

Air Force Academy Cadets To Do Without Traditions Awhile

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Colorado Springs, Colo. (UPI)—Cadets on the lavish new campus of the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs will have to do without traditions for a while—until they have time to build some up.

They'll also have to get along without an airfield until that's built too.

It's one of the things that are missing from this 18,000-acre installation that someday will be as closely associated with the Air Force in the public mind as West Point is with the Army and Annapolis with the Navy.

Someday, in fact, the Air Academy will even have an airfield. But it will be quite a few years. Congress refused to appropriate the 15 million dollars needed to build one in 1957 and the Air Force did not repeat its request for the funds this year.

And once the appropriation

is approved, the airfield will take two years to construct. Until then, the cadets will have to travel by bus from the academy to Lowry Air Force Base near Denver—70 miles—for their flight training, a total of 171 hours over four years.

Since July 1, 1955, the academy has been temporarily located at Lowry. Construction of the permanent academy, a 133-million-dollar project, was started in 1954. It is now 85 per cent complete.

Not Completed

The cadet wing of 1,160 young men has moved into this 85 per cent-living quarters, classrooms and an administration building.

A gymnasium, a social center, a theater and a museum aren't completed yet, but should be by the middle of next year.

The lack of traditions is less of a problem than is the lack of an airfield.

As Cadet Lt. Col. Eugene C. Vosika, 22, a first classman (senior) and group commander of the summer training program for fourth classmen (freshman), put it:

"What are traditions anyway?"

Next June, his class will become the first to be graduated with bachelor of engineering degrees and regular Air Force commissions as second lieutenants.

In its three years at Lowry, the academy has broken away from many of the procedures followed by Army and Navy. Brig. Gen. Henry R. Sullivan Jr., commander of cadets, explained that the West Point-Annapolis custom of requiring cadets and midshipmen to memorize seemingly inane definitions is out at the Air Force Academy.

Instead, Air Academy fledglings must memorize such functional Air Force terms as "thrust," "airspeed," and "trajectory" and be able to reel them off at the beck and call of upper classmen.

West Point Graduates

Sullivan, 43, took over as commandant Aug. 1. His last assignment was commander of a SAC bombardment wing at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. A graduate of West Point of 1939, he is a combat veteran of World War II who served in the China-Burma-India theater.

Be-ribboned Col. Benjamin R. Cassidy Jr., with 3,300 hours of flying time on his log, is deputy commandant of cadets.

Both officers agreed that the academy's rigorous "honor code" is the backbone of the institution.

"We have taken the best from honor codes in use at both West Point and Annapolis and other colleges and universities and deleted the worst," Sullivan said.

The code states: "We will not lie, cheat or steal and will not tolerate anyone among us who lies, cheats or steals."

Sullivan declared: "We have placed the code entirely in the hands of the cadets. They both enforce and administer it."

The academy has provided fuel for a raging congressional controversy.

Charges of waste and extravagance and sharp criticism of the academy's architecture has come from congressmen on both sides of the political aisle.

One member of the House,

Youth Ordered Freed in Quiz On Parent's Death

New York (UPI)—A children's court judge ordered Monday that eight-year-old Melvin Fean Nimer be released from custody as a material witness in the slaying of his parents.

Justice Charles E. Rams-gate said the court had no power to legally detain the boy, "unless the district attorney would file a petition charging him with some delinquent act."

The boy's attorney, Harris Steinberg, said he might take young Melvin to Utah, but that he would return him to New York at the request of District Attorney John M. Braisted Jr. "If at any time he wants him for a legal purpose."

No Badgering

"But we will not bring him to Mr. Braisted's office if he questions and badgers him," Steinberg said.

Steinberg said he would give the district attorney an opportunity to make a formal charge against the Nimer boy, who, authorities said, admitted killing his parents, but later recanted and returned to his original version that the crime was committed by a masked prowler. Steinberg said he would welcome a formal hearing at which testimony would be taken from "sworn witness."

COUNCILOR DIES

Brussels — (UPI) — Argentine Embassy councilor Abelardo Gonzales, 47, died Monday of a heart attack.

Rep. Jamie Whitten (D-Miss.) last month called the academy buildings "a shrine to the loose fiscal procedures of the Air Force."

Another, Rep. Errett P. Scrivner (R-Kan.), denounced the academy as "a monument to extravagance."

As for the architecture, described as "timeless" by its designers — Skidmore, Owings and Merrill—one congressman has said that the academy's aluminum-spired and glass chapel either looks like "a museum of modern art or a skating rink."

Rep. Whitten called it "a regular accordion stretched out on the floor."

In their own defense, the architects said the buildings are designed to blend in with the spectacular beauty of the Rocky Mountain foothills in the distance.

Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

Like their cousins of the mainland, saltwater raccoons are gradually staging a comeback after the trying days of the coonskin coat craze of the 1920s.

In case you haven't heard of the saltwater raccoons, they are the ones that live on the low mangrove-ringed islands from Yucatan, in Mexico, around through the Florida Keys to the Bahamas.

They are considerably smaller than those of the continent, and the reason isn't due

coons got that way, it is highly unlikely that they made it to all their islands by swimming. Good as they are in the water, many of the islands are much too far off shore for that.

The probability is that they were taken there by man. Raccoons make excellent pets, a fact well known to the Indians. And since many of the islands on which the raccoons live have no other mammals except rats, their ancestors were probably brought there by seafaring Indians of pre-Columbian times.

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to lack of food. There is plenty of it. These diminutive raccoons subsist on fish, crab-mollusks and an occasional rodent which also likes seafood. They also get a fair amount of vegetable matter among the mangroves, and at certain seasons fruit is available on their islands.

Fresh water, however, is very much of a problem, and though the raccoons don't seem to mind its scarcity, that is quite possibly the reason for their smaller size. In most cases, the only water available is from rain.

Support for this as the reason is found in the raccoons of the islands of the Tres Marias, a Mexican penal colony 100 miles out in the Pacific. They have plenty of fresh water, are high and well wooded, and their raccoons are just about the same size as those of Mexico.

No Natural Enemies

Thanks to the saltwater raccoon's coat being lighter and of poorer quality, he wasn't hunted very much before the days of the Stutz Bearcat era. Because of that, plus his having no natural enemies of any account, his numbers were heavy. So much so that when the demand arose, trappers took as high as 800 pelts a season.

As to how saltwater rac-

Mainland Sugar Supplies Sought

Washington (UPI)—The Agri-culture Department announced Monday that mainland U.S. sugar producers and Cuba will be asked to supply additional sugar to cover new deficits totaling 74,449 tons in 1958 sugar marketing quotas for Hawaii and the Virgin Islands.

The Hawaiian deficit was fixed at 65,000 tons, reducing Hawaii's 1958 quota for marketing in the mainland U.S. to 700,000 tons. The Virgin Islands' deficit was set at 9,449 tons, bringing the island's quota to 6,100 tons.

The department said domestic beet sugar quotas will be increased 28,316 tons, mainland cane sugar quotas by 8,713 tons, and the Cuban quota by 37,420 tons to make up for the deficit. This brings quotas for these areas to: Domestic beet, 2,255,874 tons; mainland cane, 694,154 tons; Cuba 3,331,667 tons.

KNOX' WIDOW DIES

Miami — (UPI) — Mrs. Annie Reid Knox, 82, widow of former Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, died Monday at her Coral Gables home. She will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery with her husband.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Washington—Sherman Adams on resigning as assistant to the President:

"This action of mine is final and unqualified. It is not open to reconsideration."

Washington—President Eisenhower in accepting Adams' resignation:

"After our six years of intimate association you have, as you have had throughout, my complete trust, confidence and respect."

Albion, Ind. — Farmer Ethan Stangland on government seizure of his tractor in settlement of a \$660 penalty he has refused to pay for raising 16 acres more wheat than his government-set quota:

"I'm sure not going to let that seizure stand and not do anything about it."

New York—Elvis Presley, before boarding troop ship for Europe and a new Army assignment:

"The first place I want to go is to Paris and look up Brigitte Bardot."

Trained Attorney Shortage Foreseen

Salem—UPI—Contrary to popular impression, the law profession is faced with a serious future shortage of trained attorneys, according to Seward Reese, dean of the Willamette university college of law here.

Reese, who addressed a gathering for the opening of the college's 75th year Mon-

day, said fewer lawyers were admitted to the bar last year than in 1927 and statistics show that there are less law students in school now than there were in 1927.

Increases in population and specialization require more and more trained men and women in the legal profession, he said.



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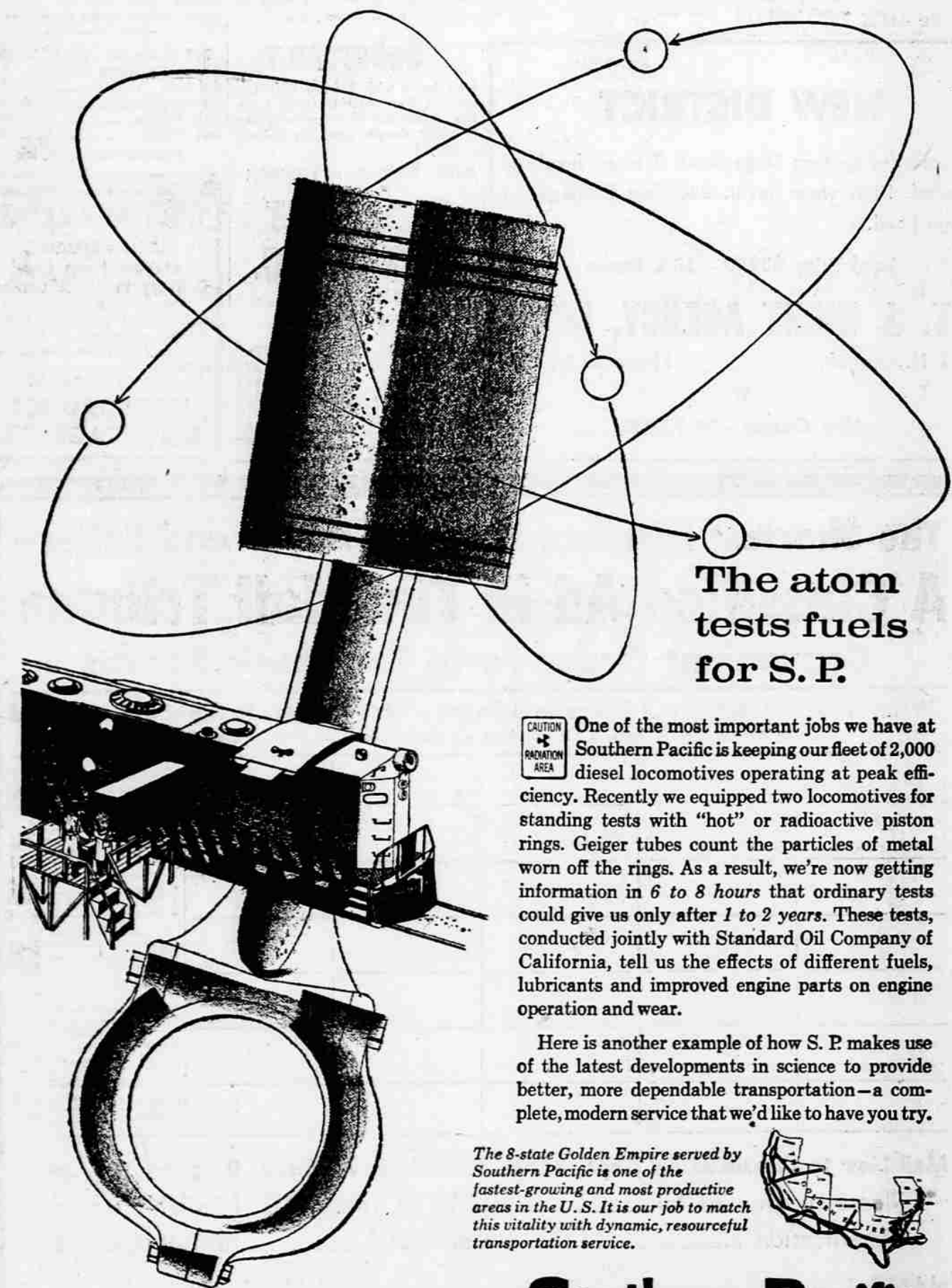
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Little Heart Surgery Patient Going Home

Portland — (UPI) — Marta Van Cleave, 7, Portland, who underwent heart surgery before newspaper and television cameras Sept. 3, was to be released from the University of Oregon Medical school hospital Monday.

The little girl's heart was stopped for nearly six minutes during the operation. She will complete her recovery at her home.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
James T. Caldwell, no operator's license, \$10.
Fred S. Edwards, larceny by bailer, \$30.
P. R. Chamberlain, failure to fall snags, \$55.
T. J. Oakes, overweight, \$10.
Audrey Goodough, wrong way on one way street, \$7.50.
Jesse Warren Johnson, no operator's license, \$10.
Jack N. Woolridge, passing with insufficient clearance, \$15.
Floyd C. Evernden Jr., overload, \$35.
Ralph W. Wier, no license in possession, \$10.
Patricia A. Crofoot, failure to stop, \$10.
Carl W. Stone, failure to stop, \$10.
Walter R. Kurz, overload, \$80.
George B. Ruthford, failure to stop and yield right of way, \$10.
Chester W. Bennett, overload, \$65.
Dwight L. Edwards, overweight, \$15.
Clarence Robert Beck, overweight, \$10.
Judge Taft Florey, failure to stop, \$10.
Jack Herbert Candlish, following too close, \$15.
George Cummings Holberton, following too close, \$5.
Jack Lee Haring, shooting from public highway, \$30.
Barbara Sylvia Lane Oakes, inadequate muffler, \$15.
John M. Bauer, no clearance lights, \$10.
Charles H. Johnson, no operator's license, \$10.
Gay Maurice Anderson Jr., parking in restricted zone, \$5.

CIRCUIT COURT
Elvance Reedy vs. Eugene Douglas Reedy, divorce complaint, \$10.
Sheila Ann Hornsby vs. Lewis G. Hornsby, divorce, \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
Roger Dee Beagley, Homedale, Idaho, and Eileen Rositter, Grants, Pa.
Claus Clay Charley, Little Butte Star route box 160, Eagle Point, and Nellie Aldine Culp, Fairfax, Calif.

WEATHER WATCHED
Washington — (UPI) — Drivers and owners of five giant, unlimited class hydroplanes carefully watched Washington's drizzly weather today, anxious to run the last and deciding heat to determine the winner of the 27th President's Cup regatta. The final heat of the \$30,000 cup was to have been run Sunday. But high winds and rain churned up the normally-placid Pocomac river and made it too dangerous to run the boats which go more than a 100 miles an hour.

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