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THE SAME OLD ARMY

The army is all around this territory these days. It is the first real army this country has ever had outside of war times. In that sense it is something new to us. And it seems like a new army: the uniforms and equipment are new, the men are young, the officers are mostly young. But the Army is not young; the American Army has existed since the Revolution. And armies do not change much even in a hundred and seventy years; the British army is much like it always was, so is the German, the Italian, the Russian.

So this is a good time to remember what kind of an army the American Army has always been, what are its distinctive characteristics. We can be sure that this army will not be much different.

The outstanding characteristic of American soldiers has always been the combination of initiative and discipline. Certain amateur military organizations of ours in the past have given a poor account of themselves, but whenever trained American officers have had command they have developed that combination of qualities in their troops. They could do it because they had troops in which that combination could be developed. As a result of this material and this idea of leadership the trained American soldier had a high reputation; as high as any in the world. Untrained Americans, when they have met trained troops, have often been defeated, sometimes disgracefully, but no regiment of United States regulars has ever been routed and our citizen soldiers, whenever properly trained and officered, have a record equally impressive.

Now the American Army's conception of this training has been a little different from that of any other army. The discipline has been strict; our military leaders—and this country, North and South, has produced some of the greatest in history—know that victory in war, like safety at sea, depends in the first instance on obedience to orders. Obedience will not insure victory, but without it disaster is certain. And though American troops are not considered easy to handle, they have had, whenever well commanded, a high reputation for discipline. In fact the American soldier, while considering it his privilege and even his duty to object vociferously to discipline, has always shown a marked preference for organizations whose discipline was highest and a fierce pride in belonging to them.

But discipline alone is not enough. If it were it could be obtained by harshness. The problem is to instill discipline and keep initiative. Here the traditional policy of the Army has been: strict and prompt penalties but not severe ones. A hundred years ago the American Army abandoned flogging when it was common in other armies. In the last war, the American Army was the only one that never executed a man. Not only are our soldiers and sailors the best paid, clothed, and fed in the world but they are the best protected from abuse. In consequence we have the only navy that has never had a mutiny and an army where the worst thing that can be said of an officer is that "he does not take care of his men."

All this is due, not to moral superiority but to the fact that both army and navy have always been governed by men highly trained and drawn from every walk of life. They know the art of war and they know the American people. They know that in

this country, at least, you can only get the highest efficiency in the services by a discipline that is based on a moderation and fairness that maintains a man's self-respect and self-reliance.

Not all officers, however well trained, measure up to this standard and among those commissioned for temporary service many others will prove unfit. Where such unfitness is proven we can, in this free country, and should, give it unsparing publicity. The power of command is a terrific one, and we will do well, to watch it closely.

The troops around us are as yet an army that is being formed. There will be mistakes and wrongs, there will be dismissals and retirements. But in the end we will see an army like our American Armies of the past; well trained, well disciplined, self-reliant, perpetually cranking, and as good troops as any nation could ask for. The old Army, whatever its shortcomings and human failings, has this tradition in its bones and if we give it support, it will produce an army like the great American Armies of the past. But it must have our support. No national army can be better than the nation it represents. France has tragically proven that. If we refuse to back up the men who have been trained to lead us, if we refuse to accept the grave and strict necessities of military service as part of our duty to our country, we will have an army like the French, or like the regiment that Kipling describes in his terrible poem "That Day."

It got beyond all orders and it got beyond all 'ope.

It got to shammin' wounded and retirin' from the halt.

'Ole companies was lookin' for the nearest road to slope.

It was just a bloomin' knock-out: and our fault.

We was 'idin' under bedsteads more than 'arf a march away

We was lyin' up like rabbits over all the country-side.

And our Colonel cursed his Maker 'cause he lived to see that day

And our Major broke his sword acrost and cried.

We was rotten 'fore we started, we was never disciplined.

We made it out a favor if an order was obeyed

Oh, every little drummer 'ad his rights and wrongs to mind.

So we 'ad to pay for teachin.' And we paid.

No troops can be better than their discipline, no discipline can be better than the officers. Napoleon meant this when he said that an army of sheep led by a lion could beat an army of lions led by a sheep. To develop officers and non-coms for our enormously expanded army is a formidable task. The art of war is a highly specialized one and never more so than today. In the course of this great undertaking inexperience and incompetence are bound to be present for a time. They should be taken both by soldiers and civilians as part of the price we must pay for refusal to set up an adequate training program in times of peace. For real abuses there should be no tolerance, but, in general, instead of luxuriating in trivial complaints we should thank our fortune that we have time to organize. The American Army is the same old American Army, and its history and the names on its battle flags are testimony that the Army training around us today will tomorrow be the same old American Army still.

NYA APPROVES LOCAL PROJECT

The State office of the National Youth Administration announced the approval of a \$2,320.80 project to employ 10 youths as hospital attendants in Moore County.

Field Marshal Peter Stuart Ney, one of Napoleon's greatest leaders, according to an ancient tombstone is buried near Cleveland, N. C.

Although land in farms was greater than ever before, the 1940 Census reported a 3.1 percent decline in the number of farms since 1930. The new total is 6,096,789, compared with 6,212,350 in 1935 and 6,288,648 in 1930.

GRAINS OF SAND

DELAYED SOMEWHERE Between engraver and Pilot office was this picture of Governor Broughton expertly holding the winning mules at the Hemp Livestock Show. The team of championship mules is owned by G. H. Purvis, who farms near Hemp, and the champion single mule is that of Jasper Hussey. After posing, the Governor remarked: "I'm no mule dealer; but I'll try anything." He quickly turned the reins over to the owners.



NO MULE DEALER

SURPRISINGLY LARGE NUMBERS of Young Democrats from the Eighth Congressional District poured (in some cases literally) into the Wilrik Hotel in Sanford last Friday night for a pre-State-convention rally. Poor Alex Wilkins, in charge of the Wilrik's dining room, was prepared for about 25 or 30 guests; instead, well over 100 showed up, with more than 25 from Moore County alone.

Almost every YDCer present at one time or another went into huddles over political adjustments within the organization, either for the county or for the forth-coming State convention.

PRETTY DEFINITELY DECIDED was presidency of the Moore County Young Democratic Club, which at this writing is slated definitely for Clifton Blue, Aberdeen newspaper man, whose faithful adherence to YDC activities is to be rewarded.

The slate will be filled in from other towns in the County, with a young lady from Southern Pines probably getting the bid for vice-presidency.

CARTHAGE'S JOHN LANG, whose job as State NYA Administrator keeps him from direct participation in political activities, was well in evidence at the Sanford rally, with a large entourage of other NYA-ers from Raleigh office and from Eighth District counties. From at least one county, only Young Democrats in evidence were employed by the NYA.

"By law," cracked Lang, as he introduced Natian Yelton, secretary of the State School Commission, "all I can do is to tell a joke and introduce someone else to do the talking."

And that's about all Lang had to say, publicly. But before and after dinner conferences found him often in the handle.

SOUTHERN PINES' CARLTON McDonald, who is no longer with the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, since the reorganization, is apparently slated for an NYA job. In evidence at the Sanford rally McDonald's supporters conferred frequently with Administrator Lang, when the NYA chief departed for Raleigh. C. McDonald and friends seemed happier.

ALTHOUGH THE EIGHTH DISTRICT clubs definitely endorsed Ralph Monger, Jr., of Sanford, president of Lee YDC, for secretary of the State organization, there was no little grumbling about Monger's backtracking on his original candidacy for presidency.

Apparently scared out by a Hux hex, Monger traded off a chance at the presidency for a sure-shot at the secretaryship—and there were some who were predicting that the trade might backfire, especially since the "unopposed" slate is no longer standing up so well. This backfire is not likely, however, but there were plenty of Monger supporters whose ardor had cooled.

WHEN THE RALLYING YDC-ers endorsed Leonidas Hux of Halifax for the State presidency, Billy Clegg of Carthage rose to question whether this endorsement was binding upon the county clubs. Cousin Newton Clegg, likewise of Carthage, ruled Cousin Billy's question out of order; but the crowd had caught the drift of some opposition to committing county clubs to a definite lineup behind the Hux slate.

WHATEVER THE OUTCOME of elections at the State YDC Convention in Winston-Salem the September 19 week-end, there was definite assurance of the "biggest and best convention ever" from W. S. "Bill" Davis, convention chairman.

Highspot of the convention, supposedly, is the now widely publicized party to be thrown by Dick Reynolds at Winston-Salem's park. This is definitely on the convention program.

ABERDEEN

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Windham, of Raleigh, were visitors in town Tuesday.

Mrs. W. D. Caviness went to Durham Sunday to be with Mr. Caviness who is receiving treatment at Duke Hospital.

Miss Margaret Miller is spending this week with relatives in Greensboro.

J. A. Harris returned to Raleigh Thursday after spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomas of Greensboro, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pleasants Tuesday.

Mrs. Dan Farrell returned from Moore County Hospital last Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Kirkman, of Greensboro were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pleasants last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lockey and Forrest, Jr., returned Monday from a week's stay in New York City.

Mrs. G. C. Seymour returned home Tuesday after spending the Summer months with her mother at Bethel.

Miss Cora Worsley left last week for Elon College to begin her Sophomore year.

The Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting at the Community House on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Medlin and Mrs. Kirk as hostess. An interesting program on Mexico was given by Mrs. L. J. Dawkins. Leslie Burdick, one of the young soldiers in camp here, delighted the club members and guests with several piano selections. The hostesses served punch and cookies.

JACKSON SPRINGS

Mrs. E. W. Bruton and daughter, Geraldine, are on a two-weeks vacation with relatives in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mrs. L. B. Henson and children, and Miss Florence Henson returned from a visit with Mrs. E. E. Edge in Groveland, Fla., Mrs. Edge and Mrs. Sallie Henson returning with them. They were called home earlier than expected because of serious illness of their brother and uncle, J. F. Patterson.

Miss Kathleen Carpenter has returned from a visit with relatives in Lumberton and Aberdeen.

Lonnie Blue and children enjoyed a trip through the mountains of western North Carolina during last week-end.

Oscar Richards, Jr., and William spent Sunday in Charlotte with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mauney.

Ralph Thomas of Camp Stewart, Ga., and Lacy Thomas of Charlotte, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thomas. Ralph is a first cook and has a third specialist rating in his work now.

Albert Carter of Ft. Jackson, S. C., and Elmer Blue of Ft. Screven, Ga., spent the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. W. E. Graham and children, Julia Moe and W. E. Jr., returned Sunday from a two-week visit with her father, Mr. Autry in Autryville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawley visited Mr. E. W. Bruton last week-end.

Miss Evelyn Holiday has returned to her school in Belmont.

Miss Gaynelle Hogan and Elton Hogan of Ellerbe visited Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Carter Sunday.

Mrs. B. L. Henderson and daughter, Miss Juanita, spent last week-end in Durham with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Purvis.

Mrs. Ada Hendrelite is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Latta in Hillsboro.

Miss Waldo Stubbs returned Friday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank B. Cooke in Rowley, Mass.

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