



PVT. JOHN S. KELLUM of Klamath Falls has been assigned to Camp Roberts, Calif., to begin his military training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kellum, 321 East Pelican, and has been assigned to Battery C, 489th AFAB, 7th Armored Division.



PVT. STANLEY E. RHODES of Tennant, Calif., has been assigned to Camp Roberts, Calif., to begin his military training. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhodes reside at 404 Main, and he has been assigned to Company D, 31st Medium Tank Bn., at Camp Roberts.

Fund For Cancelled Cuban Election Puts First Lady In Charity Field

HAVANA (AP)—A half million dollars raised to elect a president isn't of much use when a dictator seizes the government and calls off the election.

That's how Senora Mariña Fernandez Miranda de Batista got into the charity business.

Gen. Fulgencio Batista took over as Cuba's head man in March 1952. A few days later, newspapers reported that a delegation of contractors had delivered \$500,000 to the Presidential Palace. They said the money had been collected as a "good will contribution" in the election once set for June 1952.

No election. So would the President's wife like to use it for charity? She would.

Today even those who criticize the dictator regime of her husband are profuse in praise of her. She is the administration's No. 1 good will ambassador. Batista is rarely seen in public, apparently as a protection against an assassination attempt.

But she goes everywhere, like Eleanor Roosevelt or the late Eva Peron.

A hospital orderly, dashing from one bed to another in a public hospital one day answering pleas of

patients for attention, looked up and saw the First Lady of Cuba in the ward.

"As I live and breathe," he muttered, "and for the love of the Lord, it's the President's wife."

The First Lady's expenditures already have gone far beyond the original half million dollars. Government officials, business houses and wealthy and poor Cubans all contribute. So far as is known, no government pressure is put on anybody.

Mrs. Batista's organization looks after the needy. Sometimes her gifts are steel braces for a child crippled by infantile paralysis; other times the transportation expenses to bring an ill youngster to a hospital in Havana from some remote village.

Whenever disaster strikes, she is one of the first on the job, whether it be hurricane, flood, fire or epidemic. She sees hundreds of needy Cubans at the Presidential Palace, or on trips into the country. Her aid is quick and direct. Sometimes an aged woman will beg for help, saying she needs medicines, can get no help from the local hospital. Mrs. Batista will call on a doctor in the audience, ask him what medicines the woman needs, and hand over the cash to pay for it.

Recently she sped into Santiago, one of Cuba's important provincial cities. In one month, 41 children died there of stomach ailments which health authorities said were caused by drinking water from the antiquated municipal system. Santiago is short of drinking water about two thirds of the time.

She traveled on a special train, which halted at dozens of towns along the 600-mile route because crowds were at the stations demanding to see "La Primera Dama de la Republica."

She has no funds to rebuild water systems, but in Santiago she visited every room and every ward in two hospitals, checked to make

sure the patients were getting the proper medicines and care. Outside the hospitals, she greeted men and women at the entrances who had come to seek aid. They got it.

She saw there were not enough special beds for crippled children, ordered six sent from Havana immediately. She drove by a children's playground, saw no equipment on it, dictated orders for a full complement of slides, swings and a merry-go-round.

A delegation from the village of Antilla said there was no undertaker, and no hearse in the town. The dead had to be carried to the cemetery on men's shoulders. Now Antilla is getting a brand new hearse.

One social worker said: "Her charity work is absolutely unorthodox, but it's fast and unquestionably practical."

Today's Women

By DOROTHY ROE
AP Women's Editor

Today's brides are crammed with more miscellaneous information and assorted theories than almost anybody except a Quiz Kid.

By printed page and family friend they are exhorted:

"Feed him properly . . . Laugh at his jokes . . . Don't criticize his neckties . . . Pretend you like to go fishing . . . Keep your mother out of this . . . And, dearie, remember the first year is the hardest."

In theory, the modern bride is a paragon, equipped for come-what-may. She has boned up on marriage psychology, how to keep husband happy, how to be alluring while washing dishes, how to be a perfect hostess, an accomplished home decorator and a budget balancer. She has studied how to keep her hair curled without going to bed in curlpapers, how to soothe a husband after a hard day at the office, how to choose a wallpaper to match her complexion and how to keep her breath kissing-sweet.

But when it comes to practical experience with the cookstove and dustpan, that's a different story.

This fact emerged from a recent survey conducted by a washing clinic to determine just how much actual housekeeping training equips the average bride for her job. To get the answers, researchers queried 100 city and suburban housewives, with the following results:

Half of the housewives admitted they didn't know a frying pan from a pressure cooker when they glided down the aisle. Only a scant 10 per cent considered themselves good cooks at the time of their

marriage. Only 19 per cent felt they were proficient housekeepers. Only a few knew how to do the washing. Said a Connecticut housewife:

"When I told the grocer I wouldn't buy his lettuce because it was too hard, he stared at me and said, 'Lady, that's cabbage!'"

Most of the women queried felt that if they had it to do over again, they would learn more about the job of housewife before taking it on. Some 75 per cent felt specific training was needed, just as it would be for a job as secretary, nurse or accountant. Said one of the women questioned:

"Practically any other job requires training. But the job of housewife, which is so complex and diversified and on which so much depends, is a pretty hit-and-miss affair. And there are more misses than hits for most of us."

"Six months after I got married I was still serving my husband beats with the skins on."

Said another:

"The first time I tried to bake a cake, my husband had acute indigestion."

Most of the women agreed that a course in housekeeping should be a must in preparation for the job of housewife—a practical course, not one dealing in advice and theories.

But, of course, such a course might be fairly complicated. It should include instruction not only in cooking and cleaning, but plumbing, bookkeeping, interior decorating, child psychology, social etiquette, landscape gardening and electrical engineering.

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States Take Steps To Insure Absentee Voting Of Millions

By WILLIAM J. CONWAY
CHICAGO (AP)—State legislatures have taken action to provide votes for thousands of Americans who have been unable to go to the polls because of the tempo of modern life.

These people have the right to vote because they are 21 or over and are citizens. But thousands of them didn't get a chance to vote for president last year because on election day they were away from home or had just moved from one state to another.

Thousands of others laid up by illness or injury on election day also were unable to vote.

A survey by The Associated Press shows lawmakers in at least 10 states took votes-for-the-voteless action during the series of sessions that has just ended.

Laws permitting the sick or disabled to vote by absentee ballot were enacted in Kansas, Indiana, Utah and West Virginia.

South Carolina gave absentee voting privileges to men and women in the armed services and citizens in the foreign service, the merchant marine, the Red Cross and the USO.

Absentee ballots in primary elections in North Carolina, already available to servicemen, will be offered to the wives of G.I.s, to civilian employees of the military forces stationed outside the United States, and to veterans in government hospitals.

Maine's absentee voter law, which already provides ballots for citizens who are ill or out of town on election day, was broadened to allow absentee voting by persons who won't go to the polls on election days which fall on religious holidays.

Uncounted thousands in these days of shifting population have been disfranchised temporarily by residence regulations—rules that you can't vote until you have lived in a state for a stipulated length of time.

These "forgotten folks" of election day have been remembered

Cuban Censorship To Be Protested

HAVANA (AP)—Luis Botifoll, director of the newspaper El Mundo, said today he would protest to the Inter-American Press Association against current press censorship by President Fulgencio Batista's regime.

A number of Havana newspapers went under tight surveillance yesterday after the government decreed martial law. The action, suspending all constitutional guarantees, followed an abortive rebel attack Sunday on two army posts in eastern Cuba.

One newspaper affected, Prensa Libre, appeared last night with blank columns indicating where stories banned by the censors were lifted from the press forms. The newspaper Pueblo did not publish.

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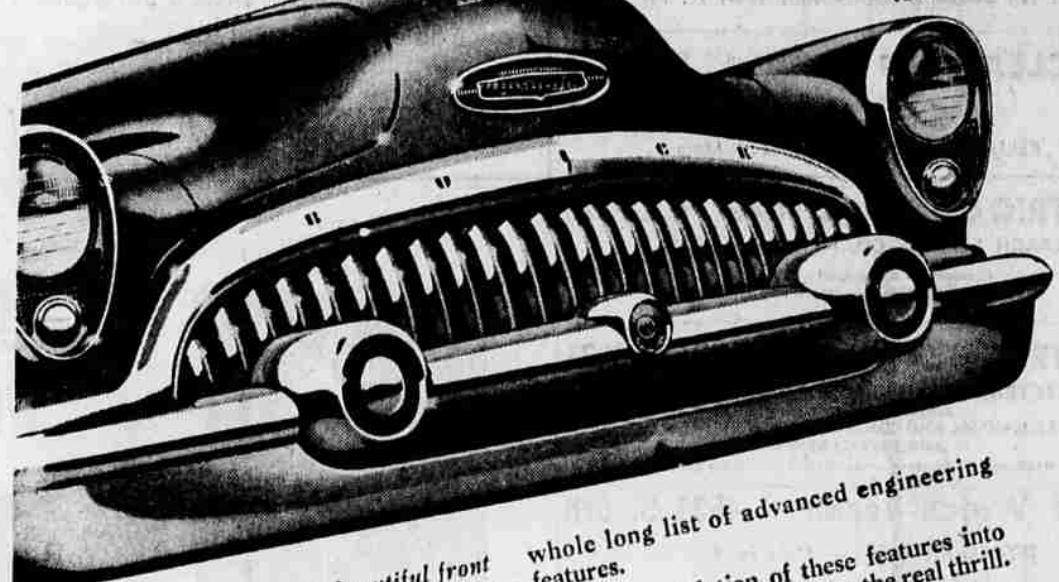
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