

Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — The military has been active in the Olympics for a long time.

Take Gen. George S. Patton Jr., old "Blood and Guts," the hero of World War II. He was a second loopy in the cavalry at the Olympic competition in Stockholm in 1912. Patton competed as a member of the all-military pentathlon event, which included five categories. There was the 500 meter cross country riding event; 400 meter cross country run; 300 meter free style swim; 25 meter timed fire pistol shooting, and fencing.



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Old George must have been in good shape to perform in all of these physical chores in fast company.

Alert Minds
His adopted nephew, 2nd Lt. David W. Patton, must have inherited some of the bloodlines by proxy. He is a fine athlete, is in the Army, too, and has a hankering to do some competing at Melbourne. Young Dave, a muscular fellow, was a track star at West Point and puts the shot, among other feats of strength.

Point is that the Army does, and always has, stressed the importance of keeping in shape.

There was compulsory training periods for all of the personnel. Alert minds have to be connected some way with strong bodies.

The beginner has the obstacle courses. There are daily calisthenics, drills and marches. Idea is to build up a man's stamina, so when trouble comes along a young soldier isn't fat and flabby ahead of his time.

In addition, the Army encourages, according to the Pentagon, voluntary participation in a number of sports, including football, basketball, and so forth.

Periodically, every soldier under 40 must go through a pretty rough test. The perfect score would be 500 points. For the top spot he must do 20 pull-ups, 75 squat jumps, 75 sit-ups, 54 push-ups and kick along in a 300-yard dash—all on time limits.

Very few make the perfect score. But some of them do.

The Best
Some of few who recently reached the charmed circle were Pfc. Bronislaw R. Mogenis of Elizabeth, N. J., now a military cop with the Army in Europe, and Specialist 3C Rufus S. Griffin Jr., of Guyton, Ga., who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

But some of the fellows take their pride in developing of the body beyond the call of duty. Like Pfc. Early S. Lam of Wilmington, Del.

Lam now is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C.

He doesn't mind the preliminaries. They are just a warm up for his hobby. That is push-ups; you know—toes down; back straight and touching the nose to the floor as many times as you can.

Two nights a week Lam takes about an hour and a half and

his schnozzle hits the barracks floor 450 times a session, an average of 900 times a week.

They ought to erect some sort of monument over the hole this kid has put on the hardwood. He's muscular, too. And carries only 145 pounds on a 5 foot 6 inch frame.

BACKWARD STEERING
London — (U.P.) — Mechanic James Tomsett was fined the equivalent of \$11.20 Tuesday for driving a car whose wheels turned left when the driver turned right. Tomsett explained the steering column had been installed backward.

Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — Only about one fourth of one per cent of animals federally inspected in recent years were found unfit for food, farm experts at the University of Nebraska report. About 100 million meat animals are inspected annually for cleanliness and wholesomeness.

County Gets Six New Type Steel Frame Poll Booths

Six collapsible steel frame and canvas poll booths, of a type never before used in Oregon, have been purchased for use in the November election in Jackson county, according to Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, county clerk.

Mrs. Hopkins said she first saw the booths demonstrated while attending a recent conference for public officials in Salt Lake City. A representative of the Nasan firm, which manufactures the booths, subsequently brought one for demonstration before the Jackson county court and the court approved the purchase.

In addition to the steel frame booths, the county will continue to use the wood booths. As the wood structures become unrepairable, they will be replaced by the new type booths, Mrs. Hopkins said. The new ones also are equipped with castors so they can be moved without damaging floors at the polling places.

The county now has approximately 1,000 poll booths divided among 94 polling places. It is hoped the added booths will expedite the voting procedure in the November election, the clerk said. She explained that one of the most commonly voiced complaints after the primary election was delay in voting because of an insufficient number of booths.



NEW POLL BOOTH — Sheriff Howard Gault examines one of six new type steel frame poll booths recently purchased by the county for use in the November elections. The frame will be covered with canvas and can be easily disassembled after the elections. Gault rests his hand on a wood panel on which the voter marks his ballot. This particular type of booth has never before been used in Oregon.

A DIFFERENT JESSE JAMES

Johnstown, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Jesse James has arrested a "deputy sheriff." James, a deputy for the Fulton County Sheriff's department, arrested Wladyslaw Lewandowski on charges of impersonating a deputy sheriff.

INSPIRATIONAL?

Provincetown, Mass. — (U.P.) — Written on a living room beam in the home where dramatist Eugene O'Neill began his career are the words: "Before the eyes can see, they must be incapable of tears."

Signs of Old Age Reported by Group

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — A bulletin from the Minnesota State Medical Assn., said that old age does not begin with a certain birthday. Rather, you may be old at 40 and young at 80 but you are genuinely old at any age if: You feel old; you feel you have learned all there is to learn; you find yourself saying "I'm too old to do that"; you feel tomorrow holds no promise; you find no amusement in the activities of youth and if their banter irks you; you'd rather talk than listen; you long for the "good old days," feeling they were the best; you won't help your neighbors, friends and community; you have no plans for tomorrow; you'd rather win an argument than be right.

Grange Notes

Gold Hill Grange
The Gold Hill Grange met Aug. 16 with a large attendance present and two visitors. Mrs. Edgeraton and daughter from Idaho.
Master Herman Kamping conducted the meeting. The floral decorations were beautiful, both in the hall and the dining room.
After the business session, the meeting was turned over to the lecturer.
The program was devoted to readings and pictures, for the community project.
The dances at the hall are continuing every Saturday night with a good crowd and good music. Our orchestra is on TV every Thursday night for Talent Time in Grants Pass.
The Grange closed at 10 p.m. and retired to the dining room for lunch.
The next serving committee will be Willie McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Holst.

4-H Club News

Upper Rogue 4-H Club
The Upper Rogue 4-H club held a monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 13, at the home of our leader Ed Houston of Shady Cove. We talked and worked on our 4-H Record books and made arrangements for care of our animals at the fair bar. Meeting was adjourned with the serving of refreshments.

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