

Tedious Truce Replaces Yo-Yo War



BUNKERS are still home for soldiers like this one, at left, on duty at truce front. The soldier with binoculars maintains the watch on chopsticks.

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ON THE KOREAN TRUCE FRONT — (NEA) — The tedious truce has replaced the yo-yo war. Since May, 1951—when Douglas MacArthur said the Korean conflict "has reached a stalemate"—we yo-yoed up and down a string of hills like Old Baldy and Heartbreak Ridge, gaining only obituary notices.

Now a mountain climbing tourney along the front will show you an army doing nothing much—but in a most military manner. A handful of GIs "keep watch on chopsticks," wearing towels around their necks like scarves to sop up sweat.

Blonde Pfc. John Thatcher, 19, of Portland, Me., regularly focuses binoculars on the neutral zone, looking for any enemy which might be advancing under the flag of double cross. In a nearby mountain stream, Thatcher

a black mark in public opinion. Last month I inspected the armistice line between Israel and Arab Jordan. The fear of being labeled "aggressive" by the commission restrains mischief makers there about like a wall of corn flakes.

Unfortunately, the idle hours of truce offer time for memories of friends cut down in the last days of battle.

Sitting hip-high in the same stream that cooled Thatcher's beer, GIs recalled a copal who fell to a grenade here just before the truce deadline.

Said one kid as he escaped his hair, "He was the best friend I ever had, he'd share anything with you."

Another scrawny GI wearing a sock like a glove while washing it said, "That's right, he was built like a tank, and when I got popped on climbing Pork Chop hill he carried my gear."



IN THE SHADE of a tank on the Korean truce front, NEA reporter Fred Sparks, left, interviews a GI on guard duty.



STREAM-cooled beer quenches thirst after duty.

er has thoughtfully parked four cans of beer.

Unless, any approaching Communists open fire or try to shake hands with bayonets, Thatcher will reach for his phone instead of his carbine.

He will report "unfriendly" in forbidden strip. Said report will be rushed to the Armistice Commission, Neutral Swiss or Swedes, the only ones with legal tickets to No Man's Land, will investigate. Officers will merely be given

A third, trying to cup a nervous minnow, said, "Damn it! Why did he have to go after that Chink? He could have let him get away. Now it doesn't make any difference."

Everybody is housekeeping at the truce front now. Most GIs are prettying bunker walls with magazine cutouts of shapely girls.

Koreans wise in the ways of the loose GI buck call on the chopstick watchers peddling rope floor mats, mirrors in hand-painted frames, and water glasses that are delightful after the tinny taste of canteen cups.

I noted one enterprising mama-lugging a crudely painted sign reading "God Bless Our Home." It sold as fast as our atomic blueprints would sell in Moscow.

After dark the watch on chopsticks doubles, and the demilitarized zone is lighted by curious searchlights.

These are strange silent nights, after endless months punctuated by whomph, bam, whomph, bam, of artillery.

"No kidding," says Thatcher. "It's hard to sleep. Every so often I wake up suddenly and wonder why it's so quiet—what happened?"

Navy's Head Never On Warship Before

DENVER (AP)—Navy Secretary Robert B. Anderson made a confession at a press conference in Denver last night.

"I said he never had been aboard a naval vessel prior to his appointment to the job."

"But I've been on plenty of them since," he added.

Caine Okayed For Board

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Friday approved the nomination of Harry P. Caine, former Republican senator from Washington State, as a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board.

Dorothy McCullough Lee, former mayor of Portland, Ore., was approved as a member of the Federal Board of Pardons.

20 Of 37 Die In Bus Plunge

MORRISBURG, Ont. (AP)—Twenty persons drowned Friday in the plunge of a bus with 37 passengers, most of them asleep, into the 20-foot deep Williamsburg Canal.

The speeding Toronto-Montreal bus struck a parked truck on the main highway—No. 2—between the two cities. Both vehicles toppled 25 feet into the canal, used by Great Lakes shipping to bypass the St. Lawrence River rapids.

Ten bodies were removed from the bus and taken to a funeral home here. The accident occurred at 4 a.m. and 6 1/2 hours later the bus was pulled from the canal with 10 bodies still in it. Others were found on the bottom of the canal.

The bus driver, Lorne Chesborough, of Kingston, Ont., survived, as did the driver of the truck, Max Roodman of Toronto. Chesborough suffered a broken leg. Roodman escaped serious injury.

Some of the survivors had to swim 20 feet to safety.

The bus was lying on its side in the canal, with all but two feet of its top covered by water. A diver aided in the rescue operations.

Truman On Taft: 'Great Loss'

CASPER, Wyo. (AP)—Former President Truman declared the death of Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) in New York Friday is "a great loss to the country."

"I'm sorry to hear of Sen. Taft's death," Truman said in a written statement.

"He and I did not agree on public policy but he knew where I stood and I knew where he stood. His death is a great loss to the country. We need intellectually honest men like Sen. Taft in public service. His family has the sympathy of my family and myself."

Truman is visiting Missouri air national guardsmen undergoing training here.

Cougar Bagged In Moss Pass

PAISLEY — A large cougar, weighing over 150 lbs. and measuring six feet, 4 1/2 inches long, was killed at Moss Pass Thursday by Louis (Red) Withers and his brother John.

The cat was sighted Wednesday by Raymond Huston, a logger. He informed the Withers brothers who took their cougar dogs to the pass. The cougar was bagged in a few hours.

Idaho Engineer Says US Dam Not 'Financially Feasible'

By FRANK W. VAILLE
WASHINGTON (AP)—An Idaho Power Co. engineer said Friday his studies indicate a proposed government dam on the Snake River at Hells Canyon "is not financially feasible."

Robert F. Hogg testified at a Power Commission hearing that the government project could not pay out in a 50-year period and its benefits would increase year by year, "so that the picture gets worse instead of better over the years."

Hogg was on the stand for the fourth day in support of his company's applications to build three Snake River dams in the same general area on the Oregon-Idaho border.

He explained an exhibit which he said showed that the federal project would begin with a construction debt of \$388,979,000—the amount chargeable to power—and would increase to \$631,336,037 in 50 years. He said the figures were computed on the basis of the present \$17.50 per kilowatt yearly rate charged in the Northwest by the Bonneville Power Administration.

After 50 years at the \$17.50 rate, he said, "nothing has been paid on the principal. Approximately 250 million dollars in interest is unpaid and accumulated against you, and your annual deficit, or failure to meet interest charges alone, is \$3,333,333 and increasing every year."

Computed on a \$22.50 rate, which Bonneville is expected to assume after the first year, Hogg said the "total debt" after 50 years would be \$495,519,808.

R. P. Parry, company attorney, referred to claims by supporters of

the federal proposal that revenues from the high Hells Canyon project could be used for irrigation, asking:

"Neither the \$17.50 nor the \$22.50 rate shows any profit which could be allocated to any other purpose."

"None," replied Hogg.

Hogg said he believed his study was the "most favorable" which could be used. He said he had credited the government project with "all the energy which it would be possible for the project to generate, and with all downstream power generation that could possibly be obtained under the most efficient operating program."

"Likewise, the construction cost figure has been subsidized to the extent of over 42 million dollars for the non-reimbursable allocation for flood control and navigation."

He estimated Thursday that the federal dam would cost 42 1/2 million dollars compared with 133 million for Idaho Power's projects. Power production cost at the federal plant would be three times that of Idaho Power, he testified.

He called the Idaho Power plan "by far the most desirable" for development of the middle reach of the Snake River "because it results in much greater benefits regardless of whether the money is supplied by public or private capital."

Hogg admitted the federal dam would produce more power than the private projects. But he said the "small additional amount of power which would be obtained in critical years from Hells Canyon certainly don't appear to be justified under any economic standard."

Fort Klamath Methodist Enters Betterment Project

FORT KLAMATH — For the second consecutive year, Fort Klamath Community Methodist church this spring entered the Oregon Town and Country Church Improvement Project conducted under auspices of the Town and Country Church committee of the Oregon Council of Churches.

Purpose of the project is to encourage rural church groups in Oregon; also to seek improvement in church building and equipment, church grounds, church program and in cooperative service to the community. Any rural church, whether Protestant or Catholic, is eligible to enter this annual contest.

Rural churches are divided into three classes: first, those in open country areas; second, those in communities of population up to 1000 (Fort Klamath entered in this category); third, churches located in communities of a population from 1001 to 2500. Cash awards of \$200.00, \$135.00 and \$75.00 offered in each respective division, furnished through the cooperation of the Sears Roebuck Foundation. The contest closes this year on Sept. 1.

In the 1952 contest, the Fort Klamath church received a certificate of merit for its splendid accomplishment in the project; this year, local church workers hope to place in one of the cash award classes.

Serving as a general committee in charge of the plan is the local church board of which Raymond S. Loosley is chairman. At the official board meeting on Monday evening, July 27, it was reported that the final major undertaking had been completed. Four window panes in the church have been replaced, new glazier points installed all windows in the building have been repainted, top sashes have been made weather tight, and the lower sashes have been adjusted for raising in warm weather. This work was done by Carl and Richard H. Wilson, and was financed by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the local church.

Other improvements made during the past few months include interior redecoration of the building by Wilson brothers, who also made a large cross and a floor standard flower containers. A wide gravelled walk has been laid from the churchyard gates up to the steps, and additional plants and bulbs have been set out recently in the grounds, immediately surrounding the church.

In the near future, pictures of the improved interior of the building as well as the beautified exterior

environment will be taken by the pastor, Rev. Edmund Stanton, to be included with a scrapbook containing pertinent stories on the subject printed during the year in the Herald and News. This will serve as visual and printed evidence of improvements made to church and grounds.

Plans are taking shape for construction of an outdoor brick fireplace on the church grounds adjacent to the building, and according to present estimates, the project will be completed by September at the latest. Picnics, barbecues, scout meetings, etc., may be held here during the summer months, and as the entire community will benefit from the outdoor fireplace, a committee of men and women will be chosen from the various organizations and communities at large. It will be the duty of this committee to meet, and make arrangements for the project. Paul Mudge, Chillicothe, will be asked to advise in regard to construction of the fireplace, from the standpoint of his occupation as professional brick mason.

A Monday's meeting, the official church board for the ensuing year was appointed by Rev. Stanton, with personnel as follows: trustees, Raymond S. Loosley, chairman, Frank Edwards, Gust A. Page, stewards, William Brewer, Mrs. Richard O. Varnum, Mrs. Harold L. Wimer, Mrs. Hansford (Mike) Williams, Mrs. William Brewer, Mrs. Raymond S. Loosley, Mrs. Richard H. Wilson and Hansford Williams.

In attendance at the meeting were the Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond S. Loosley, Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Brewer and Mrs. Richard H. Wilson.

SWING KILLS TOT
DALLAS (AP)—Six-year-old Elsie Marie Jackson was killed yesterday when she soared too high on a backyard swing. The metal frame tipped over and hit her on the head.

Army Has Women Military Police

By PATTI SIMMONS
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FT. LEE, Va. — (NEA) — Few people know that the Army boasts a bevy of full-fledged women MPs—pretty military police girls who are trained in judo, can handle machine guns and bazookas, and even learn how to plant landmines and booby traps.

But a lady MP never carries a gun. A nightstick and whistle are her weapons.

Like any other MP, she may be assigned to traffic direction, gate duty or police patrol work on the post. Specially trained women even tackle criminal investigations. Like the case of the missing jewelry and radio taken from the barracks. A gal MP with a male colleague trailed the thief to a pawn shop.

Then there's tall, trim Pfc. Betty J. Massey, at Ft. Lee, who helped nab a car thief, or another girl MP who used judo to corral an aggressive male trespasser.

Every lady MP, even those assigned to administrative or clerical jobs, gets intensive judo training. It's part of the regulation course geared to give them an added sense of security.

The test of a good MP is not how many arrests are made but



ON POST PATROL at Ft. Lee, Va., girl MP Pfc. Rosamond Hagstrom stops her car to check with Pfc. Gerald Stevens.

how few. An MP's first job, the Army points out, is to assist fellow soldiers or civilians.

Lady MPs made their debut in World War II and now number approximately 50 enlisted Wacs and about 20 officers.

Currently there are six MP Wacs majors, including petite, blue-eyed Julia Mulcahy. Wellesley graduate who holds the top lady MP job of Wac Liaison Officer for the Office of the Provost Marshal General.

A few offices away, there's attractive Lt. Irene Evans who once studied to be a concert pianist and admits she was scared to death at the thought of the weapons familiarization course.

She ended up as a sharpshooter, better than many of the male MPs taking the course. Even at night she didn't bat an eyelash. At taking to woods infiltrated with imaginary guerrilla fighters.

A former English major, Irene now works on MP publications and training films.

Gal MPs, points out Maj. Mulcahy, get left out when it comes to guardhouse duty and town patrol. However, if a Wac AWOL were apprehended and had to be returned to the post, the man sent to bring her back might be accompanied by a woman MP.

In the event of an all-out war with an enemy which used women in combat, the major admits, women MPs might be assigned to work dealing with women prisoners.

But don't get the idea lady MPs are muscle gal types or lady wrestlers.

Lt. Josephine Loomis, in charge of women MPs at Ft. Lee, declares women military police must be efficient, trim, neat and attractive, which is why they're in demand for traffic work and gate duty.

"Visitors," says Lt. Loomis, "make a big fuss over the girls." Sometimes she adds, when a pretty little MP picks up a man for a post traffic violation, he's apt to flirt with her a bit. It's hard for a lot of men to believe a woman is really an MP or that she enjoyed the same rating, pay and authority and privileges as a man wearing the familiar arm band.

To be picked as a candidate for MP school, a girl must be 21 and over 5 feet 4 inches tall. If she's completed her Wac basic training and met with the approval of her commanding officer she can be chosen as an MP prospect for further training.

Of course, if the idea doesn't appeal, a girl may turn it down. Currently, the Army needs women MPs, both officers and enlisted, to do criminal investigation lab work. These girls take special training including chem-

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