe down. The Soviet could then draw as much manpower and material into Russia's factories, particularly those in Siberia, as possible.

"If war breaks out—Russia will scour Europe for labor. As many workers as can be transported over her creaky railroads will be shifted into the industrial fortresses beyond the Urals.

"The whole process would mean more and stricter controls over people than even the Soviets have known in the past.

"In the case of a third World War, the strength—in manpower, machines and materials—of two continents would be drained to feed Russia's heavy-industry solossus in the remote East. The men who did not hesitate to starve millions of Russian peasants in the early 1930's to put through their agricultural reforms would not hesitate to starve millions in Europe and their own country if it would help win their war.

"This planned barbarism, carried through deliberately and not as a result of enemy destruction, would not automatically lose the war for the Soviets. And neither would it guarantee victory. But it would, without question, make life unbearable for most of the people of Europe and Russia."

With the Osaka Military Govt. Team

With the Eighth Army in Kyoto, Japan, 26 July 1948—Staff Sergeant Charles M. Bailey, Jr., of 2428 East 19th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is now assigned to the Osaka Military Government team, in Osaka, Japan, for duty in the Legal and Government Section.

The Osaka Military Government Team acts in an advisory and supervisory capacity to the Osaka Prefectural Government in such matters as public safety, sanitation, public works, personal and public

health, and the various other administrative duties.

S/Sgt. Bailey entered the Army on 17 October 1942 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and completed his basic training at Kelly Field, Texas, and served with the Headquarters Detachmen, Harlingen Army Air Field, and Kalker Army Air Field, a Victoria, Kansas. In January, 1947, he was sent to Japan. He holds the following awards: Good Conduct Ribbon, American Theater Occupation Ribbon, Victory Ribbon and Japanese Occupation Ribbon. Prior to entering the service he graduated from the Tulsa Central High School.

S/Sgt. Bailey's wife, Mrs. Betty L. Bailey, and their children, reside at 2428 East 19th Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Grow Up Or Blow Up!

Much has been said and written about the atomic bomb since that morning three years ago when a lone American airplane wheeled over the city of Hiroshima. This much, at least, should be clear to every veteran: the atom bomb is only the most spectacular of many explosive forces in the world today. Unless we can chain those forces our civilization, perhaps all civilization, is doomed.

It all boils down to a few simple propositions. For instance, American vets know how it feels to look for a place to live and not find it. Many of us know the bitterness that comes to a man who can't land a decent job. Even now, with full employment in the United States, these problems have been driven home to many returned GI's. Think then, what's been happening to European vets whose homes and jobs are literally blasted to pieces. Little wonder there is such turmoil in their hearts. Little wonder they're tired of being pushed around, tired of being homeless and hungry.

These hungry, homeless people have a burning desire for a fuller, better life. Unless we can satisfy that desire within the frame work of an expanding democracy, it will simply be grist to the communist mill. Communism's secret weapon is the discontent of millions with their present lot. We can cripple that weapon by offering these millions a fuller life along democratic lines. E. R. P. is one way.

Bigotry and prejudice are other explosive forces that must be controlled. Men of all races and religions want to follow our leadership. We have to prove to them by actions, not words, that we believe in full rights for all, without discrimination because of race, religion or nationality. That's why we're plugging the measures suggested by the Committee on Civil Rights as "musts" here at home.

On the international scene, the United Nations is trying to harness the hope for social betterment and give it a progressive direction. Right now, the UN is working on legislation to protect human rights on a world-wide scale and to outlaw genocide. These steps deserve our fullest support.

Hiroshima marked the opening of a new era—the atomic age. The fate of each of us, and of our children, will depend on whether we can dominate the forces that threaten this era before they dominate us. Grow up or blow up—the answer is up to you!

NEWSETTES

Say, where's that public spirit radio has been boasting about? The Veterans' Administration just revealed that 65,225 World War II vets are studying radio and communications under the GI Bill. Yet, to date, the broadcasting industry has accepted only 188 of this total as on-the-job trainees. Somebody ought to tell those radio people that they're losing out on a goldmine of talent and an opportunity to do a lot of worthwhile Joes a good turn.

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Say, fellows, did you know that if you live to be seventy or over, chances are you'll spend at least twenty years sleeping, seven years walking and playing in sports, seven more going to the movies or theatre, one whole year gabbing on the telephone, two and a half years eating, another two and a half smoking or chewing gum and just to make the record complete—four hours a year wiping your nose.

If you're going to spend all that time sleeping, it might be a good idea to make the most of the time when you're awake. One way to do that is by having worthwhile friends. That means choosing your buddies carefully — picking those whose interests jibe with yours and who can be counted on to come through when you're in a tough spot. It's a cinch that the place a fellow's ancestors came from, or the way he worships God have nothing to do with the kind of friend he'll make.

Sometimes a lot of screwy statistics make you sit up and think.

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The people of Nutley, N. J., are one the level when they say they've got an up and coming town. They proved it recently when Mrs. Beatrice Perry, founder and director of a club for Negro youth, won this year's award for outstanding citizenship. They proved it further when they included on their selection committee, a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister and a Jewish rabbi. Mrs. Perry, Widow of a pullman porter, organized the club to provide a recreation center for Negro boys in her neighborhood. Many white residents in town pitched in to help her, including the late Mayor Walter F. Reinheimer, after whom the club was named. Mrs. Perry even raised enough money to set up a summer camp for club members. Haul out the orchids, boys—this month, we're sending them to Nutley.

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Gene Deitz, 17, of the Indianapolis Memorial Post 4 team and Dick Santino, 17, of the Medford, Mass., Post 45 nine, are two more 1948 American Legion Junior Baseball pitchers to have hurled no-hit games this month.



Back in school days, Moochy Melville always happened to be there, When the other kids had sodas or a candy bar to spare; But when Melville had a nickel or a quarter for a spree, He'd make sure no other fellows were around to share his glee.



In the army, Moochy Melville was a guy you got to hate, 'Cause he always managed, somehow, to horn in on every date. When you had a quiet evening all lined up with plans for two, There was Melville, "going your way" and your plans just wouldn't do.



Melville's still a heavy moocher, as his buddies all have found; Never reaches for a lunch check while there's someone else around. Takes your cigarettes and smokes 'em; drinks your whiskey bottles dry; Never thinks about returning any borrowed shirt or tie.

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By GEORGE S. BENSON
President of Harding College
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Looking
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THIS YEAR at the commencement exercises of Harding College a notable address was delivered. It was no ordinary speech. The burden of its message was so significant, and the appeal so earnest, that I wish the audience had been many times larger. I am therefore taking this method of passing to you a portion of this solid and thoughtful address. It was made by Mr. Lamar Fleming, Jr., of Houston, Texas.

"This historic responsibility is new to us . . . But those who view accomplishments in the atomic laboratories and the development of other terrible means of destruction must recognize that no one on earth longer has the power to decide whether he will live alone. That power of decision has passed to those who are evil enough to . . . use terrible new weapons for their evil designs—unless Mankind combines to prevent them from so doing.

Our Call "IF WE accept From Destiny that being sons of God, we are brothers to all Mankind, and that we are the only nation strong enough to lead Mankind to combine for suppression of violence and recovery of Peace, we cannot reject the role to which our Destiny calls us. We will cherish the memory of more placid days, when this responsibility was not upon us, but we cannot reject our Destiny.

"We must enter this role in humility, conscious of our shortcomings and determined to overcome them to the best of our ability. We must search our souls. We must do more than conquer the resistance to truth which springs from our animal instincts. We must chastise all who seek to inflame and prey upon our group grievances, creeds, and

hatreds. We must remind ourselves constantly that our duty of human brotherhood is no less to distant peoples than to our neighbors in our home towns.

Flow of "WE MUST realize Goodness that peace and well-being will not return to them nor remain with us unless we achieve the ability to work together in a brotherly and mutually helpful company, each placing the common good above the greeds and ambitions of any person, group, or nation. We must include peoples temporarily prevented from cooperation toward the common good and must pray for the day when their chains will be removed and they will be free to join our company.

"Above all, we must require of this great undertaking that it function by the standards of millions of individual consciences, which are the communion of sons and daughters with their Spiritual Father—not by group, party, or national ethics, in which conscience gives way to animal instincts, fears, and passions of the herd, and responsibility is spread so thin that no one feels it as his own. This calls for a profound spiritual revival—in us and in all men and women of good will.

" . . . I have faith that all men and women everywhere have something in common between them, that is fundamentally good, and that time and great effort and patience will restore the mutual flow of this goodness and understanding between them, not merely in your lifetimes but also in mine . . . I have great faith that the well of goodness in the Americans of your generation will be full enough to start the mutual flow "

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**CONSEQUENCES OF WORLD WAR III FOR RUSSIA:
NEW, TERRIBLE 'DARK AGE' THRUOUT EUROPE**

If Russia engages in a third world war, it will mean for the Russian people—and for much of Europe—a new and terrible Dark Age, a sudden return to barbarism, starvation for millions.

This is the conclusion of an analysis prepared by the Economics Department of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company for its various publications on "The Economic Consequences of a Third World War—to Russia." The article, a sequel to a previous analysis, "Economic Consequences of a Third World War for the U. S. A., appears first today in BUSINESS WEEK and points out that:

Although World War II was tragic, in a lot of ways it was not complete hell for the United States. But it was for Russia.

LIFE GRIM NOW

"And life for the Russian people is a grim and miserable business now, as Stalin drives ahead with preparations for World War III," the article points out. "Another war would mean crisis and chaos on a scale far greater than they suffered in World War II.

"If war should come, Russia can easily shift to a war economy overnight, for she is now putting more than half her industrial effort into producing munitions or into building heavy industries that might produce munitions.

"The Soviet's preparedness program would give it a heavy initial advantage. But probably the Russians could not conquer Europe and harness its industry as successfully as Hitler did—which wasn't too successfully.

PEOPLE'S WELFARE SACRIFICED

"To offset our four-to-one advantage in overall industrial production, Russia is concentrating on building heavy industries, hoping to match us in munitions capacity. She is sacrificing her people's living standards now to do it.

"If war came, the Soviet might well let millions of Russians not necessary to the war effort, and millions of Europeans, starve.

"The costs to the Russian people of the extensive military program their country is pursuing are probably beyond understanding for most Americans. We can lay up one or two statistical yardsticks to measure them, however.

"First may be housing. The Nazis, in their sweep through Western Russia destroyed the homes of some 25 million Russians. But in the face of that loss, and in spite of a rapidly growing population, Russia's entire housing program under the fourth Five-Year-Plan, calls for building only 72 million square meters of living space. That is about equal to the number of homes we will build this year. Moreover, the construction industry is lagging. Industrial plants and public buildings get priority on available materials. That leaves the industrial worker and his family looking not for an apartment—but for a corner of a room someplace.

"A second yardstick for standard of living comparisons is the low estate of Russian consumer goods industries. Russian industry was feeble in the last days of the Czars, completely demoralized by the first World War and the Revolution. By 1928, it had regained its 1913 production level. Three successive Five-Year Plans set it back further. By the end of World War II, Soviet heavy industries were close to prewar production levels, and in a few cases, above, but light industries were hard put to clothe the troops.

WAGES SUFFER

"As a result, Russian real wages now are a lot less than they were 20 years ago. Families make up some of the difference by working longer hours, having women work, and with sideline jobs, such as gardening.



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Enlisted Army Grades Get An Overhauling

The new system of army grades and insignia for enlisted personnel, now being applied also to the thousands of enlisted reservists in Oklahoma, is a part of the army's career guidance plan, according to Col. George J. Forster, acting senior instructor for Oklahoma organized reserves.

Under the new system the number of "sergeants" is reduced, "stripes" are eliminated from some grades, with others redesignated, and a new "recruit" classification is adopted.

But there is no change in the pay rate for the reservist while on active duty, or when the inactive duty pay schedules become effective. The colonel emphasized that the new designation carries just as high a responsibility on the reservist as the former designation of rank carried.

Heading the list of NCOs will remain the master sergeant, with insignia of three upper and three lower stripes. This rank, known as grade 1, will apply also to occupational titles of first sergeant and sergeant major.

Grade 2 now is the sergeant 1st class, formerly known as the technical sergeant, with insignia of three upper and two lower stripes. Grade 3 is the sergeant, formerly called staff sergeant, wearing three upper and one lower stripes. Grade 4 is the corporal, formerly called sergeant, with two stripes; grade 5, the private 1st class, formerly known as a corporal, with one stripe; Grade 6, the private, formerly the private 1st class; and Grade 7, the recruit, the last two with no chevrons.

All the "T" grades have been eliminated, the T-3 now being a sergeant, the T-4 a corporal, and the T-5 a private 1st class.

New insignia will be smaller than the chevrons of the past—dark blue on gold background for those men assigned to combat branch units—and gold on dark blue for those assigned to the other types of army units.

Colonel Forster said the army career plan calls for nearly 50 career areas or subjects, each carrying a number of MOS, or military occupational specialty ratings. The plan is to assign the soldier, by the time he reaches Grade 5 in rank, to the type of duty which best fits his ability and training. From then on he has the opportunity for regular advancement in the type of army work for which he seems best qualified.

Oklahoma enlisted reservists will receive word of the new designation of rank recorded for them as part of the new program. Colonel Forster said additional information on the army's career guidance program may be obtained from the reservist's unit instructor.

That Day Is Here Again!

August is the month when Friday the 13th comes up to remind us that voodoo is still around. Sure, you say, this notion of unlucky Friday is nothing but baloney, strictly for the birds. Still, it's a safe bet that you're just a little bit more careful about those black cats crossing your path, or taking three lights on a match, or walking under a ladder on this day.

What's in a superstition? Nothing but the bunk says science. But we've all got enough of the old malarkey in us to keep superstitions alive.

Anyway, throwing salt over your left shoulder or knocking on wood for luck are harmless pastimes. Such doings hurt no one and may even add to the spice of life. When fortune-tellers and assorted hokum peddlers cash in on our weakness for rabbits' feet, dream books, horoscopes, lucky charms and what-not, to the tune of millions of dollars every year, we've no one but ourselves to blame.

Another and far more dangerous species of voodoo racketeers are the political medicine men who use fear and superstition to drum up prejudice and send gullible people off on witch-hunts. This is no laughing matter, as millions of people have discovered ever since the days of ancient Rome. The corrupt emperors used to prevent their subjects from wising up to them by blaming everything on the defenseless Christians. One Roman writer put it this way: "If the Tiber rises as high as the city walls, if the Nile does not send its water up over the field, if there is an earthquake, if there is famine or pestilence, straightway the cry is, 'Away with the Christians to the lions!'"

Hitler and his gang were past masters of the same black art. Our own country, unfortunately, has had more than its share of similar witch-hunt promoters, including the crew of wise-guys who thought they could rope the GI's of World War II into their phony "veteran" groups by pandering to racial and religious prejudice. But we just kept our heads and punctured these rackets with plain American common sense.

So, on this Friday the 13th, let's take an oath—in blood naturally—to confine our fears and superstitions to black cats, mirrors, ladders and dice.

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JAP SURRENDER CEREMONY—Lieut. Gen. Sir Arthur Percival (left foreground) commander of Singapore, and Lieut. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright (second from left, foreground) salute as Gen. Douglas MacArthur (right foreground) prepares to sign the formal Japanese surrender document aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay, September 2, 1945. Japanese delegates stand in background, a memorable and delectable scene for many veterans who lived through the hell of the Pacific-Asiatic struggle before V-J Day which actually came on August 15, 1945.

The 1947 national championship American Legion Junior Baseball team of the Robert E. Bentley Post 50 in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been eliminated in the 1948 race by a 4 to 3 defeat in district elimination play by the Bartley-Johnson Post 437 nine.

The 1948 state convention of the Louisiana American Legion at New Orleans, voted for extension of the Boys' State program to Negro youth.

Fire of undetermined origin caused a loss of \$50,000 only partly covered by insurance, to the newly-acquired clubhouse of the Fort Madison, Iowa, American Legion Post 82.

At a cost of \$1,000, the C. Markland Kelly, Jr., Post 174 of The American Legion at Baltimore, Mr., is getting two polar bear cubs from Fairbanks, Alaska, by airplane, for the city zoo.

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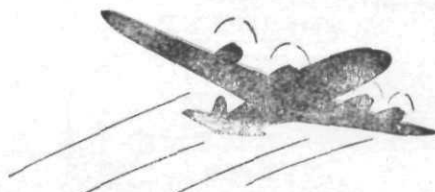
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