

Beginnings of West Point Made Just 150 Years Ago

By Harman W. Nichols

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—It was just 150 years ago that Congress authorized a small appropriation to start the Military Academy at West Point.

The beginning was humble. The net result across a century and a half was to help win wars and to influence the nations of the world.

West Point, in 1802, was nothing more than a small engineering school. At first only one course was offered and that provided lessons on how to build fortifications.

One regular Army captain taught a smattering of algebra and another hammered the elements of plane geometry into the heads of

the first cadets.

There weren't many students around in the beginning. In fact, during the first 10 years there were only 71 graduates.

The first of these was one Joseph G. Swift, who grew up to be a colonel. According to old records in the Library of Congress, Swift attained some measure of distinction by standing up and sassing Congress. He told the lawmakers he thought they were silly to kick in millions of dollars for coastal fortifications when the money ought to be "put to work building up a mobile Army."

Congress, during the War of 1812, woke up to the fact that West Point might amount to something in the national military picture. It authorized an increase in the size of the academy to a point where it could accommodate 250 cadets.

The first cadets were accepted without worry over age limits. They took no entrance exams, and had to meet no physical qualifications, and they were not even subject to the Articles of War.

Today, a man can be turned down if he has a skin rash on his elbow.

One of the most famous among the commanders at the "point" was the fifth. He was Capt. Sylvanus Thayer. It was he who first placed an emphasis on character building, leadership, and discipline.

Some of his ideas still are on the books at the academy.

While he headed up the staff, and shortly after he left, there appeared a number of raw recruits who went ahead to become famous. Among them were fellows by name of Lee, Grant, Jackson, Meade, McClellan, Longstreet, Sheridan, and Sherman.

Later came men like MacArthur, Eisenhower, Bradley, and many another.

On three occasions the academy nearly had to shut down because of a lack of funds. Once a superintendent borrowed \$65,000 from a friend to keep the place going.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT
For the year ended December 31, 1951

Republic Insurance Company
of Illinois, in the State of Texas, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

ADMITTED ASSETS

Bonds	8,900,284.82
Mortgage loans on real estate	10,078,346.47
Real estate	388,172.54
Cash and bank deposits	2,650,120.85
Accruals on policies	1,224,441.42
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued	80,008.84
Other assets	706,022.90
Total admitted assets	23,727,206.78
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	
Losses	502,210.00
Loss adjustment expenses	27,624.00
Unearned premiums	18,017,194.45
All other liabilities	537,478.47
Total liabilities, except capital	14,384,732.92
Capital paid up \$3,000,000.00	
Special surplus	1,973,154.45
Unassigned funds (surplus)	8,144,477.41
Reserve for policyholders	9,317,811.90
Total	23,727,206.78

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Premiums earned	7,200,508.00
Losses incurred	24,508.11
Loss expenses incurred	369,980.20
Other underwriting expenses	4,388,776.95
Total underwriting deduction	7,123,010.34
Net underwriting gain or loss	107,497.66
Investment income	352.87
Other income	673,325.17
Total, before federal income taxes	600,000.00
Federal income taxes	113,225.17
Dividends to stockholders	344,000.00
Other items affecting surplus (net)	584,806.94
Total capital and surplus	340,500.94
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders	854,184.81

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Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland
of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

ADMITTED ASSETS

Bonds	14,202,146.08
Real estate	2,840,523.20
Cash and bank deposits	2,058,708.90
Accruals on policies	1,148,100.11
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued	181,500.31
Other assets	828,617.17
Total admitted assets	23,239,515.77
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	
Losses	852,664.00
Loss adjustment expenses	27,624.00
Unearned premiums	18,017,194.45
All other liabilities	537,478.47
Total liabilities, except capital	20,087,488.70
Capital paid up \$3,000,000.00	
Special surplus	2,106,000.00
Unassigned funds (surplus)	21,354,522.54
Surplus as regards policyholders	20,520,822.54
Total	23,239,515.77

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Premiums earned	18,819,275.81
Losses incurred	4,883,019.18
Loss expenses incurred	918,084.78
Other underwriting expenses	6,441,667.00
Total underwriting deduction	12,240,771.06
Net underwriting gain or loss	1,578,504.75
Investment income	1,113,011.17
Other income	-9,041.27
Total, before federal income taxes	2,712,474.65
Federal income taxes	847,000.18
Net income	1,865,474.47
Dividends to stockholders	900,000.00
Other items affecting surplus (net)	210,811.02
Total capital and surplus	680,685.94
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders	1,184,087.05

McGranery Gets Senate Approval; Silent on Plans

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—James P. McGranery, confirmed as attorney general by a 52 to 18 Senate vote, waited for a strategy talk with President Truman before announcing his plans to combat corruption in the government.

The 56-year-old Philadelphia federal judge, who was nominated seven weeks ago to succeed J. Howard McGrath as head of the Justice Department, told reporters he would have "absolutely nothing to say" about reviving the long-stalled cleanup drive until he checks signals with Mr. Truman.

McGrath was fired by Mr. Truman for ousting Newbold Morris as the government's head corruption hunter. McGranery said previously that he had no intention of rehiring Morris but will lean primarily on FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover to ferret out "wrogdoers" on the federal payroll.

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The Keys deer of Florida, now down to pitiful numbers, is only about 28 inches high and weighs around 50 pounds. Valiant efforts are being made to save this species from extinction.

The 18 votes against McGranery were all from Republicans. Fourteen Republicans joined with 38 Democrats in voting for him.

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DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME SCHEDULE

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

8:00—Melody Way
8:15—Musical Parade
8:30—Wild Bill Hickok
8:45—Cecil Brown
9:00—Gabriel Heatter
9:15—Mutual Newscast
9:30—Pete Vendors
9:45—Sam Hays and the News
10:00—Bill Henry
10:15—The Hardy Family
10:30—Behind the Story
10:45—Remember When
11:00—Evening Melodias
11:15—What's the Name of That Song
11:30—Musical Portraits
11:45—Island Serenade
12:00—Pulton Lewis
12:15—Happy Harmonies
12:30—Off the Record
12:45—Five Minute Final
1:00—Take a Number
1:15—Starlight Serenade
1:30—Money isn't Everything
1:45—Starlight Serenade
2:00—Sign Off

THURSDAY, MAY 22

8:00—Top of the Morning
8:15—Farm Reporter

8:30—Haven of Rest
9:00—Bulletin Board
9:15—Music to Remember
9:30—World News
9:45—The Answer Man
10:00—Personality Time
10:15—Top Tunes
10:30—Cello Post
10:45—Fashion Trends
11:00—Musical Interlude
11:15—Home Town Review
11:30—News
11:45—Man About Town
12:00—Off the Record
12:15—Ladies Fall
12:30—News
12:45—Queen For a Day
1:00—News
1:15—Noontime Melodias
1:30—Today's Classifieds
1:45—Sports Review

12:20—Noontime Melodias
12:30—News
12:45—Farmers Hour
1:00—Redmond Digest
1:15—Personal Choice
1:30—Jack Kirkwood
1:45—News
2:00—Platter Preview
2:15—Bend High School
2:30—Bend Ministerial Association
2:45—What America Was Playing
3:00—News
3:15—Musical Interlude
3:30—Central Oregon News
3:45—By Popular Demand
4:00—Frank Heminway
4:15—Curt Massey Show
4:30—Sam Hays
4:45—Sgt. Preston of Yukon
5:00—Sky King
5:15—Cecil Brown

6:00—Gabriel Heatter
6:15—Mutual Newscast
6:30—Musical Stories for Children
6:45—Sam Hays and the News
7:00—Bill Henry News
7:15—Music for Powerland
7:30—Remember When
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8:00—Musical Portraits
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Food Experts Advise Wives To Plan Potato-Less Meals

By PATRICIA WIGGINS

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—Agriculture Department food experts advised housewives Wednesday to plan potato-less meals around such nutritious substitutes as rice, baked beans, spaghetti or that old Southern standby, hominy.

They said all these foods are plentiful, inexpensive, easy to prepare and healthful.

The experts don't feel that sweet potatoes offer much consolation to pinched-pocketbooks these days. Last fall's crop was not large, and current sweet potato prices are high with remaining supplies of poor quality.

Agriculture Department officials see no hope for relieving the present "potato famine" until the new crop starts coming into the markets next month. Even then, there's no guarantee that potatoes will be cheap or plentiful. Farmers simply haven't been planting many potatoes since the government dropped price supports on them last year.

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall, who has scores of agents at work across the country trying to break up a flourishing black market in potatoes, appealed to housewives earlier this week to cooperate by giving spuds the go-by until they are offered above the counter at ceiling prices.

The food experts said housewives will find it easier to comply with

He Applied For Wrong Position

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