

Army Traits of Bygone Years, Mutual Loyalty Among Men Told by Colonel Crawford

Among the pioneers of the West, we hear the names of great leaders, such as the Pikes, the Lewis and Clarks and others, but little is heard of the heroism and hardships experienced by other founders of the West—the regular Army soldiers.

This was the statement of Col. Medore Crawford, U. S. Army, retired, who spoke on the subject, "The Old Army," at the Lions Club meeting Thursday night of last week.

Col. Crawford, born on an

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army post at Fort Monroe, Va., and in the service since 1911 until his retirement a year ago, knew the Army as it was 30, 40 and 50 years ago, and remembered the stories told of the old Army, the unsung heroes of the pioneering west.

In 1802 the standing army of the United States consisted of 80 men and five officers. In 1865, when his father entered the service, the pay of a buck private was \$3 a month with \$1 taken out for incidentals and "no one knew

what these incidentals were for," he said. A major general's pay was \$35. After every war, he said, the tendency has been to cut down on the personnel and cost of the Army.

The Colonel paid tribute to the men of the old Army and expressed the wish that there was in this country another Rudyard Kipling, who could delve into the old records and old timers' stories to recount their trials and tribulations.

Old Loyalty Wanted

He spoke of the loyalty of the officers and soldiers of 30 to 50 years ago, and stated he wished there was that loyalty today. There was nothing an officer wouldn't do for his men, and nothing the men wouldn't do for their officers, provided the officer played square. He described the hardships that small groups of Army men in outposts had to endure. There were practically no accommodations, there was no organized mess, and ration allowances were small.

Col. Crawford spoke of songs of the old days which are non-existent today. He referred to court-martials, which were of a hit-and-miss procedure with great power vested in the officers.

A lieutenant was always called "mister" until promoted to captain. Doctors were always "doctors" regardless of rank. A "striker" who cleaned up for officers and shined their shoes and leather received in more recent years \$4 a month.

Many slang expressions, except for local argot, has disappeared. As examples, he mentioned "when did you take up?" meaning enlist; "when you going to reup?" meaning reenlist; "dog robbing for holy Joe," reference to a soldier striking for an officer; "three years and a kick," for a three-year jail sentence followed by a dishonorable discharge, and others.

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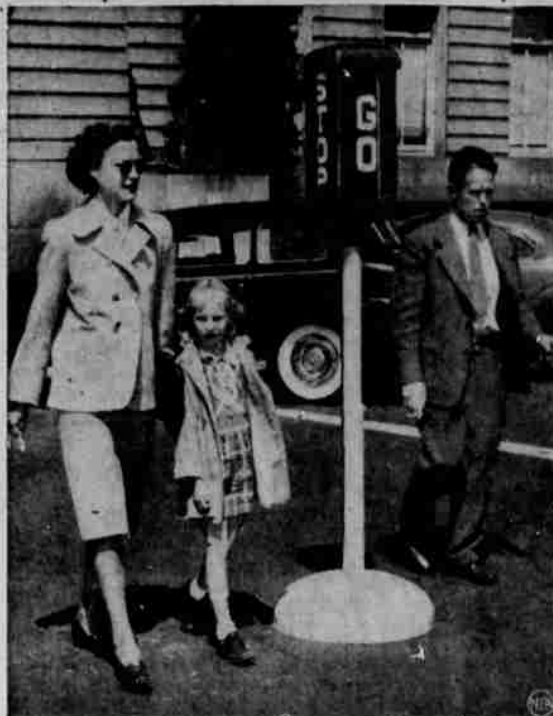
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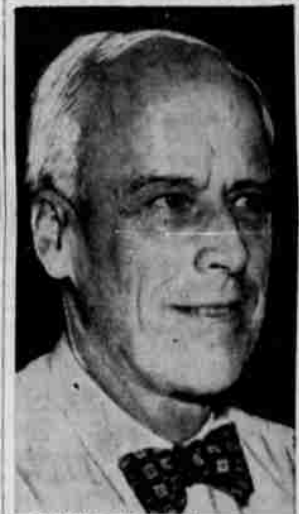
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Although having lived many years in the South and realizing the sentiment against the Negroes, he stated that colored troops as a rule were wonderful, clean, outstanding, loyal men—often more so than white soldiers. The Negroes, he said, look up to white men for everything. While he never commanded colored troops, he said he has never talked to an officer who had who didn't enjoy his command.

Gambling, he said, was winked at for the most part. Rivalry

was keen between the early infantry, artillery and cavalry, he said, and gave examples of tricks pulled on one another. He said he was sorry to see pass the tradition of officers and their wives calling upon new officers of a post and extending their every bit of assistance they needed. Another tradition, now gone, was that whenever an officer fell off his horse, regardless of the cause, it always meant a champagne party at that officer's expense—with no wives invited.

He said he wished to make clear that he had never experienced any particular distinction between an officer up from the ranks and a West Pointer. He said there were very few martinis—strict disciplinarians—in his memory of the old army. He named three whom he classified under this heading.



CANDIDATE—Norman Thomas again is Socialist Party's candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

New York City Dailies, Typo Union Sign New Contract

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Publishers and representatives of the AFL International Typographical Union today signed a new contract covering 2,500 composing room employees on 12 major New York City daily newspapers.

The new working agreement ended six months of negotiations between the ITU's Local No. 6 and the Publishers Association of New York. The local voted, 609 to 414, yesterday to accept the pact.

It provides a \$9 a week pay increase for the printers, effective today. Under the new contract the publishers agree not to use varitype or other substitute printing processes for the production of material that will appear in their newspapers. However, they may use these methods for promotional material or other matter not intended for the newspapers.

The contract relieves the publishers of the ban against newspaper use of varitype in the event the ITU local strikes or supports a strike of the mailers' union.

It provides, however, that "upon resumption of normal operations, use of substitute processes or operations shall be discontinued."

The union was not given jurisdiction over varitype operators which it had requested.

A priority hiring clause was granted to the union. This gives journeymen printers who have worked in a shop priority for jobs over those who have just passed printers' school examinations and others.

WOMAN JAILED

Velma Mae Van Horn, Roseburg, arrested by city police Saturday, was committed to the county jail for 10 days by Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield, when she pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk on a public street in justice court today.

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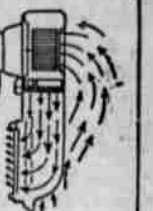
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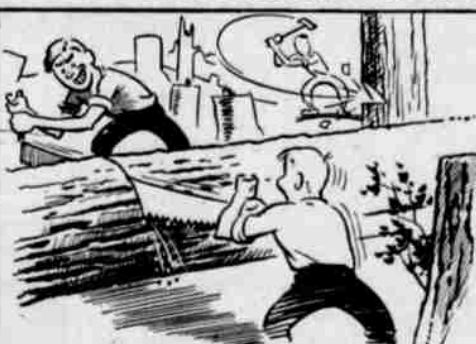


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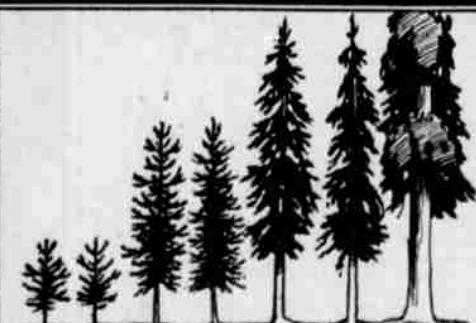


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