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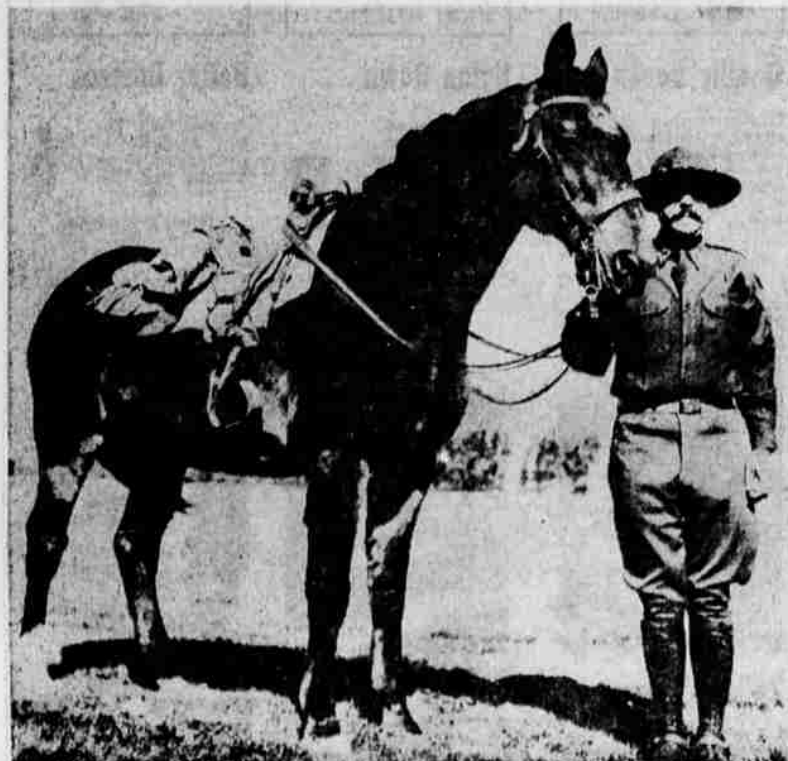
By Jimmy Hatlo

IT'S LIKE PULLING TREE STUMPS TO GET ICHABOD TO FINISH A MEAL AT HOME....

BUT EATING OUT AT A NEIGHBOR'S TABLE...HE GIVES THE IMPRESSION HE'S STARVED AT HOME....



Last U.S. Cavalry Horse Now In Retirement at Fort Riley



By JOSEPH H. CARTER
Fort Riley, Kan. — The last U.S. Cavalry horse, Chief, prances here in retirement, defying old age and the mechanized army.

The 30-year-old bay gelding is healthy, sleek and fat. He romps alone in the post corral like a colt, although his age is the equivalent to that of a 120-year-old man. He ignores the cold instruments of modern nuclear war that now surround him.

When he dies, a full military funeral is planned for Chief. He will be buried beside the "Old Trooper" Cavalry monument in the center of historic Ft. Riley — for his death will end an era.

Chief is the sole surviving government-owned military mount.

Last of Thousands

Old boots and saddle soldiers, a few on duty here and many retired in the surrounding countryside, think of Chief as "the last of thousands." He represents a fighting band that served from early Indian skirmishes until the 26th Cavalry Regiment was wiped out by Japanese during World II at Luzon and Bataan.

Mechanization dealt the mounted army a heavy blow. Cavalry men were retrained and their mounts were sold or retired. This former outpost of mounted cavalry was converted to a training ground for nuclear combat.

Although the years have claimed all the other government-owned riding stock, and most of their riders, Chief remains a sentimental tie.

"Chief was a good, all-around cavalry horse, especially good in jumping," said retired M-Sgt. John R. Smith of Junction City, Kan. "He was a mount that any trooper would want."

Well Liked
"Chief was a popular horse and well liked. He was so gentle that anybody could ride him."

Maj. Lyle Scott Jr., post veterinarian, said Chief's health is excellent. When asked about Chief's life expectancy, he said:

"I wouldn't make an estimate. He might live for 10 years, or he might die tomorrow. There is no way of knowing. But so far the outlook is good."

Scott said that last year Chief was thin, lacking in energy and his head hung low with the ears back. But a diet change rejuvenated the old horse.

Released from the stable today, Chief bursts off with a run. He lies down, rolls in the sand then jumps to his feet with a kick. Then, proud as the history he represents, he prances around the pen. A roll or two more generally sends him to a nearby clump of trees for another army tradition — a 10-minute break.

Born in 1932

Sgt. Robert B. Parker, the riding club stable officer and an ex-cavalry rider, said many persons guess Chief's age at 12 to 18 years. But the horse was born in 1932 and Parker said the way horsemen figure, that makes him about 120 years old on the human scale.

The army bought Chief in 1940 at Ft. Robinson, Neb., from T. A. Parker of Scottsbluff, Neb., for \$163.

Chief was transferred to Ft. Riley in 1941 and assigned to the 10th and then to the 9th cavalry units. He was moved to the cavalry school a year later.

In December, 1949 and January, 1950, all horses under 16 years were sold and those older were placed in semi-retirement. There were 222 mounts in service then, about half of them past 16. Chief, then 18, was semi-retired and in July, 1953 was placed on full pasture.

By 1955, only five retired animals remained. They were the famous Gambler and Joe Louis, along with Flikka, Strolching and Chief. All were geldings except Flikka, a mare.

"Now they are all gone," Parker said, stroking his magnificent handlebar mustache, "all except Chief — the last of thousands."

Liberia's Problems Reviewed As President Nears Birthday

By WILBUR G. LANDREY
United Press International
President Tubman will lead the way to a brand new day, setting the nations free. So go the words of a popular calypso in Liberia.

William Vacanarat Shadrach Tubman has been president of this country since 1944. He is 67 today, and he already has agreed to run for a fifth term next year.

There is no doubt he will be elected and, in all probability, he will be the only candidate.

Now a nation of one million people and 43,000 square miles, coastal Liberia was settled by freed American slaves beginning in 1822 and declared an independent republic in 1847.

While neighboring African territories were being colonized by the British and French (who seized territory Liberia considered her own, too), Liberia was being mostly neglected by the United States.

The result was that she remained one of the most backward countries on Africa's west coast. The government is making a major effort to catch up, but there is a long way to go.

Under Tubman, Liberia has made more progress than at any other time in her history. When he took office, government revenues were around \$1 million a year. Today they are over \$30 million and are expected to reach at least \$70 million by 1970.

And it was no accident that Liberia's capital, Monrovia, gave its name to one of the major groups of African states nor that Liberia became the first black African member of the United Nations Security Council last year.

Traditionally, the country has been ruled by the "Americo-Liberians," the descendants of the settlers from the United States, who are outnumbered by the indigenous tribal Africans by about 20 to 1. But the term has been out of favor since Tubman announced a national "unification" policy when he took office.

May Shift

In fact, some tribal Africans have been brought into the government and the administration, but the power is still in the hands of the better educated "honorable." Eventually, the balance may shift, as it did in neighboring Sierra Leone.

There is already some discreet speculation about who will come after Tubman, although the succession is likely to be years away. At first, it may be one of the present cabinet, but another, younger, generation is coming up behind them.

Many are American-educated, and some of them tend to blame all of Liberia's ills on the United States.

"It's not reassuring," one American diplomat said.

An American-educated Liberian of the younger generation said he doubted that anti-Americanism would be a serious problem, but he agreed that some Liberians have come back bitter from their experiences with segregation in the United States.

He recalled his own school days at Ohio university in Athens, Ohio.

Were Ejected

"One night, a Liberian friend and I went across the state line in Parkersburg, W. Va., not knowing it was highly segregated," he said. "We saw a young people's dance and went in. It ended up by us being ejected and chased by kids yelling 'nigger, nigger, go home.'"

Even before the Cuba blockade, the Liberian government quietly forbade Liberians from going to Cuba.

Girl Ends Life In 55-Foot Drop

San Francisco — (UPI) — In the girl's purse police found a list of names — Kevin, Dean, Irene, Jeanette — names she was considering for her first-born child, expected in a month.

There was also a cheerful letter to a friend. She and her husband, she wrote, celebrated their first wedding anniversary 10 days ago. "For Christmas I'm giving him a baby. I hope he likes it."

The purse was beside the broken body of Zaida Lee Moses, 17. She was found in shrubbery 55 feet below an overpass in San Francisco.

Officers said dust streaks on the overpass railing indicated she hung there several minutes before dropping, apparently in indecision.

The only explanation came from her father:

"Even when she was a little girl," he said, "she was frightened of doctors. She was always scared of them. I don't know why..."

lan-flag vessels to trade with Cuba.

But when the Cuban crisis came, a taxi driver asked: "Why can't the Russians have a base there if the Cubans want them to?"

Liberia uses American money, the major part of her trade is with the United States and her flag is the Stars and Stripes — with one star. Abraham Lincoln's portrait appears on the ten-cent stamp. But, partly because of her long association with the United States, Liberia does not want to be known in African circles as an "American stooge" either.

Vice President William Tolbert recently visited Russia, and Tubman told United Press International that he is considering going next year, too.

The invitation has been outstanding for several years.

Education Problem
Liberia's main problem is education. Past U.S. aid programs (and the U.S. has provided over \$150 million since 1944) have been blunted because sometimes they could not be absorbed.

Now the emphasis of both American aid and government policy is on education with the aim of raising the literacy rate from the present 5 per cent or so to 60 per cent by 1970.

Iron ore makes Liberia potentially rich. The country is expected to be one of the world's largest exporters, and ore exports already have taken over first place from

and few paved streets. Today new buildings are going up beside the corrugated iron shanties. The clatter and bang of construction is everywhere. Some of the new projects have been criticized as wasteful now when there is so much else to be done, but as one young Liberian official put it: "Sometimes we have to do these things, not because we need them immediately, but because others are doing them."

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