

U.S. Military Draft Enters Its 10th Year This Summer

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WASHINGTON (CP) — The peacetime U.S. military draft goes into its 10th year this summer and many civilian and military leaders are wondering whether it has outlived its usefulness.

There is little doubt that American defence chiefs, basing their arguments on the continuing cold war, will ask for a continuation of compulsory military service but it is debatable whether the act will be renewed in its present form.

EQUAL SERVICE
The basis of compulsory military service in the United States is "equality of service" — meaning that every citizen should fulfil his duty in the defence of the state—but critics of the program say this is impossible by definition under the draft act.

One of the problems is the country's rising birth rate. Because of this, the military manpower pool—those qualified and available for military service—is constantly growing, with the result that the average age at which men are drafted is rising steadily.

Under the law, the draft age is 18½ through 25. However, with the manpower pool rising and the number of those drafted remaining relatively constant, most men are not called until they are 22 or 23. Thus, those who elect to wait until they are called have a sword hanging over their heads for several years. This is unsatisfactory to the individual, to the community and to the army, which wants younger men.

Those drafted serve two years in the army. The navy, air force and marine corps depend on voluntary enlistments for their manpower needs.

UNEQUAL PRACTICE
With so few called out of so many available, the armed forces reject many men because of minor physical defects or as "unsuitable." Some draft boards are

more liberal than others with college and occupational deferments. And, for all practical purposes, fathers are deferred under a presidential order directing that all non-athletes be called before fathers.

The situation has led to complaints like these: Too many rejections and deferments; induction at too late an age; too big a backlog of fit but untrained men in their late teens and early 20s.

Some critics ask whether ballistic missiles, supersonic planes and atomic weapons won't make large armies unnecessary. They also wonder why the army can't get along without drafting men when the air force, navy and marines all are able to support themselves by voluntary enlistment.

Last year, 1,150,000 males reached the age of 18. Experts estimate the number of potential military eligibles will continue to grow each year until, by 1965, the "war babies" born to returning veterans of the Second World War will provide military "classes" of 1,850,000 18-year-old males annually.

Frederick Jardine Is Chief Explorer

The Kensington Presbyterian Explorers held their annual meeting on January 15th. The Chief Explorer Joyce Stavert reported a box of gifts sent to the Presbyterian port worker at Halifax for overseas children arriving there.

It was noted that the percentage of Explorers attending expeditions for the past year was 94.4 per cent. Four members, Frederick Jardine, Myrna Semple, Judy Waite and David Hunter, had 100 per cent attendance. Fourteen awards had been presented during the year.

David Hunter read the report of the keeper of the treasure, reporting a balance on hand. He stated that a sufficient sum had been sent to Jansi, India for the school fees of Gladwin Maul until July 1957.

New officers were elected as follows: Senior chief explorer, Frederick Jardine; Junior Chief Explorer, Carl Semple; Keeper of the log, Judy Waite; Keeper of the Treasure, David Hunter.

The Explorers then had exploration with citizenship on the topic "Citizens should be thoughtful of others." A lively discussion resulted on the conduct of Mr. and Mrs. Don't Care and Family and Mr. and Mrs. Good Citizen and Family. Frederick Jardine led the worship and the closing ceremony. As the new chief explorer he declared the expedition over.

1956 while winning 72 races. He had a substantial margin over runner-up Billy Haughton of Brookville, N.Y., who earned \$168,199 and 45 races. Joe O'Brien, who is 39 years old, led a year ago with \$219,000 and 58 wins. The money winning record is still held by Delvin Miller, Meadowlands, Pa., who earned \$259,933 in 1950.

Four horses owned by the S.A. Camp Farm of Shafter, Calif., accounted for most of the Grand Circuit money won and victories. They were, trotters Scot Frost, "Harness Horse of the Year", and Bond Hanover, and the pacers Diamond Hal and Adios Express. Trailing O'Brien and Haughton is Del Miller with \$150,589, John F. Simpson with \$121,761, Frank Ervine with \$111,436, Ned Bower with \$100,467, Wayne Smart with \$97,062, A. Cameron, \$84,376, Earle Avery, \$75,702, Stanley Dancer, \$70,639, Edward Cobb, \$61,281.

TOP WINNERS
Top race winners in the Grand Circuit were, Joe O'Brien, 72; W. R. Haughton, 45; Frank Ervine, 35; Del Miller, 32; John F. Simpson, 30; Ralph Baldwin, 24; Earle Avery, 23; Stanley Dancer, 23; Wayne Smart, 23. Greatest money winning driver on all tracks in the United States during 1956 was W.R. Haughton, who raced extensively at Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceways.

We were very pleased to have a letter from Roy M. Lawson of Saint John, who with several others has been largely responsible for making racing so popular in Saint John, N.B. Roy states that he will take him to Montreal and Toronto he does not expect to be present at our district meeting in Moncton, but that brother Malcolm will be there and others from Saint John Saint John led all tracks in the Maritimes with the amount of

money raced for—\$93,725. With the new speed arrival racing there should be even more popular this coming season.

A TRURO
Our friend Ingham Palmer writes from Truro January 14 that despite the bad conditions due to snow which was almost ankle deep three races were run off last Saturday. Some of the out of town horses couldn't make it, which was regretted, and others owned there were not quite up to racing but will start this Saturday. One is little Might 2:10, owned by Fraser MacGregor, Truro. Frank Daniels brought him down from Maine last fall and is prepping him with an eye on the Dartmouth ice meet. Little Might is a 9-year-old brown gelding, pacer, by Volo H. and was owned by the Rollin Acres Stable of West Auburn, Maine, in 1955. That season he had 7 firsts, 4 seconds and one third and was eligible to the 2:30 pace.

Saturday's winners were: Races 1 and 4 — Joey Harvester, owned and driven by Hazen Fletcher, Truro, 1:2, Leo's Dream, owned and driven by Kirk Pinkney, Dartmouth, 3-1, Dominator Pick (D. Pinkney) 2-4, Peggy's Pride (R. LeBlanc) 5-3, Howie's Pride (F. Daniels) 4-5, Time: 1:15 2-5, 1:14, Races 2 and 5 — Jack C. Chips (F. Daniels) 1-1, Naughty Girl (R. LeBlanc) 2-2, Freddie Scott (D. Pinkney) 3-3, Jack Direct (H. Harrison) 4-4, Time: 1:16 3-5, 1:16 1-5, Winning owner, Don Rankin, North Sackville, Races 3 and 6 — Jenny Belfast (D. Pinkney) 1-1, thel M. (S. Daniels) 2-3, Iagoo (K. Pinkney) 3-2, Cash Hal (L. Williams) 4-4, Time: 1:17 4-5, 1:17 4-5, Winning owner, Phil Pinkney, Dartmouth.

Lorne E. Britton, Hartland, N.B. is famed for the compliments of the season cards he sends to his friends. This one we think is the best of all. There is a picture of a colt on it with the following:

Advice, unless we pay for it, is something we seldom take: Sometimes I wish that I had, especially for my pocketbook's sake.

"Don't start raising colts, Lorne," said Sadler and Brown.

"Take the money they cost you and go to Harrisburg town."

They have horses for sale there, all ready to race.

You can buy them to trot, or buy them to pace."

"Of course," they replied, when I told them I must.

"You might raise a Skelter or (perhaps) a Coal dust."

Did I take their advice? Need I say anymore?

I started with one and now I have four.

So we learn things the hard way, come nine or eleven.

But I wish you the best in Nineteen Fifty-Seven.

New England harness horse owners are quite clamish and very proud of achievements made by horses owned in these states. This year they have something to be really proud of and it is the fact that Galophone, a 4-year-old son of Bill Gallon 1:59½ and Carophone 2:12 4-5, bred and owned by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Maybury of Dexter, Maine, heads the list of 2:00 champion trotters of 1956. Fifteen years ago Spencer Scott, owned by Charles W. Phellis of Greenwich, Conn., trained and driven by Fred Egan, was tops with his mile in 1:57¼ at Lexington, Kentucky, and it still ranks as the top performance ever credited to a trotter bred in the New England States area. Galophone's great effort was at Lexington, where he took a record of 1:58 1-5. Besides the above he raced to a new world's mark of 2:00 1-5 over a half mile track. These two performances and others by him stamped him as Horse of the Year in New England racing circles.

TOP TROTTERS
The list of top trotters of 1956 is as follows: Galophone 1:58 1-5, Nombly Colby 1:59, Jean Laird 1:59 1-5, The Intruder 1:59 1-5, Scotch Valley 1:59 3-5, Call Me Madam 1:59 3-5, Rick Hanover 2:00, Trader Horn 2:00, Trump Hanover 2:00, Scotch Frost re-drafted his mark from 1:59 2-5 to 1:58 3-5 and trotted three miles in 2:00, Prince Victory 1:58 1-5. The above shows 1956 as a wonderful year for trotters and the same can be said for pacers. Never in the history of racing has there been so many pacers that have beaten 2:00 or have performed in close to that time.

Harry Coleman, well known to many Maritime horsemen is now engaged in training a 12 horse stable for Chris O'Donnell at his farm near Foxboro, Mass. Chris O'Donnell was the breeder of Bay State Pat 2:01 2-5.

In the summer of 1896 the mile

track at Portland, Maine, was the scene of the greatest pacing performance of the year, the setting up of a world's record mile of John R. Gentry, time, 2:00½. Two weeks prior to that he had defeated Robert J. in 2:01½. Robert J. had previously been the champion pacer. Just a year later Dave McClary drove Star Pointer to a new world's mark pacing of 1:59¼ at Readville, Mass. track.

ATTENTION HOG PRODUCERS

Due to this week's storm the following drovers were unable to load hogs on Thursday and will be loading on Monday, Jan. 21st.

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WILL REVIVE OLD DANCE

Two youthful and talented dancers, Elizabeth Davison and Eleanor Champion of Kensington, who have been studying dancing under the direction of Mrs. Garden Lawson of Summerside, have been rehearsing an old dance "The Cake Walk" which will be new in its revival in this Province, and will be interpreted publicly

by these girls for the first time at the annual Burns' Day Concert next Monday night at Summerside.

Both dancers have been winners of several awards in competitions at Caledonian Club Games, the Music Festival and the Crapaud Exhibition, and recently were featured on a mainland television program. (Photo by Wotton)

You Can't Have One Eye On Painting And One On Price

WINNIPEG (CP)—A couple of years ago Kelly Clark was turning out "sleek, commercial drawings" for a monument manufacturing company. Last year he had two paintings accepted for the Winnipeg Modern Art Show, one of which won a \$50 prize.

The 21-year-old artist also designed the invitation, poster and catalogue for the show.

Prof. Richard Williams, director of the Winnipeg School of Art where Kelly is a student, says his pupil "is going so far and so fast that it's amazing."

Of his prize-winning painting, called "plants," Clark said: "It conveys what I feel about plants. It's no accomplishment at all to paint a plant that looks like a plant. To me a plant is gigantic. A living thing, even more meaningful than a human being."

What would he have thought of it two years ago?

"I think I would have liked the colors and would have recognized it was of plants. But that's all, I need to like the Group of Seven kind of things and the impressionists. But I don't know what Picasso was all about."

He said if the painting communicated something to one other person it was worth painting. But an artist should not be concerned about his audience.

"You can't have one eye on the painting and one eye on the price."

BULGARIAN UNREST
VIENNA (Reuters) — Another wave of student expulsions in Bulgarian universities was disclosed in reports reaching here from Sofia Friday. Many students were reported to have been expelled from Plovdiv University.

ELMSDALE

Messrs. Ralph MacArthur, Roy Williams and Donald Williams motored to Summerside on Thursday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leith Clark.

Mr. Donald Williams returned to his naval duties on Friday after spending the Yuletide season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Williams.

Miss Kathleen Williams, R.N. who was on special duty for the past several months in the Prince County Hospital left by plane Monday, January 7 for the Southern States. Prior to her leaving she spent a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Williams.

Mrs. Ada MacArthur spent the Christmas season as guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin MacArthur in St. John, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnston spent several days during the festive season with relatives in Summerside.

Congratulations and best wishes are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clive Hardy (nee Miss Blanche Adams) on their recent marriage in Toronto, Ontario.

His many friends regret the illness of Mr. George Williams in the Western Hospital. All wish him a speedy return to good health.

The many friends of Mrs. Earl MacArthur are pleased to know she is recovering from her recent illness.

The regular monthly meeting of the Elmsdale Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Dunn on January 4th. After the usual business, a discussion took place regarding an entertainment to be held at a future time.

Mr. Ian Matthews has resumed his studies at Harton Academy, Wolfville, N.S. after spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K.R. Matthews.

Mr. Everett Rix and two sons of Dartmouth, N.S. were recent visitors to their home. On return they were accompanied by Mrs. Bessie Rix, who will spend some time with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rix.

Back Stretch

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land, will have a 24-night meeting and will offer three races for pacers who have not won \$25,000 in 1956. The events will be held May 11, May 17 and May 23. In addition they will program the third annual William E. Miller Memorial Pace for 3-year-olds with a purse of \$25,000.

DISTRICT MEETING
District meetings of the USTA are being held throughout the United States and District 11, the Maritimes, will be held at the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, Monday, February 4 at 2:00 p.m. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of members from all over the Maritimes.

For the third straight year Joe O'Brien of Shafter, California, has set the money and race winning pace on the Grand Circuit, the so-called "major league of harness racing." The U.S. Trotting Association has announced that O'Brien earned \$242,787 on the Circuit in

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Town of Summerside, that they are required on

Tuesday, 29th day January, A.D. 1957

between the hours of nine in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon, to nominate at the office of the Town Clerk, in Summerside, one person to fill the office of Councillor for the East Ward, comprising all that part of said Town which lies to the East of Granville Street. One person to fill the office of Councillor for the Centre Ward, comprising all that part of said Town which lies between West side of Granville Street and Central Street, and continuation of such streets, to the shore of Bedeque Bay. One person to fill the office of Councillor for the West Ward, comprising all that part of said Town which lies to the West of Central and Queen Streets. And further, in case a poll be required, such poll will be open on

Tuesday, 5th day February, A.D. 1957

for the West Ward at or near St. Paul's Hall, First Street; and for the Centre Ward in the Armouries, Summer Street; and for the East Ward at Canadian Legion Home, Water Street, in the said Town, from the hour of nine in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon of such last mentioned day, of which all persons duly qualified to vote are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my hand at the said Town of Summerside the 15th day of January, A. D. 1957.

J. E. CAMERON, Town Clerk