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## Independence

BY HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — "Is not America already independent?" demanded Samuel Adams of Massachusetts after the colonial forces had fought three battles against the British.

"Then why not declare it?"

But the statesmen of 1776 moved leisurely toward the framing and adoption of "the noblest document in political history."

The North Carolina Legislature voted on April 12 to join other colonies in a declaration of independence. Virginia on May 15 voted to initiate the declaration. And so on June 7 one of its delegates, Richard Henry Lee, arose in the Continental Congress and moved that:

"These united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states."

Helped by the wisdom of Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, young Thomas Jefferson composed the historic document in 18 days. To him it was more than a political statement. It was a profound testament of the imperishable rights of all men.

As any young author would, Jefferson writhed at the changes Congress made in his masterpiece. It deleted his censure of the British people and his stirring denunciation of human slavery. It inserted appeals to "Providence."

But the document remains as Jefferson's mightiest monument.

Although Congress voted independence on July 2, it didn't adopt the declaration until July 4, and it wasn't publicly read until several days later.

Heralded as a "unanimous declaration," it wasn't at the time. New York abstained from voting, and Pennsylvania and Delaware cast divided votes. But by July 15th, when the declaration was ordered engrossed, it had become unanimous.

It is doubtful if anyone signed the declaration the day Congress passed it. Some men who voted for it on July 4 never did get to sign it; some signed it who weren't present when it was first passed.

What sort of men were they who risked the hangman's noose to put their names to the declaration? Not at all the immature or irresponsible firebrand types often associated with revolution.

Missing are some of the great leaders for liberty of the period, including George Washington, whose tool then was the sword rather than the pen. Here is what the Encyclopedia Americana has to say on the subject:

Only two of the 56 signers were bachelors. Sixteen were married twice. The signers fathered 325 children.

Slightly more than half were Episcopalians. The rest were Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Quakers, Baptists and Catholics. Ten were the sons of preachers.

The last signer to die—and the oldest at the time of his death—was Maryland's Charles Carroll of Carrollton. He lived to be 95.

Some paid a costly price, losing their lands and fortunes in the Revolutionary War. None lost "his sacred honor."

Some died violently. George Whyte of Virginia was poisoned by a grandnephew impatient for his inheritance. Button Gwinnett of Georgia was killed in a duel with a political rival.

However, most of the signers remained active in public life. Two later became U. S. presidents—Jefferson and John Adams. Elbridge Gerry served as vice president under James Madison.

The document itself faced more later vicissitudes than most of the signers. It was nearly captured by the British in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, twice narrowly escaped being destroyed in fires.

Over the years it found refuge in 10 cities in five states before in 1921 the Library of Congress gave it a permanent home, and made it a national shrine.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

A—As the widow of a veteran who died of a service-connected injury, I receive monthly survivor benefit payments from the VA, based on my husband's pay while in service. I understand my payments will increase somewhat, now that the pay for most military ranks has just gone up. When will my increase show up in my check?

A—It may take several months to adjust accounts of all widows entitled to the increased payments since each case must be examined individually. Any increase will be paid automatically, and will be dated back to the first of June, the day the new military pay scale took over.

## Mild Disease

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Written for NEA Service

Many persons have been much disturbed because one of the rheumatic diseases commonly goes under the name of "osteoarthritis." When people are told they have this they frequently become terribly frightened, for the name suggests that inflammation is present in the joint.

But this is not often the case and the condition almost never leads to the kind of severe crippling which people fear so much.

Actually, osteoarthritis is a mild degeneration, or wearing out, of some of the tissues which make up the joints. It is a kind of aging of the joints which usually shows up first in those joints which do the most work, such as the knees, hips or fingers.

The exact cause or causes are poorly understood. There may be an inherited factor. That is, the cartilage and bone of people in some families may be more susceptible to early degeneration than that of others.

Repeated injury also undoubtedly speeds the development of this condition. Poor posture, disturbance of blood circulation and excessive weight are other conditions which are believed to contribute to the development of osteoarthritis.

The end joints of the fingers frequently become enlarged. This is often accompanied by a certain amount of stiffness and soreness, which usually disappears to some degree after the joints have been loosened up. These enlargements are particularly common in the later years of life and are called Heberden's nodes.

The knees, shoulders, elbows and spine are other joints commonly involved.

Sometimes degeneration may be pretty well advanced without producing any noticeable pain or stiffness. Osteoarthritis is often found accidentally when an X-ray film is taken for something else.

The treatment of degenerative changes in the joints includes measures aimed at relieving the discomfort and improving the general physical condition.

The proper use of heat, massage or special supports depends on which joints are involved, the age and physical condition of the person and the severity of the symptoms.

## Vets Mail Bag

Take a young college student of 24, married, a high school graduate before military service, anxious to get ahead in life—and you have a picture of the average veteran who trained under the Korean GI Bill.

Veterans Administration drew this profile in a GI training report just made public.

The report said that so far more than two million of the nation's five million Korea veterans have availed themselves of their GI training benefits in the six years the program has been in operation. Another 500,000 are expected to enroll before the Korean GI Bill ends in 1965.

Some two million forfeited rights by failing to enter training in time, VA said. The law allows Korea veterans three years from discharge to start training. Once the deadline passes, it's too late.

According to the report, the Korean GI Bill "is predominantly a college program." More than half of all trainees have headed for the college campus and of these 12 per cent are taking graduate-level courses. About 29 per cent of the World War II veterans who trained under the original GI Bill went to college.

Also, the report said, Korea veterans have been entering training at a younger age than the World War II veterans. Average age for Korea group was 24; for WW II, nearly 27.

VA said 61 per cent of all Korea veteran students were under 25 when they started, compared with 42 per cent of the World War II veterans.

Family obligations haven't hindered the efforts of Korea veterans to get an education. Fifty five per cent of the GI trainees have

## Showboat Life

By DOROTHY ROE

Associated Press Women's Editor

Life on a Mississippi showboat has much in common with life in a television studio, says small, red haired Kathy Nolan, who is well acquainted with both.

Kathy's professional career began at the age of 13 months, aboard the showboat Goldenrod, which plied the Mississippi from Cincinnati to New Orleans.

From then until the age of 17, Kathy played the full range of parts in such tried-and-true thrillers as "Ten Nights in a Barroom," "East Lynne," and "Lure of the City," living aboard the boat much of the time with her parents, Stephen and Terry Ellsworth, and her big sister, Nancy.

"We did from five to ten shows

in two weeks and there never was much time to rehearse," says Kathy. "So learning one script a week for television is a breeze."

"One of my first jobs after I came to New York was with a road company of 'Captain Kidd's Return,'" says he. "The cast of six traveled in a station wagon with the scenery strapped on top, and when we got to a town we were playing we had to put up our own seats and press our own costumes. That sort of thing makes you rugged—and you have to be rugged to take the television pace."

Kathy's main job now is with a weekly TV show, "The Real McCoy," in which she is co-starred with Walter Brennan. Previously she has had featured roles in a number of radio and television shows, including the role of Wendy in "Peter Pan," which starred Mary Martin.

"When you play on a showboat, the audience talks back to you, and you talk back to them. They cheer the hero and hiss the villain, and sometimes they try to warn the actors about what's coming," says 24-year-old Kathy.

"For instance, in a play where the villain is lurking behind a tree, the audience may shout 'Look Out!' when the heroine comes onstage. Then she says in an aside to them, 'I'm not supposed to know he's there'—and goes on with the show. It's all live, it's human and it's fun."

Kathy is going back this summer to play a one-night stand in "Lure of the City" aboard the Goldenrod, now anchored at St. Louis. Says she:

"I can't wait to go back. It will be such a thrill to do the old part once again. And see the wonderful old showboat, and all my friends, including Capt. Billy Menke. Besides 'Lure of the City' has always been my very favorite play."

dependents, and most of these are supporting youngsters as well as wives while going to school.

The VA report pointed out they are concentrating in science and engineering in greater proportion than did WW II veterans. Eight per cent of the Korean veterans were training for engineering, compared with under six per cent of World War II veterans. Nearly two per cent of the Korean veterans have gone into the physical and natural sciences, while only 1.2 per cent of the World War II group did.

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## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

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SOMEONE ALWAYS LOSES

BERN, Switzerland (UPI) — Bern University was disappointed today because no rain marred the Fourth of July garden party given by U.S. Ambassador Henry J. Taylor.

The Ambassador had insured his party against rain for \$5,000 and announced he would give the money to the university if it rained.

GOLFERS BOWL

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — Jay Hebert, Walter Burkemo and Al Balding are part of a syndicate which will operate bowling alleys here this summer.

WASHINGTON — Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), calling for tightened deportation procedures against Mafia crime syndicate kingpins:

"It seems to me that deporting them is the most immediate thing to do. It means a tougher law and also a more realistic attitude by judges and attorneys."

BELGRADE — President Tito, saying Yugoslavia is ready and eager to cooperate with all nations, including "those which accuse her today":

"But, we are building our life in the way we consider best suits us and is the best possible. Yugoslavia will continue to follow this road without paying attention to all that is said about her."

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Charles P. (Rocky) Rothschild, after confessing a two-year-old murder for which another man was scheduled to be executed:

"May God return him to his wife and family and may he have a long and happy life."

GREER, S.C. — Mrs. James F. Foster, upon learning her husband would be freed from death row where he spent two years for a murder he did not commit:

"I knew from the very beginning he didn't do it. He's too good a husband and father to do it. He's just too good."

SAN ANTONIO — Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine ambassador to the United States, in saying the race for world leadership in terms of manpower is running against the United States:

"Neutrality is advancing in Asia and neutrality certainly doesn't favor the United States."

BRUSSELS — Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan, on viewing at the American Pavilion an abstract painting entitled "Love At Noon":

"Love at noon, eh? What do they do at night?"

TOKYO — Former Yale football star Joseph Crowley, after pleading innocent in a Japanese court to charges that he fatally beat his brother-in-law, Connecticut socialite T.A.D. Jones:

"I'm completely innocent. I'm heartbroken I lost my brother-in-law. He was a very fine person. I'm sick over it. I was devoted to him."

AUDUBON, Iowa — Jerry Lauritsen, 17, lone survivor of six persons who fled their stalled cars Tuesday night in the face of on-rushing floodwaters, describing his ordeal while he was clinging for nearly five hours to the branch of a tree:

"It was one heck of a wind, with lightning, thunder and swirling water. I didn't know whether the wind was blowing or the water roaring, but the sound was awful... and I froze."

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Manufacturing executive C. W. Tulley on the disappearance of the neighborhood lemonade stand:

"When I was a kid we used to make our spending money by selling lemonade. Now kids spend their time at the country club swimming pool."

LAMAR, Colo. (UPI) — Democratic State Sen. Wilkie Ham denied allegations by the State party newspaper that he had voted with the opposition 26 times during the 1957 Legislature.

"I never voted with the Republicans," Ham said. "they voted with me."

## Markie Scott, Ex-Star, Dies

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Markie Scott, 85, famous cowboy actor in Hollywood's silent-film days, died Friday—peniless and alone.

Scott, who was respected for his fine marksmanship and riding ability, died in his cheap hotel room apparently from natural causes.

A handworked belt and holster, with a .44-caliber frontier model colt revolver, was found on his body. It was his sole possession of value.

Scott appeared in numerous cowboy films during the days when English born cowboy William S. Hart was a cinema favorite. He numbered among his friends William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody and Tom Mix.

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## Pogo

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IF PEOPLE COULDN'T REMEMBER WHY THEY WAS FRIENDS, WOULD THEY BE FRIENDS...? I DUNNO. IT SEEMS IT'D ONLY BE CONFUSION TO TEACH FOLKS HOW TO FORGET.

BUT THINGS ARE PRETTY CONFUSED ANYWAY... AN'T THEY?

YEAH, BUT THIS AN' UNNATURAL CONFUSION LIKE THIS'S TALKIN' ABOUT AN' THEY?

CONFUSION.