

# Conquering of Everest Shines for All to See

Not long ago came the news that Mount Everest had been scaled. Amidst the bustle of crowning a queen for England, the news took second spotlight, but behind this very interesting announcement lies a lesson for all the people of the world.

Many believed the "top of the world" would never be reached. They said it was impossible with the terrific winds and blinding snow blizzards which racked the summit of Everest.

But Mount Everest was climbed. It was conquered. Some one accomplished the impossible. It took months of preparation, weeks of waiting, and day after day of tedious difficult climbing. But it was done.

This was another of the hundreds of things which are accomplished every day throughout the world. Some one did the impossible. Someone had the brains, the foresight, the determination, and the "intestinal

fortitude" to stay with a job and see it through.

Man set out to climb to the highest known peak in the world and he did it.

Each day some one sets out to climb their own mountain. It probably isn't as big as Everest, but to the person beginning the climb, the obstacle confronting him is even higher than Everest.

And out of the many persons who begin one of these personal climbs each day, how many ever reach the top? How many conquer their mountain?

The conquering of Everest should be an inspiration. It should stand as a symbol of "conquest of the impossible." For that is exactly what it was.

And perhaps some day enough "Everests" will be scaled to show to the world that so often the "impossible" isn't so difficult after all.

## Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon Now Available

AUSTIN, Texas—The Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon, authorized for wear by Army reservists with 10 years or more of honorable and satisfactory service, is now available for distribution, according to an announcement this week by Col. M. E. Jones, Chief of the Texas Military District.

The 10 years of reserve service do not necessarily have to be consecutive, provided such service was performed within a period of 12 consecutive years.

The 10 years service must be honorable and satisfactory as defined under Public Law 810. A device is authorized to be worn on the ribbon for each additional 10-year period of service.

Periods of service as a member of the Honorary Reserve and or Honorary Retired List of a civilian component of the Armed Forces of the United States will not be considered in determining eligibility. However, all periods of active federal service by such members will be considered.

Army reservists may have their eligibility for the ribbon determined and secure them on an issue basis from their nearest Reserve Instructor Office.

# Low Premium Insurance Your Fire Department Offers Best for Les

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles explaining the functions of the agencies which serve you, the citizens of College Station.)

By BILL COBBLE

When Summer comes around, clean-up time comes along too. In conjunction with the clean-up campaign of College Station, the officials of the fire department and the city remind the citizens of College Station that Summer is a season for our highest fire incidents.

Most prevalent and common causes of fires are burning trash and grass. Through co-operation and fire prevention College Station has maintained a good fire record.

Total loss of a neighbor's home, or any heavy fire loss in the corporate city limits of College Station, tends to raise your own rates of fire insurance. Your fire department is 100% volunteer and must have the continued cooperation of the citizens of the city in order to maintain its very good fire record.

Each pumper is required to record in ft. of two and one-half inch hose, is recommended as preferable, dry hose for reloading is recommended not required. These requirements are provided by your local department.

Reports Submitted

Monthly, quarterly and annual reports must be submitted or there is a 3% increase on the key rate. These reports are maintained by Fire Chief C. H. Warren, secretary to the Department D. B. Warren.

The city of College Station sends men to the Fireman's Training School, for which it gains 3% credit if the fireman passes the final test.

Virgil Phipps, the local fireman, tended the school in 1952 made the grade of anyone attending the training section of that session.

The Commission sets minimum rates for drills and fires, and the department is well over the required attendance.

The local department is required twice per month for two hours.

The city gains 3% credit for fire prevention and principles of fire insurance in all the schools.

Uses Key Rate

Texas is the only state to use a key rate system to arrive at a fire insurance premium. By virtue of all available facilities, water supply and installations, equipment, manpower, training, leadership, College Station has a lower key rate of thirty cents, lowest in Texas. As a result, fire policy holders obtain an annual savings of \$33,600.

Because of a Good Fire Credit there is an annual saving of \$12,800, due to heavy losses sustained in the past, the 25% Good Fire Credit has been reduced to 20% in College Station. This means there is a yearly loss of \$3,200 to policy holders and will remain effective until there is a reduction in fire losses.

The Good Fire Credit Reward is a important factor to fire service and the community. Retaining it means that fire departments would reflect considerable property damage.

To the average fire insurance holder whose premium is \$10, a maximum Good Fire Credit Reward premium would be \$7.50.

Loss of the Credit Reward would mean the premium at \$10 and if the penalty of 15% were imposed the premium would be raised to \$11.50, or a difference of \$4 on every \$10.

That \$4 is the difference between a maximum penalty or having a maximum Good Fire Credit Reward. Those holders paying higher premiums could their loss or gain accordingly.

## Wilson Disputes Vandenberg On Proposed Air Force Cuts

WASHINGTON, June 9—(AP)—Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson Monday sharply disputed testimony by Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg that proposed cuts in United States air power goals would leave this country with a "one-shot, second-best Air Force"—outstripped by Soviet Russia.

Testifying at a televised hearing before a Senate appropriation subcommittee, Wilson declared: "I assure you most emphatically that we are not going to have the second-best Air Force. We are going to continue to have the best Air Force."

Under questioning, Wilson cautioned against any lowering of American defenses as a result of the possible imminent truce in Korea.

"We're living in an age of peril," he said.

Then, obviously alluding to America's rapid demobilization after World War II, Wilson said: "We must not make the mistake we made in the past."

Asked by Sen. Burnet R. Maybank (Dem.) of South Carolina whether there might be "some let-up in defense" after a Korean truce is signed, Wilson replied: "I would not advise it. I am going to recommend we stay where we are (on defense spending)."

The white-haired Defense Secretary, former president of General Motors, came up with a dispassionate but hard-hitting rebuttal to last week's three-day recital by General Vandenberg, retiring air chief of staff, who testified that the proposed five-billion-dollar slash in Air Force funds would imperil the nation's safety.

Spectators crowded the big Senate caucus room as Wilson jabbed at the military high command, "extravagant expenditures," "waste and inefficiency" and the global defense plans of military leaders, and even chided Congress itself.

Failure to Keep Pace

Commenting on this country's failure to keep pace with Britain in the development of jet aircraft, Wilson said Congress had "some share of responsibility," because it neglected to provide adequate money.

As for the global defense, Wilson said "military leaders" have indicated a desire to build up "such forces as could defend the whole world," and he told the subcommittee: "This is simply beyond our capability over the long run."

Turning to the joint Chiefs of Staff—all holdovers from the Truman administration who are soon to be replaced in a major shakeup of the entire military high command—Wilson said the Joint

Chiefs have been inclined to think of themselves more as commanders and leave the details of planning to other people.

"The result," he said dryly, "is that part of the time the ball gets dropped somewhere down in the staffs, as the ammunition supply situation in Korea some time back, and you can't find out who is to blame."

Wilson staunchly defended the Eisenhower administration's proposed cut from the 143-wing Air Force goal recommended by former President Truman in January to 120 wings by late 1955. Wings vary in strength from thirty bombers to seventy-five fighters.

It was this reduction in air goals which Vandenberg said was trimming the Air Force down to a "one-shot" outfit without reserves.

## Investigators Find 8,200 Miles of Rope

Washington, June 8—(AP)—Congressional investigators have found 8,200 miles of rope in government warehouses, Rep. George H. Bender (Rep.) of Ohio reported Monday. He said it has been stored since World War II.

Bender, chairman of a House government operations subcommittee, said in a statement the quality of rope, stored at Marietta, Pa., and in California, is inferior.

"They bought so much rope that when the war was over, 13,000 miles were still left over," Bender said. "Nobody could figure out anything to do with the stuff, and so it was all brought back and parked out of sight in government warehouses."

"The big mystery is who bought it and why."

## New York Firm Renews Grant

The American Cyanamid Company of New York, has renewed their grant of \$2,000 to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Dir. R. D. Lewis, announced recently.

The grant will be used for studies on cotton defoliation under the direction of Dr. W. C. Hall of the department of plant physiology and pathology.

## Beef Cattle Course Set for August 17

A short course in beef cattle production problems will be held here during the week beginning August 17.

The course is designed for both commercial cattlemen and purebred breeders and will cover the various phases of breeding, feeding, management and disease and parasite control, with emphasis in some of the newer developments in the field of beef cattle husbandry.

Work with various breeds of beef cattle will be included and practice sessions will be provided.

Nationally known persons in the beef cattle field will be brought in on the program as well as staff members of the Animal Husbandry Department.

## The Battalion

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## Closing Vet Beds Meets Opposition

Determined opposition to the Budget Bureau's bid to close down 5,000 beds in VA hospitals was forecast Sunday by Sixth District Congressman Olin Teague of College Station.

Teague appeared as guest on Senator Lyndon Johnson's weekly broadcast from Washington over the 30-station Texas State Network.

"I feel a majority of the House membership realizes the Budget Bureau cut too deeply into the medical program," Teague declared.

"I think action will be taken to restore funds so that no VA hospital beds will remain vacant," he added.

The proposed funds slash has met with disfavor among Central Texans, who believe VA hospitals in Waco and Marlin and the VA Center in Waco undoubtedly would feel effects of such a drastic measure.

"I think it false economy to refuse adequate funds to staffing VA hospitals when state and county facilities are badly overcrowded."

Senator Johnson asked if Teague had heard critical talk regarding veterans able to pay for private medical aid but who were signing VA affidavits saying they were unable to afford civilian treatment.

"Yes," replied Teague, "and I'm convinced there is some abuse."

He said he had introduced a bill which would give the VA considerably more authority to investigate and determine whether a veteran is able to pay for his own medical treatment.

At present, the VA is required to accept a man's statement. The law does not permit checking his financial background.

Also appearing on the Sunday broadcast was Congressman Homer Thornberry of Austin and the Tenth District, who pointed out that the House has trimmed off 17 per cent of total funds sought in seven appropriation bills passed so far. He referred to the Truman administration budget requests at the beginning of the session.

Johnson, in his remarks, said Washington and Texas both were troubled last week over the 50 per cent drop in cotton exports the past year.

He Appeared

Teague said he appeared last week before the House Appropriations Committee to protest the revised VA budget figure which would cut \$56 million from the VA's medical and hospital program.

The lawmaker pointed out current difficulties Texas is experiencing in caring for mental and tuberculous cases.

"At the moment, more than 900 veterans with non-service-connected illnesses who have been approved for admission to VA hospitals in Texas are waiting for vacant beds," he disclosed. More than half the cases, he added, are psychotic or tuberculous patients.

For Best Results

For smoother co-ordination the Fire Chief makes the following suggestions:

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  - A. Remain calm
  - B. Speak distinctly
    - a. Give your name
    - b. Give street and house number
    - c. Give section of town or name of subdivision, such as College Hills, South Oakwood, etc.
2. Hold the phone until you are sure information is clear
3. Isolate the fire as much as possible by cutting off all the ventilation
4. Watch for the truck and direct it to the house
5. In case there is no answer on the regular fire phone, which is 4-4567, call 4-5554
6. Call only to give emergency information. Leave both lines clear for use by the department. This department is not radio equipped, so remember your fire phone is 4-4567

The Rating Bureau of the Fire Insurance Commission of Texas has set up certain requirements of a city and its fire department in order to receive maximum credit on the key rate of your fire insurance. Among those requirements are the following:

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