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No Hijinks Allowed at Army's Command and Staff College

Major's note: This is the first of two articles about one of the most important, yet least known, military schools in the United States.

By JERE COX

United Press International
Fort Leavenworth, Kan. — The U.S. Army Command and Staff College is a deadly serious business — it trains leaders for war.

It is a college, but not one for cut-ups or hijinks. Its students are mature, professional men. The average age is 35 and average rank is major. In fact, a captain is low man on the totem pole on this historic military reservation.

Young Rafael Trujillo, playboy son of the Dominican leader, discovered not long ago that even a general must toe the mark at Fort Leavenworth — or not be graduated. That stirred up a diplomatic ruckus of sorts, but created no policy changes at the command college.

The curriculum ranges from Russian geography to how many men will be killed per megaton of atomic explosion. In between is a subject that has been facing military men since before the crusades, but now for the first time brought up in the classroom.

Actually, the subject falls into two categories, "moral courage" and "psychology." The school's commandant, Maj. Gen. Lionel C. McGarr, a rare combination of combat, academic and administrative talent as well as farsightedness, explains it well and briefly.

Training in moral courage

boils down to conditioning an officer in wartime to face such decisions as whether "to tear up a city or a hillside" in carrying out his orders.

The psychological angle means turning out officers who are able to inspire their men. "That has been the difference between great and good divisions," said McGarr. "Those are the most important things we can teach outside of the ABC's of the trade."

Began in 1881

The command and general staff school has evolved from its beginning in 1881 as the School of Application for Infantry and Cavalry. Today it has a 41-week course that eventually teaches half of all regular army officers.

The qualifications for entry are tough. An officer must have eight years of experience and be under 42 years of age. The Department of the Army nominates some 615 students on their overall career record for the yearly course.

"There is no black mark on your record if you don't make the college," a staff member said, then thoughtfully adding in an understatement, "but it helps if you do."

The fact that the college can handle so comparatively few men is a sore spot. But it will be partly alleviated late this fall when a modern, six-million-dollar academic building is completed. This will eliminate classrooms in 19th Century riding arenas and gymnasiums and will up the enrollment to about 750.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Party Held at Camp

By RUTH RAUSCH

Cave Junction — Store Gulch forest camp was the scene Saturday night of a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hathaway for all the people along the river and former residents of the river area.

Refreshments of ham, salad, cake, pie, coffee and punch were served to the thirty-seven adults and twelve children who attended from Grants Pass and the Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simpson of Ontario, Calif., visited at the Jack William's home over the week end. Simpson, who operates a vacation trailer hauling business has sold his Ontario property and is now in Grants Pass where he is considering the purchase of a home.

Phayo Pfefferle has received word from Mrs. Pfefferle in Le Grande that they are grandparents of an eight pound girl, Karen Ann, born Friday, July 18, to Lt. and Mrs. Oakley Summers. Mrs. Pfefferle plans on staying in Le Grande with her daughter for another three weeks.

The Clint Ethertons have received word of their first grandchild, a seven pound six ounce girl, Sheryl Marie, born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Etherton of Merrill, Ore.

Uncle Billy Burch, acting Scoutmaster of Troop 20, and Don Orton, assistant Scoutmaster, left with 15 boys Sunday.

Along with them—God forbid. (Next: Making Military Leaders)

day for Camp McLaughlin at Lake of the Woods, to return to the valley next Sunday.

The boys are Gerald Gibbons, Daniel Starks, Danny DeMersseman, Jack Green, Bob Prather, Bill Piper, Jim Burch, John Messenger, Bill Wilhelm, Noel Turner, Mike Orton, Mike Hanby, Leonard Tucker, Jimmy Seifers and Bob White.

Boys from the Selma Troop will leave for camp Sunday, July 27, when the Illinois Valley Troop returns home. Selma boys going are Jim Dobie, Donner Holten, Mike Nickolson, Marlin Wallace and Allen Pope.

Mrs. G. G. Etherton, mother of Clint Etherton, has returned to her home in Norwalk, Calif., after a two months stay with her son's family.

Mrs. Etherton accompanied the Clint Ethertons on their recent vacation to Greeley, Colo., where she and a granddaughter, Janice, stayed with relatives while Mr. and Mrs. Clint Etherton went to Red Cloud, Neb., Clint's home town. This is the first visit Clint has made to Red Cloud since he left there 30 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wilson drove their grandchildren, Charlene and Carrie Lou Clark, to San Francisco where the children boarded a plane for their home in San Diego, Calif. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark III.

The Bob Rauschs with his mother, Mrs. Pauline Rausch, of Hollywood, Calif., spent the week end in Redding, Calif., with their daughter, Ronine.



TAKING OFFICE as Imperial Potentate of Shrine at Chicago convention, George E. Stringfellow (right), East Orange, N. J., greets photographers with his predecessor, Thomas W. Melham (left). Wives are with them.

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