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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—President Truman's nine-member commission of prominent educators, clergymen, and civic leaders who have been studying the question of universal military training since last December are expected to make their recommendations some time soon.



This commission has some big brains on it. Karl T. Compton of MIT, Harold W. Dodds of Princeton, Joe Davies, Sam Rosenman, Anna Rosenberg, C. E. Wilson of GE, Truman Gibson from Secretary of War Robert Patterson's office, the Revs. Dan Poling and Edmund A. Walsh. Anything they say in their report, however, is going to be jumped on.

If it's against universal military training, the armed services, the big vets' organizations, the all-out preparedness boys and the people who are afraid of Russia will be heard from. If the report is in favor of UMT, pacifists will yell twice as loud. Pressure will then be put on Congress, which will have the job of deciding what to do and passing a law to do it.

Over the past few years War Department has done a big job of trying to sell the idea of such training to the country. It has publicized its first experimental "Unties" camp at Fort Knox, Ky., widely. Opponents of UMT claim this is just a lot of military propaganda, intended only to lead the country into another war. But in the meantime these opponents of the idea have not been idle on the propaganda front themselves.

A list compiled by the American Friends' Service Committee—the Quakers—shows nearly 100 national educational, church, labor, farm, and political organizations have taken public stands against UMT.

It's a formidable list, all having a sincere and devout desire for everlasting world peace. They have no formal organization, but their movement heads up principally through the Friends' Service Committee and the National Council Against Conscription, which has headquarters in Philadelphia and Washington. Most of the "literature" against military training comes from these two sources.

For the last two years the Council Against Conscription has issued a four-page weekly news letter under the title of "Conscription News." The name is the give-away on one of the principal arguments used against universal training. Namely, that it is peacetime, compulsory military service, un-democratic and un-American in tradition.

Item of cost of universal military training and what else might be done with the money for the good of mankind is a major theme anti-UMT propaganda. The firm budget has ever been prepared for the War Department's UMT plan. Brig.-Gen. John M. Devine, head of the Unties mental school at Fort Knox, mentions a billion dollars a year.ponents of UMT go way beyond that figure. They say direct would be \$3 billion a year. The figure \$50 million as the cost deduction, \$180 million to pay a million trainees \$30 a month for months, \$675 million to pay 150,000 instructors \$4500 a year, \$600 million for food and clothing. This comes to a little over \$1.5 billion. They claim the second six months' training for reservists, national guardsmen and specialists would cost just as much. Then they add other \$3 billion as indirect costs—the value of goods and services these trainees might have put out if they hadn't been busy training.

Other arguments used against UMT run pretty much to head-buried-in-the-sand reasoning. That Japan and Germany and Italy had conscription, and look what happened to them. That conscription in the U. S. will arouse suspicions of other nations and defeat the purposes of the UN. That conscription is based on obsolete notions of warfare. That the next war—if it comes—will be over before anybody has a chance to strike back, so what's the use of preparing?

The only solution offered for this problem is to abolish war forever. But just how that's to be done, they never quite get around to explaining. The fact that the two world wars in this century both started because the aggressive nations all figured the U. S. was too weak to stop them is conveniently overlooked.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—With Jackie Robinson crowding last year's Mr. Ed Stevens and Stretch Schultz, to the dugout, Tommy Brown working around first base with the Dodgers. Branch Rickey loses no time, except when it comes to naming a manager.

Discharged from the Army at Camp Star, Calif., after a 14-month stretch, shortstop Brown was immediately ordered to the Brooklyn club's Pensacola baseball school, where he spent some days adjusting himself to a first baseman's mitt and being taught the intricacies of the position by the old master, George Harold Sizer.

"We'll get a first baseman if we have to go to Burma for one," asserts Branch Rickey, Jr., director of the far-flung Flatbush farm system.

SIGNED at 15 in 1943, Brown, a lanky product of the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, 20 minutes from Ebbets Field, the following spring was sent to Newport News of the Piedmont League, where he batted .294 and was otherwise so impressive that he was recalled by the parent organization in the fall. He was too young for the draft, but quickly demonstrated that he was vastly more than a wartime filler-inner.

Such keen judges as Leo Ducker and Ben Chapman, who came up from the Piedmont



BY FRANK A. JONES

THE DREAM TOWN MANGUM

Mention the name Mangum and people of this County and surrounding area think of a small community of only a few people located on the M. K. & T. Railroad some four miles southwest of Eastland and about 10 miles southeast of Cisco. Few remember, if they ever knew, that the present community of some 15 or 20 inhabitants, one time aspired to be a town—a health resort competing with the noted mineral water resorts of the State and nation—and that it actually made considerable headway towards attaining its ambitions.

Forty years ago Mangum had several hundred population, boasted three general mercantile establishments, post office, restaurant, room and boarding houses, express and ticket office (on what was then the Texas Central railroad, which stopped all passenger trains so that their passengers and crews might dine and refresh themselves, at the large two-story frame hotel,) and at least four mineral water wells, the chemical analysis from which showed the water to be equal if not superior in curative properties to that of Mineral Wells and other Texas resorts as well as many of the noted health resorts in other states of the Nation.

On August 28, 1907, some time after the discovery of the mineral waters at Mangum, the Mangum Townsite Company held an auction sale with the late Col. Rufus J. Lackland, noted auctioneer of this area, offering both business and resident lots for sale. The sale was a success and the town continued to build.

The Mangum promoters, however, lacked capital and experience and their dream of a prosperous resort city nestled in the beautiful Leon valley surrounded by low-lying hills, faded and today their Mangum is a ghost town.

The large frame hotel erected in Mangum by the late Mr. and Mrs. D. W. (Dave) Switzer and which bore their name, and the foundations of a few rock houses, stood for many years as reminders of the once proud little town.

"If you do," Connelle answered, "you will have to cross the Leon river and washouts will cost more than it will cost you to trade with me on my terms." The railroad men returned to

Navy Plane Crash Kills Two School Boys



Part of the Navy Corsair which crashed and exploded at Burlington, Iowa, scattering debris over a 4-block area, lies along side a tree which it knocked down. The plane, one of 35 giving a show for Naval Reserve Week, crashed near a playground and flying fragments killed two boys, and injured several others who were playing ball in the field. (NEA Telephoto).

Waco, changed their plans and built the Texas Central through DeLeon, Gorman, Carbon and into Cisco and from there to Albany. And when it became apparent that the cross railroads was going to be at Cisco instead of at Eastland, Cisco began to grow rapidly for towns of that time, and many Eastland residents and business men removed their houses and goods to Cisco.

Connelle, who was a civil engineer and had surveyed much of the land in Eastland and other counties in this section, had the satisfaction of seeing his prediction as to the washouts come true, as Hunt said the Texas Central officials, in later years, told him that the washouts on the Leon cost them several times the amount he would have cost them to have bought Connelle's lots and build through Eastland. Hunt said that it was agreed by most everyone that had Connelle and the Texas Central officials gotten together on their deal that day, there would have been no other towns in Eastland county except Eastland, the county seat.

Tempermental Auto Drags Owner Off

SEATTLE (UP)—When Dr. Arvid C. Silverberg, 55, couldn't get his car started, he lifted the hood and began tinkering with the ignition.

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"ANYWHERE WITH YOU WILL BE HEAVENLY, LARDSY BOY!"
"WELL, I SORT OF TOLD FRECK WE'D MEET HIM AND JUNE AT THE HOLE IN ONE—OKAY?"
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The house was decorated throughout with arrangements of roses and sweet peas, and the dining table was centered with the pink and white birthday cake and pink roses.

Following the games, refreshments were served to the following: Barbara Dell Woods, Dona Gail Bridges, Emma Jean Anderson, Linda Williamson, Barbara Rawls, Connie Jo Herrington, Kenneth June Sawyer, Rose Marie Sawyer, Eddie Jacoby, Mac Jacoby, Kay Vaughn, Karen Killingsworth, Marcia Jan Harris, Howard Oliver, Jerry Belknap, Virginia Belknap Janice Belknap, Carol Ann Surles of Dallas, Desma Eakin, Sue Blackwell, Sammy Summers, Larry Ward, Garry Ward, Alce Pounds and the honoree, Elizabeth Brown. Misses Annlee Wolford, Patsy Hise, and Sue Vaughn assisted with the games.

LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Legion Hall. The president, Mrs. W. E. Browning, urges all members to be present.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers and daughter, Evelyn, of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mrs. Rogers' mother, Mrs. L. E. Wolfe.

H. J. Maiworm of Chicago, auditor for Montgomery Ward and Company, is transacting business in Ranger.

Mrs. Lottie Davenport had as her guests Monday her mother, Mrs. B. H. Stewart, and her aunt, Mrs. H. S. Duke both of Mingo, her uncle, Scott Potter and children, Harry Potter and Boots Potter, all of Beaver, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Bill Nichols has returned from Kermit where she was accompanied by her brother, Harlan Wade, Jr., Pharmacist Mate 1-of Corpus Christi, for a visit with their mother, Mrs. M. H. Wade.

H. L. Baskin and M. L. Baskin of Kermit were here during the week-end for a visit with their aunt, Miss Dora Jane Baskin. They also visited relatives in Gorman. Both are now employed as telegraphers with the Gulf Oil Company.

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TWO MORE TAGGED FISH CAUGHT MON.

May 19 — Two more of the "golden fish" of the Possum Kingdom Tagged Fish Rodeo were landed Monday as clearing water set the bass to biting again all along the 200-mile shoreline of big Possum Kingdom Lake.

Charles Ferguson, Tahoka, landed a 1 1/4 pound bass at Fox Hollow Camp, and won \$160 in prizes.

W. J. Brady, Jr., 2934 Diceman Dr., Dallas, landed a 12-inch bass worth \$150 at Lakeview Camp. The two fish brought to 11 the number of prizes caught since the rodeo opened.

Camp operators along the lake pointed out that rises in streams feeding the lake had brought muddy water and slow biting for almost two weeks.

Hank Herman and Virgil Goswick have returned from a visit in Denver, Colorado.

Miss Dora Jane Baskin will leave the latter part of the month for a visit with her sister, Mrs. B. A. Smith, in San Diego, California. While away Miss Baskin and Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make a motor trip up the west coast into Canada and return by way of the Grand Canyon and Boulder Dam.

BIGGEST INCH LINE LAID 1,000 MILES ACROSS DESERT

BLYTHE, Cal. (UP) — The "Big Inch" and the "Little Big Inch," a r-r time cross-country petroleum pipe lines, will soon be taking a back seat to another and bigger line, designed for natural gas transportation and appropriately named "Biggest Inch."

A few miles out of Blythe, 210 men of the H. C. Price Co. of Bartlesville, Okla., are doing hard grueling work to bring to Southern California a new source for its fast-dwindling natural gas supply.

The huge, 30-inch pipe, over 1,000 miles long, will bring an estimated 3,000,000,000 cubic feet of the fuel so vital to Southern California from Texas' vast pools. It is expected to supply "66 per cent of the natural gas presently available to the Southland from all sources." The cost is estimated at \$70,000,000.

Gold statistics, however, tell nothing of the job in terms of the human strength and ingenuity involved in pushing the 30-inch tube from Texas to Los Angeles. They cannot give a picture of the 214 miles of just plain mean desert rock and sand between the Colorado River and the Santa Fe Springs terminal of the Southern California Gas Co.

"A thousand miles of pipe" is a phrase which gives no picture of the fight of a gang of "sand hogging" men who race each other in five groups across the burning waste that is the Mojave Desert.

It tells nothing of the toil of the "ditchers" who drive huge trenching machines, grinding diesel monsters that leave an eight-foot deep and four-foot wide furrow behind them.

And standing out clear through the sweat and heat waves of the desert is the eternal specter riding the shoulders of the trenchers, the pipe gang steadily pushing up behind them, threatening to catch up and cause the dreaded work stoppage.

The pipe gang with their diesel trucks and cranes lay out the three-ton sections by the ditch.

where the welding gang attacks them with their torches.

After the four beads of weld are on, each junction is X-rayed to find hidden flaws that could cause dangerous leakage once the highly inflammable gas begins coursing through.

Forever pushing the welders are the painters and laying-in gang. The painters patch the asbestos and asphalt covering of the pipe. Usually they finish a section just as the laying-in caterpillar tractors reach in with their big side booms that pick up four to eight sections of the pipe to lay it gently in the ditch.

A final gang of welders tack it all together just as the big bulldozers move in to refill the ditch. Now the Biggest Inch is ready to receive gas.

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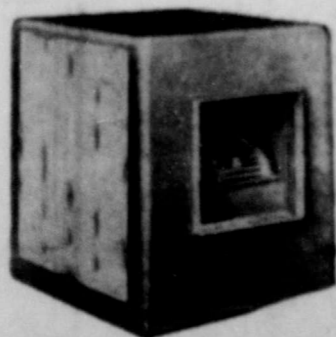


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